

The 2006 Annual Awards



L-R: Bruce Trumbower, Tom Venesky

The 2006 Annual Awards were presented at our Annual Banquet at The Woodlands Inn and Resort on March 11, 2006 to individuals and groups who went above and beyond to conserve our natural resources in the past year.

The Stanley M. Sowa Jr. Conservationist of the Year Award was presented to Bruce Trumbower for his numerous conservation and wildlife habitat improvement efforts on his family farm near Muhlenburg and his leadership in local conservation organizations.



L-R: Rudolph Chapin, Don Chapin, A.C. Posey



L-R: Dale Butler, Shawn Rybka

The Lewis Rinehimer Conservation Farmer Award was presented to Rudolph and Donald Chapin for their leadership and service in Luzerne County's farming community and for their commitment to implementing Best Management Practices on their farm in the Nescopeck area.

The Watershed Stewardship Award was presented to the Red Rock Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation for their ongoing stewardship of the Mehoopany and Bowman's Creeks Watersheds in the Northwestern part of Luzerne County.



L-R: Dennis Gallagher, Dennis Lombardo, Michael Grady, Josh Longmore, Jonathan Durkin, Valerie Taylor

The Conservation Educator Award was presented to Crestwood High School science teacher Fran Gough for his outstanding commitment to conservation education in the classroom and outdoors. For example, Mr. Gough was the advisor to the Luzerne County Envirothon's first place team from Crestwood High School, and he encourages his students to get involved in the outdoors and in conservation efforts such as the waterfowl habitat improvement project at the District's wetland property in Hanover Township



L-R: Chris Gregarais, Josh Longmore

The EPCAMR Partnership Award was presented to the Wilkes-Barre Area Vo-Tech 2006 Machine Shop Class for their partnership with the District's Abandoned Mine Land Program to create a memorial and beautification area at the Avondale Mine Disaster site.