

Chester County Conservation District



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Conservation District Employees Receive Two Prestigious State Awards

The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) and the State Conservation Commission (SCC) each presented an award to employees of the Chester County Conservation District (CCCD) in State College on July 21, 2009.

Dan Greig, CCCD Manager, received the highest award from SCC as “Outstanding Conservationist” award, and Chotty Sprenkle, CCCD Watershed Coordinator, received the “Employee Excellence” award at the summer meeting of PACD and the State Conservation Committee. Mr. Greig was recognized for his 31 years of outstanding work as District Manager. Chotty Sprenkle was recognized for her work in environmental education and watershed conservation over the last 14 years as a conservation district employee.

With the mix of agriculture and urban activities in the Chester County watersheds, the Chester County Conservation District and Dan Greig, in particular, have played an active role in

resource conservation. The significance of the mushroom industry in Chester County led to the development of the *Best Practices for Environmental Protection in the Mushroom Farm Community (1997)*, which provided a model for mushroom farming. Dan's work helped to establish Chester County Conservation District as a leader in developing models and practices for mushroom farming.

With the rapid development of the Brandywine watershed and other parts of Chester County, the District has played a leading role in developing stormwater management plans for new construction. To encourage innovation and design, the District provided incentives for developers who emphasized stormwater recharge in their plans. Today, Chester County is a model for many of these practices and the District has developed a tour of these innovative sites.

In 2008, Dan also received the Brandywine Valley Association Clayton M. Hoff Award for his outstanding conservation efforts in the Brandywine Christina watershed.

Chotty Sprenkle started with the Lancaster County Conservation District in 1995 to create and implement a soil and water conservation education program for the District. In 2000, she accepted the position of Watershed Coordinator for the Chester County Conservation District. Her job has been to assist communities and conservation organizations to acquire funding for stream restoration and BMP implementation, to create watershed conservation plans, and to administer conservation programs, such as the Tree Vitalize program for Chester County. In 2009, she received an award for her work in the restoration of Crabby Creek from the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership.

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