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National Poster Contest Promotes Local Conservation

(Harrisburg, PA) – The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts recently announced the state winners of the 2011 National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Poster Contest.

“Pennsylvania’s young people are the future of our environmental protection and conservation,” said MaryAnn Warren, President of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts. “We must continue to engage our children to understand the importance of conservation and this project allows the next generation to promote our natural resources through personal expression.”

Warren continued, “We congratulate each of our winners and wish them luck on the national level competition. You have made Pennsylvania, your communities and families proud.”

The 2011 Winners include:

Kindergarten -1st Grade: Brynn Wentz, Lehighon, Carbon County Conservation District

2nd – 3rd Grade: Sophia Gerhart, Spring Mills, Centre County Conservation District

4th – 6th Grade: Ellen Simmerman, Indiana, Cambria County Conservation District

7th – 9th Grade: Nikolas Suckinos, Cresson, Cambria County Conservation District

10th -12th Grade: Tiffany Belletiere, Weatherly, Carbon County Conservation District

PACD will forward the winning posters to NACD for judging at the national level.

The annual NACD poster contest, open to students in grades K-12, offers young people an opportunity to express their views on natural resource issues through the medium of



art. The contest accepts posters judged to be the best in each state across the nation and submissions are judged in five age categories according to the conservation message, visual effectiveness, originality, and universal appeal in relation to grade level.

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