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Pennsylvania's Annual Envirothon Yields Winners, Great Promise for State's Environmental Future

(Harrisburg, PA) – More than 330 high school students from across Pennsylvania took part in Pennsylvania's 28th Annual State Envirothon at Susquehanna University in Snyder County to compete for the commonwealth's highest environmental competition honor.

The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD), along with partners from the County Conservation Districts, the Pennsylvania Departments of Environmental Protection, Conservation and Natural Resources and Agriculture, served as panel judges during the two-day event.

"Pennsylvania's Envirothon is an exciting event that displays the knowledge, awareness and passion that these young students have for the commonwealth's natural resources and the protection of its environment," said Robert B. Maiden, Executive Director of the PACD. "Not only is the event highly competitive, but serves as a life-long educational experience for these students and those of us fortunate enough to be a part of it."

Each year Pennsylvania's 66 County Conservation Districts sponsor county level Envirothon events that reach more than 15,000 youth from over 700 high schools. The five-member Envirothon teams compete for the ultimate opportunity to represent their county during the state competition.

This year, the team from Penncrest High School in Delaware County won the state competition and will travel to Mount Allison University in New Brunswick to represent Pennsylvania at the Canon Envirothon, North America's largest environmental competition for high school students. Pennsylvania teams have won 11 of 23 Canon Envirothon events.

Serving as a judge during the presentations, Maiden added "I was honored to have the opportunity to watch the hard work and commitment of each of the teams that represent the commonwealth's future leaders. On behalf of the PACD, I would like to once again congratulate the students from Penncrest High School and wish them luck representing Pennsylvania in July."

Event partners included the U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Pennsylvania DCNR Bureaus of Forestry



and State Parks, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. These partners provided educational reference materials to participating high school teams, as well as technical expertise, knowledge, and manpower at the state event and during the 66 county events.

The 28th Annual Pennsylvania Envirothon Winners included:

- Second Place – York Homeschoolers, York County
- Third Place – Blue Mountain High School, Schuylkill County
- Fourth Place – Carmichaels Area High School, Greene County
- Fifth Place – MMI Preparatory, Luzerne County
- Sixth Place – Bald Eagle High School, Centre County
- Seventh Place – Warren Area High School, Warren County
- Eighth Place – Oley Valley High School, Berks County
- Ninth Place – Emmaus High School, Lehigh County
- Tenth Place – Palmyra High School, Lebanon County

For additional information, visit the Pennsylvania Envirothon website at www.envirothonpa.org.

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