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## **Senator Scarnati Receives Leadership Award for Environmental Vision, Advocacy**

**Harrisburg** – State Senator Joseph Scarnati was presented with the 2011 Legislator Recognition Award for his environmental foresight and advocacy on behalf of The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD) by Sandy Thompson, Manager for the McKean County Conservation District.

“Senator Scarnati has not only been an advocate for the conservation districts and the vital work they do every day, but has also served as a partner with the conservation districts to ensure that Pennsylvania’s natural resources are protected in every corner of the commonwealth,” said MaryAnn Warren, President of PACD. “The Senator’s dedication and commitment to the environment have not gone unnoticed. By making the protection of our environment a top priority, Senator Scarnati has empowered our communities to invest, preserve and safeguard our natural resources for future generations.”



*McKean County Conservation District Chairman Kerry Fetter (right) presents Senator Joseph Scarnati with the 2011 PACD Legislator Recognition Award.*



Each year, PACD selects exemplary individuals to receive recognition for their ongoing commitment to protecting Pennsylvania's environment and this year, Senator Scarnati was among the elite group of deserving individuals.

Senator Scarnati has taken on many important issues related to the protection of our environment and natural resources, as well as a champion for the conservation districts. The senator's bold proposal earlier this spring of a local impact fee on Marcellus Shale will ensure that Pennsylvania's environment is protected both now and in the future by providing a dedicated funding stream to local governments, as well as the conservation districts. As the development of natural gas continues, our districts and communities must have the resources and tools needed locally to protect our waterways and land.

"As a legislator, former businessman, father and active community member, Senator Scarnati understands how important our natural resources are for not just our recreational enjoyment, but for the economic well-being and quality of our communities," said Robert B. Maiden, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts. "We congratulate the Senator and look forward working closely with him as we continue to make great strides in our mission to protect Pennsylvania's environment and natural resources."

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