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### **2017 Conservation Award Winners Announced**

**Cumberland County, PA** – The Cumberland County Conservation District recently recognized members of the community for their dedication to conservation of natural resources with its 2017 Conservation Awards.

The 2017 awards and recipients include:

- **Clean Water Award** – Penn Environmental and Remediation, Inc. This award recognizes the consistent erosion control and best management practices the organization and its staff use when developing construction plans.
- **Media Conservation Award** – B.J. Small, editor of the Gettysburg Times, outdoor writer for the Sentinel, and media and communications coordinator for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Small has been a voice in the media for clean water and has written various articles on the work the Conservation District is accomplishing in Cumberland County.
- **Conservation Educator of the Year** – Stephen Lockhart, earth science teacher at Boiling Springs High School. Lockhart has encouraged his students to be inquisitive and has promoted a deeper understand of environmental sciences for his students since 1989. He uses various teaching techniques to engage with his students and show them how science correlates with their everyday lives.
- **Watershed Protection Award** – Jennifer Halpin and Matt Steiman from Dickinson College Farm. The pair worked on various conservation efforts, including constructing access routes for vehicles; pest management; establishing windbreaks; re-constructing an eroded waterway diversion; stabilizing portions of the pasture which are heavily used; and providing nutrient management oversight.
- **Farmer of the Year** – Joe Jones and family. Jones operates a 486 acre farm in Dickinson Township. He has worked with the Conservation District on several occasions for various projects, including planting cover crops to limit soil erosion, manure containment and no-till farming practices, just to name a few.

“We are excited and pleased that we can honor these individuals and organizations as our 2017 Conservation Award winners,” said Carl Goshorn, conservation district manager for Cumberland County. “Each of them has shown a dedication to protecting our natural resources, while continuing to move their operations forward.”

The Conservation Awards are presented annually to those individuals and organizations that demonstrate a commitment to conservation efforts. To learn more about the Cumberland County Conservation District, visit [www.cumberlandcd.com](http://www.cumberlandcd.com).

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