



County Commissioner, Terence Farrell, and Conservation District Board of Director, Bob Struble, Jr, present the trophy to Downingtown East Envirothon Senior Winners

Downingtown East High School Champions of the Chester County Envirothon 2009

Congratulations to the championship team, Downingtown East High School, and all the participating teams!

Downingtown East won the senior title by posting the highest average score in five categories: Aquatics, Current Issue, Forestry, Soils, and Wildlife. **Biodiversity in a Changing World** was featured as the 2009 Current Issue theme.

Overall, 490 students from first to twelfth grade, representing 42 schools in Chester County, tested their knowledge and awareness on environmental topics. Thirteen high school teams and twenty middle school teams demonstrated their knowledge of the current issue.

The Chester County Conservation District and Chester County Parks & Recreation Department coordinated the Envirothon over a three-day period in April at Hibernia County Park. This was a record year for the growth of the elementary level Envirothon with an all time high of 325 students participating.

The numerous volunteers, from teachers and parents who served as team coaches to professional scientists, conservationists, community business people, and educators who served as station judges, played a major part in the success of the events.

We want to especially recognize our Champion Sponsors, Pennsylvania-American Water Company and Iacobucci Homes, in addition to recognizing all our broad-based community sponsors. Their contributions provided students with T-shirts, educational materials, and services for the event including special event lunch programs for the elementary school days.

If you would like to coach a team, enter a team, financially support the Envirothon, or volunteer, contact Gaye Lynn Criswell, Envirothon Coordinator, for more information at (610) 925-4920 x108 or gcriswell@chesco.org.