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Berks County Conservation District raises \$2,800 for County Envirothon

In late September, 12 teams of sporting clay enthusiast joined the Berks County Conservation District at M&E Sporting Clays to raise funds for the Berks County Envirothon. In the events 2nd year, participants spent the afternoon testing their aim on clay targets at 15 different stations, and then enjoyed an evening with awards, prizes, and a Mission BBQ dinner. In the middle of a pandemic and wild 2020 year, the event came with some logistical challenges. Teams socially distance themselves from other teams on the course and at dinner, sanitizers were provided at every shooting station, Mission BBQ provide pre-package dinners, and participants were reminded to wear masks when social distancing could not occur. The extra steps to ensure public health



and safety were well worth it, and all had a fun day of shooting and competition. All proceeds generated from the fundraiser will help the Conservation District purchase Envirothon shirts and lunches for the almost 200 middle school and high school students that participate in the day-long event. Next year will be the 35th year that the Envirothon will take place in Berks County, and students will again challenge themselves to learn about wildlife, aquatics, soils, forestry, and current topics. The Berks County Conservation District would like to thank M&E Sporting Clays for hosting the event, and our event sponsors – Penn Mechanical Co., Riordan Materials Corp., Reading Area Water Authority, Spotted Lantern Fly Killers, Inc., Western Berks Water Authority for helping us make this a special event.