

Lancaster Conservation District Receives Bay Award

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Conservation District was recently chosen as one of 11 recipients of Chesapeake Bay awards sponsored by the Isaac Walton League of America and the Du Pont Company.

Representatives from the district, as well as the 10 other awardees, will be honored at a bay awards ceremony to be held on

Feb. 19, at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. Others expected to attend include the governors of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware, as well as Environmental Protection Agency administrator Lee Thomas.

The Isaac Walton League and Du Pont instituted the awards last year to recognize the

achievements of local government, industry, agriculture and civic groups in cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay.

Nominated in the Local Government category, the Lancaster County Conservation District is being honored for serving as a model for other counties in the state with regard to its implementation of the state's

Non-Point Source Abatement Program. The district operates in one of the state's most intensively farmed regions.

Other award recipients include:
 •James Michener, the well-known author whose book "Chesapeake" increased public appreciation for the bay.
 •Don Spickler, a dairy farmer from Clear Spring, Maryland.

•Barbara O'Neill, an environmental activist from Port Deposit, Maryland. O'Neill serves on the Coastal Resource Advisory Committee, the State Water Quality Committee and Maryland's Critical Area Commission.

•Al Myers, manager of the Governmental Relations Division of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association headquartered in Camp Hill. Myers helped to shape Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Program, serving on the Bay Advisory Committee to the State Conservation Commission and the Chesapeake Bay Citizen's Advisory Committee.

•Bruce Reid, staff writer for the Newport News-Daily Press of Newport News, Va. Reid receives the Du Pont "Skipjack Award" for his reporting on the effects of tributary paint on the bay and its tributaries.

•Dr. William Eberhardt, environmental manager for Procter and Gamble's Mehoopany, Pa., plant. Eberhardt developed innovative pollution control technologies in an effort to minimize the plant's effect on the Susquehanna River.

•Potomac Supply Corp., a family owned and operated lumberyard in Kinsale, Va. The firm developed a no-discharge system for handling chemicals and covered its lumberyard to prevent leaching and runoff.

•John Gottschalk, counsel for the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Recognized for his efforts in gaining public support for governmental efforts to save the bay, Gottschalk is president of the Citizen's Program for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc.

•Marine Trades Association of Maryland, a coalition of marine interests located in Annapolis, Md. Through their educational and public relations efforts, the organization has rallied public support for bay restoration.

The award recipients were selected from 65 nominees. According to the Isaac Walton League's executive director Jack Lorenz, more than 400 citizens groups now work to protect the Chesapeake Bay, America's largest estuary.

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