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CUMBERLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Cumberland County, PA – The Cumberland County Conservation District recently presented environmental awards to those who have demonstrated exceptional stewardship practices to improve and preserve natural resources. The Award categories are Clean Water; Farmer of the Year; Conservation Educator of the Year; and Conservation Organization of the Year. Award recipients for 2015 are:

- **CLEAN WATER AWARD** was presented to RED BARN CONSULTING, INC., for their work to minimize adverse impacts to water quality in Cumberland County. Red Barn Consulting consistently submits good quality and complete National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) applications and erosion control and post construction stormwater plans. They incorporate Best Management Practices into their plans which more than adequately protect the site from erosion and promote the infiltration of stormwater. They design primarily agricultural projects including new or expanding poultry and dairy operations.
- **FARMER OF THE YEAR** was presented to THOMAS WITMER for demonstrating a concern for the soil and water quality of Cumberland County by implementing Conservation Best Management Practices at his beef and crop farm in West Pennsboro Township.
- **CONSERVATION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR** was presented to RANDY CASSELL teacher of Wildlife Biology & Ecology and Honors Zoology & Botany at Cumberland Valley High School. Mr. Cassell has demonstrated a strong commitment to conservation education programs and activities. His students have participated in the Envirothon event since 2008 and since that time he has had 4 teams advance to the Pennsylvania Envirothon.
- **CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR** was presented to GREEN-CAUSE (CAPITAL AREA UNITED TO SERVE THE ENVIRONMENT). GREEN-CAUSE connects municipal green organizations in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York counties to facilitate the sharing of information, to promote green living and green business, and to provide education about good stewardship practices that improve and maintain our water, air, and earth. For several years, this organization, with the guidance of Paul Garrett, has performed countless programs in the West Shore area for citizens. This organization has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of conservation in Cumberland County.

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