

A View from "The Edge"

"We are living on the planet as if we have another one to go to." ~ Terry Swearingen

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Habitat Award

The Cambria County Conservation District (CCCD) was presented with a Habitat Appreciation Award during the PA Fish and Boat Commission's (PFBC) January 23 quarterly business meeting in Harrisburg.



(Photo, from left - PFBC Habitat staff Mike Swartz {N. Cambria graduate} and Phil Thomas {former CCCD Intern}, PFBC Executive Director John Arway, Conservation District Manager Robert Piper, PFBC Board President G. Warren Elliott, PFBC Stream Habitat Manager Mark Sausser, and PFBC Lake Habitat Section Chief Ben Page)

"The Conservation District has been a valuable partner to the Division of Habitat Management over the past six years," said Ben Page, chief of the PFBC's Lake Habitat Section. "They have gone above and beyond our average habitat partners by pulling in grants for project materials and staff reimbursement, which enables the Commission to accomplish more habitat work on the waters of Cambria County. Since 2007, the CCCD has partnered with us to place 782 habitat structures in three reservoirs. Several of those 782 structures stabilized 4,010 feet of eroded shoreline while improving angler access."

The CCCD also has been a great partner with the PFBC's Stream Habitat Section. Since 2009, they have worked together to construct 149 stream habitat devices on three streams, which have improved 1.4 miles of degraded stream.

"The CCCD's good work will continue into the future as they have leveraged additional grant funding for staff time and materials for five more projects improving three miles of stream in Cambria County," added Karl Lutz, chief of the PFBC's Stream Habitat Section.

(Photo - Habitat staff stabilized the lake shoreline at Wilmore Reservoir, Cambria County. This PFBC project was completed using grant funding leveraged by the Cambria County Conservation District.)



Article reprinted from the PA Fish and Boat Commission newsletter, *Currents*.

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Special Dates to Remember

- Mar 6: Board Meeting
- Mar 7: Envirothon Intent to Participate due
- Mar 21: Tree/Plant Sale orders due
- Apr 3: Board Meeting
- Apr 11: Tree/Plant Sale
- Apr 14: Poster Contest Deadline
- Apr 29: County Envirothon
- May 1: Board Meeting

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Meet the Staff

*Each issue we'll introduce you to the wonderful people who serve the Conservation District.
Today, meet our
Staff*

Bobbie Blososky Resource Specialist

Bobbie was hired at the District in 2000. Bobbie's responsibilities are delegated by the Department of Environmental Protection and include the administration of the Chapter 102 *Erosion Control Program*, Chapter 92 *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permitting Program*, and the Chapter 105 *General Permitting Program*. Bobbie handles the quarterly RC&D project updates. She is also responsible for the county's Dirt and Gravel Roads program. Bobbie graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown with a degree in Civil Engineering Technology.

Louis A. Kobczyk, P.E. County Engineer

Lou joined the District in 2001. Lou serves as the county's Nutrient Management Specialist and Agricultural Engineering Technician. He administers both of these State programs throughout the county. Lou has experience in dairy, beef, and crop production, agricultural custom operator and decades of working for conservation districts. Lou graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering. Lou earned his Professional Engineer License in 2002.

Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp

Applications are now being accepted for the 20th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp being held June 15-20, 2014 at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, Cumberland County. The PA Council of Trout Unlimited created the camp with the purpose of educating students in the importance of cold-water conservation.

The classes include principles of ecology, geology, aquatic vertebrate and invertebrate sampling, riparian buffers, hydrology, trout behavior, trout stream entomology, the biology of pollution and the politics of conservation. Hands-on classes in fly tying, fly casting, streamside ethics, water safety and survival, and streamside botany. The students will also participate in a watershed project to repair stream habitat. Plenty of time is set aside for the students to fish the world famous Yellow Breeches Creek.

Faculty includes professionals from various agencies such as the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The camp is limited to 32, aged 14 to 17 so interested applicants should apply as soon as possible. The student must have been born between June 20, 1996 and June 15, 2000 to qualify. A camp selection committee will choose students based upon the required essay. The cost is \$350. Tuition assistance is available for qualified students.

