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Cumberland County Conservation District Holds Annual Envirothon

Carlisle, Pa. – More than 100 students from nine area high schools competed in the 33rd annual Cumberland County Envirothon on Tuesday, May 1, at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Gardners, Pa.

The [Green Salamanders](#) from Cumberland Valley High School took first place with a score of 300; second place went to Koala Corporation from Camp Hill High School with 279 points; and third place went to The Hellbenders from Cumberland Valley with a score of 277. The Green Salamanders will represent Cumberland County during the 2018 Pennsylvania Envirothon at Susquehanna University and Camp Mount Luther, Selinsgrove, Pa., on May 22 and 23.

The Cumberland County Envirothon, presented by the Cumberland County Conservation District, is an academic competition that provides high school students hands-on field experience dealing with natural resource issues. Students complete five exams that test their knowledge on aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and a current issue. This year's current issue was Benefits of Grassland and Pastureland Management. The schools participating in the competition included Big Spring, Boiling Springs, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Cedar Cliff, Cumberland Valley, East Pennsboro, Mechanicsburg and Shippensburg.

Representatives from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Game Commission, the Conservation District, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency administered the tests. Special guests included, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Dunn and Cumberland County Commissioner Vince DiFilippo.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the State, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.

