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## **Joint Convention to Bring Environmental Advocates Together for Education, Strategic Planning**

*(Harrisburg, PA)* – The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts and the State Conservation Commission will hold their 2011 Joint Annual Conference July 11 and 12 in State College to discuss and highlight the top environmental issues facing the County Conservation Districts.

“This year’s conference is coming at a pivotal time in the state’s history with regards to its environmental future,” said Robert B. Maiden, Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts. “Bringing together representatives from the state’s 66 Conservation Districts allows our membership to share ideas and strategically plan for the challenges facing the Districts in the upcoming year.”

In addition to panel discussions relating to Marcellus Shale and transportation, the conference will also offer a Leadership Development Session on Public Budgeting and an opportunity to meet with and ask questions of PACD’s new executive director.

Maiden added, “I am looking forward to meeting with our membership, hearing their concerns and sharing my vision for the future of the Association. We have an ambitious plan for the future and by working together we can and will succeed in protecting Pennsylvania’s valuable environmental resources.”

Event sponsors include Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc., PA Department of Environmental Protection, LandStudies, Inc., PennAg Industries Association, WorldView Solutions, Wevodau Insurance & Benefit Strategies, Keller Engineers, Inc., Octoraro Native Plant Nursery and Waste Management.

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