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PACD Honors State Representative Kate Harper for Commitment to Environmental Excellence

Harrisburg – State Representative Kate Harper was recently awarded the 2011 Legislator Recognition Award by The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts Inc. (PACD) for her distinguished environmental excellence during the annual PACD State Conservation Commission Joint Annual Conference in Centre County.

“Representative Harper has time and time again proven to be a true champion of our efforts to protect, sustain and enhance our natural resources,” said MaryAnn Warren, President of PACD. “Her support of our local conservation efforts, as well as actively pursuing tough environmental safeguards in Harrisburg, has demonstrated that Representative Harper understands the needs of her constituents, as well as all Pennsylvanian’s for clean, thriving and healthy environment.”

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

Representative Harper recently introduced legislation that provides for a natural gas severance tax, with a portion of the revenue to go to 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. This funding, if approved, will ensure that Pennsylvania’s environment is protected both now and in the future by providing a dedicated funding stream to the conservation districts.

“We congratulate Representative Harper on behalf of the sixty-six conservation districts and thank her for providing the resources, tools and voice to our conservation efforts,” said Andrew Gilchrist, First Vice President of PACD and Vice Chairman of the Montgomery County Conservation District Board. “Our association and membership could not be successful delivering on our promise of cleaner air and water for all Pennsylvanian’s without the service and fortitude of individuals like Representative Harper.”



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