For more information/application go to www.riverscamp.com. The early acceptance application deadline is March 31, 2014. You may also email questions and/or your completed application to riverscamp@gmail.com.

AmeriCorps Comings and Goings

In February, the Conservation District said good-bye to one of our AmeriCorps members, Jocelyn Sauter. Jocelyn worked as our Public Relations and Land Use Specialist. Jocelyn was responsible for media coverage, the publication of the quarterly newsletters and Annual Report, and assisting Mary Ellen Bard, Administrative Assistant, with the coordination of District events such as Family Days, the Legislative Luncheon, Awards Banquet, and Annual Picnic. She worked closely with Mark Stockley, Resource Conservation Supervisor, to help coordinate the bi-annual Tire and Appliance Collections for Keep Cambria County Beautiful and assist with Agricultural Land Preservation duties. Jocelyn also assisted Jackie Ritko, Resource Conservation Supervisor, with environmental education programs in the fall and spring for local schools and organizations. Her desire for perfection, organizational skills, and daily pleasant work attitude will be missed. We wish the best of luck to Jocelyn as she moves forward in her career.



In December, we welcomed a new AmeriCorps member, Diane Thomas, to the District! Diane accepted the Environmental Education Specialist position and will work with Jackie Ritko to coordinate and direct education programs for local schools and organizations. Diane will be responsible for monitoring the dataloggers in Cambria, Clearfield, and Somerset Counties. She will also be taking up some of Jocelyn's previous responsibilities, including handling media coverage and the publication of the quarterly newsletters.

Diane attended Mansfield University of PA for Geography: Environmental Science and Watershed Management, with a minor in Geology. She volunteers with the Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team participating in projects such as road side cleanups, water sampling, trout in the classroom, and public awareness. In her spare time, Diane enjoys being outdoors skiing, hiking, kayaking, camping, and fishing. We are very excited to have her join our team.

Contest Updates and Reminders



Don't Forget...

2014 Cambria County Envirothon - April 29, 2014

Intent to Participate DEADLINE March 7, 2014



2014 Poster Contest
All entries due by 4 pm April 14, 2014

The forms can be printed from the CCCD Website:
www.cambriacountypa.gov/conservation-district.aspx



Annual Tree & Plant Sale orders are due March 21, 2014. Pick-up date is April 11.
Order form on the following page.

2014 ORDER FORM

Name:	Phone (H)			
Address:	Phone (W)			
City: _____	Zip: _____	Cell Phone		
State: _____	Email: _____			
Item	# per bundle	# ordered	cost/bundle	Total
Fuji Apple	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Honeycrisp Apple	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Ginger Gold Apple	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Red Jonaprince	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Earligold Apple	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Stardust Cherry (Sweet)	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$17.00 =	
Hartland Cherry (Sweet)	1 tree (4-6' in height)		x \$17.00 =	
Jubileum Cherry (Tart)	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$17.00 =	
Redhaven Peach	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Blushing Star Peach	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Bartlett Pear	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Shenandoah Pear	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Stanley Plum	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
President Plum	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Methley Plum	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Shiro Plum	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Indian Summer Crabapple (Red)	1 tree (5'-6' in height)		x \$18.00 =	
Dolgo Crabapple (White)	1 tree (5'-6' in height)		x \$18.00 =	
Candymint Sargent Dwarf Crabapple (Pink)	1 tree (5'-6' in height)		x \$18.00 =	
Weeping Cherry - Snow Fountain	1 tree (66 inches #1 T)		x \$45.00 =	
Weeping Cherry - Double Pink	1 tree (66 inches #1 T)		x \$45.00 =	
Shadblow Serviceberry	3 seedlings		x \$6.00 =	
Redbud	3 seedlings		x \$6.00 =	
Crimson King Maple	1 tree (8'-10' in height)		x \$45.00 =	
October Glory Maple	1 tree (6' in height)		x \$35.00 =	
Autumn Blaze Maple	1 tree (6' in height)		x \$36.00 =	
Red Oak	1 tree (6' in height)		x \$44.00 =	
Weeping Willow	1 tree (8'-10' in height)		x \$30.00 =	
Sunburst Locust	1 tree (6' in height)		x \$45.00 =	
Colorado Blue Spruce	10/bundle		x \$7.00 =	
Norway Spruce	10/bundle		x \$7.00 =	
Douglas Fir	10/bundle		x \$7.00 =	
Concolor Fir	10/bundle		x \$7.00 =	
White Pine	10/bundle		x \$7.00 =	
Earliglow Strawberries	25 plants		x \$12.00 =	
Jewel Strawberries	25 plants		x \$12.00 =	
Seascape Strawberries	25 plants		x \$12.00 =	
Jewel Black Raspberry	5 cuttings		x \$15.00 =	
Heritage Red Raspberry	5 cuttings		x \$15.00 =	
Black Elderberry	5 seedlings		x \$8.00 =	
Duke Blueberry	1 gallon pot		x \$11.00 =	
Bluecrop Blueberry	1 gallon pot		x \$11.00 =	
Darrow Blueberry	1 gallon pot		x \$11.00 =	

