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Local Conservationist Recognized at Statewide Conference

(Harrisburg, PA) – Conservation district staffs, state officials, and legislative partners convened in Harrisburg to honor conservationists during the PA Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD) and State Conservation Commission's 70th Joint Annual Conference. The awards luncheon took place July 12 at the Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg, PA.

During the luncheon, Centre County Conservation District (CCCD) Manager Robert Sweitzer was honored. Sweitzer was nominated by the CCCD board for the "Conservation District Employee Excellence Award." This award is given to a conservation district employee for his or her outstanding efforts that have furthered the activities and accomplishments of conservation districts on a statewide basis.

In his 25 years as district manager for the Centre County Conservation District, Sweitzer's expertise in environmental stewardship has allowed him to serve in many leadership roles at the local, regional, and state level. He served for four years as the secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, and has served on the Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development Council for over 25 years.

He is an active participant at PACD regional and statewide meetings, and a long-time member of PACD committees. Significantly, Sweitzer has led Pennsylvania Envirothon efforts as an active member of the Pennsylvania Envirothon Committee and Board of Directors for nearly 30 years. In his current role as Pennsylvania Envirothon Board Secretary, he works with representatives of the international Envirothon organization to ensure the state's annual participation in the North American Envirothon. His many efforts have significantly furthered the activities and accomplishments of conservation districts at the local, state, and international level for over 30 years.

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