



## Conservation Update



### Mike Savage Receives Award

Rush Township Supervisor Mike Savage received the Centre County Conservation District Annual Watershed Stewardship Award at the 2013 Farm/City dinner held on Tuesday, November 12 in Penns Valley.

Mike has been the driving force behind the newly formed group, the Central Pa Source Water Alliance for Protection. Known as Central Pa SWAP, the organization is comprised of western Centre County and Clearfield County water companies who are involved in DEP's Source Water Protection Program. Supported by both county governments and the DEP, the group seeks to educate citizens about keeping their drinking water safe.

Central Pa SWAP has encouraged water companies to create Source Water Protection Plans through DEP. These plans provide updated maps of the service areas, a list of potential contaminants and contingency plans to deal with those possible threats.

The group sponsored Clean Water Days at Black Moshannon State Park last April, busing 587 students to the Park over a two day period to learn about water. This year the Clean Water Days will be held on April 24 and 25.

Central Pa SWAP and the local water companies are in the process of erecting official signs to identify water supply areas. Central PA SWAP received funding from the League of Women Voters Water Resources Education Network to promote these important education activities. Mike Savage wrote the grant to obtain the funds from WREN. Congratulations Mike!

