

2011 Annual Awards Banquet

The Luzerne Conservation District held its Sixth Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Genetti Hotel & Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre. With more than 170 people in attendance, the banquet featured a silent and live auction, games of chance and raffles. Many local businesses and artists donated merchandise and original works of art for the event.

The proceeds from the banquet benefit the District's conservation education and outreach efforts by helping to support our ongoing programming to local homeowners, municipalities, educators, students, and the public through workshops, newsletters, special events, and community programs.

The Luzerne Conservation District took the opportunity to recognize the outstanding conservation efforts of local community members by presenting the 2011 Annual Awards at the banquet. The following award recipients were recognized for their efforts in the conservation of Luzerne County's natural resources:

Stanley M. Sowa, Jr. Conservationist of the Year Award



Brian Oram (left) accepts the *Stanley M. Sowa, Jr. Conservationist of the Year Award* from District Manager, Josh Longmore (right).

Lewis Rinehimer Conservation Farmer Award



Joseph Donnelly (left) accepts the *Lewis Rinehimer Conservation Farmer Award* from District Manager, Josh Longmore (right).

Erosion & Sediment (E&S) Professional of the Year Award



Joe Calabrese (center) accepts the *E&S Professional of the Year Award* from District Manager, Josh Longmore (left) and Resource Conservation Specialist II, Heather Berlew (right).

*Conservation Educator
Award*



Robert Bonczewski (left) accepts the *Conservation Educator Award* from District Manager, Josh Longmore (right).

*Watershed Stewardship
Award*



Chris Denmon (left) accepts the *Watershed Stewardship Award* from District Manager, Josh Longmore (right)

*2010 Luzerne County
Envirothon Award*



Thomas Hood, President (left), on behalf of the first place students at **MMI Preparatory School**, accepts the *2010 Envirothon Award* from District Manager, Josh Longmore (right).

*Luzerne County Fair Queen
Recognition*



The Luzerne Conservation District took this time to recognize the 2010 Luzerne County Fair Queen, **Callie Grey**.

Congratulations to our 2011 award recipients on a job well done!