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Chesapeake Bay Foundation Honors Warwick Township with 2010 Conservationist of the Year Award

Township recognized for significant contributions to restore Pennsylvania's rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay

(LANCASTER, PA)—The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) last evening presented representatives from Warwick Township, Lancaster County, with the Conservationist of the Year Award at an invitation only event. Approximately 100 attendees joined to celebrate the achievements of Warwick Township in the effort to restore our rivers, streams, and the Bay. William C. Baker, President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and Matthew Ehrhart, Pennsylvania Executive Director led the ceremony.

"Warwick Township is truly an example of individuals who make a difference in the lives of others," CBF President William C. Baker said. "We honor them for their substantial contributions toward improving the quality of our environment, and specifically, to improving the water quality of Pennsylvania's streams and rivers which ultimately impact the Bay."

CBF honored Warwick Township with this year's award to not only recognize their significant contributions to water quality improvement efforts, but also to highlight the important role that local government plays in watershed restoration efforts.

"The Supervisors and staff of Warwick Township exemplify forward thinking," said Matthew Ehrhart, CBF's Pennsylvania Executive Director. "Their understanding of the broader picture and how to best work with partners to make things happen is true leadership."

Logan Myers, III, Chairman of the Board, accepted the award on behalf of the Township. "On behalf of Warwick Township I would like to thank CBF for acknowledging the Township's continuous environmental efforts," said Myers. "This award will be shared with the Lititz Run Watershed Alliance, Trout Unlimited, Millport Conservancy, and the many other municipal and civic groups that have shared and championed the vision of the Township."

Indeed, public education and a strong commitment to implementing a comprehensive watershed management program is a concept that is ingrained in all planning tools for the township. Whether it is developing and installing cutting edge stormwater measures at the township building, working with farmers, businesses, and residents to improve water quality in Lititz Run, or working with over 4,000 students (over 13 years) for the annual watershed day celebration—Warwick Township is forward thinking and partner-oriented.

"Our Township has made it a priority to get involved in a comprehensive watershed program through planning, education, and hands-on outreach and implementation events," said Dan Zimmerman, Warwick Township Manager. "Working with various partners has given us the ability to broaden our approach and offer a variety of programs to our community."

The Conservationist of the Year Award is presented each year. The award is meant to recognize, encourage, and promote environmental stewardship in the Chesapeake Bay region. The Conservationist of the Year Award recognizes superlative service and commitment to restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay. Any individual, organization, institution, or business is eligible for nomination.



(From left to right) Luba Irwin, Warwick Township Staff; Anthony Chivinski, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors; W. Logan Myers, III, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors Chairman; Michael Vigunas, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors; Herb Flosdorf, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors; Matt Ehrhart, Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Dan Zimmerman, Warwick Township Manager; Tony Robalik, Warwick Township Staff

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