Order Deadline March 21, 2014

Send order with check to: Cambria County Conservation District, 401 Candlelight Dr., Suite 229, Ebensburg, PA 15931

*****FOR FULL CATALOG DETAILS, VISIT WWW.CAMBRIACOUNTYPA.GOV/CONSERVATION-DISTRICT.ASPX**

Spartan Blueberry	5 gallon pot	x \$25.00 =
Sierra Blueberry	5 gallon pot	x \$25.00 =
Brigetta Blueberry	5 gallon pot	x \$25.00 =
Concord Grape	1 vine	x \$10.00 =
Red Canadice Grape	1 vine	x \$10.00 =
Jersey Knight Asparagus	5 crowns	x \$6.00 =
Winterberry	5 seedlings	x \$10.00 =
Golden Showers Azalea	2 gallon pot	x \$18.00 =
Weston's Parade Azalea	2 gallon pot	x \$18.00 =
Pink & Sweet Azalea	2 gallon pot	x \$18.00 =
Charles Joly Lilac	1 bare root plant	x \$17.00 =
Common White Lilac	1 bare root plant	x \$17.00 =
Sensation Lilac	1 bare root plant	x \$17.00 =
Lynwood Gold Forsythia	1 bare root plant	x \$13.00 =
Pussy Willow	5 seedlings	x \$10.00 =
Vinca Minor	50 clumps	x \$25.00 =
Pachysandra	50 rooted cuttings	x \$25.00 =
English Ivy	50 rooted cuttings	x \$30.00 =
Blue Fescue Grass	3 pots	x \$7.00 =
Blue Lyme Grass	3 pots	x \$7.00 =
Black-Eyed Susans	3 pots	x \$7.00 =
Purple Coneflower	3 pots	x \$7.00 =
Stella D'oro Daylily	3 pots	x \$7.00 =
English Lavender	3 pots	x \$7.00 =
Arizona Apricot Shades	2 pots	x \$7.00 =
Melting Fire Coral Bells	2 pots	x \$7.00 =
Sienna Sunset	2 pots	x \$7.00 =
Iberis Purity	2 pots	x \$7.00 =
Lotti Deep Rose	2 pots	x \$7.00 =
Tree Bark Protectors - 24 inch	1 protector	x \$4.00 =
Tree Bark Protectors - 36 inch	1 protector	x \$5.00 =
Jump Start Tree Tube	1 tube	x \$6.50 =
Fertilizer Tablets	25 tablets	x \$5.00 =
Compost Tea Bags	10 tea bags	x \$6.00 =
Classic Bluebird w/ Vents & Plugs	Each	x \$28.00 =
Viewing Bluebird Nestbox	Each	x \$38.00 =
Bat House -1 Chamber	Each	x \$26.00 =

Sub Total

Your tax exemption # _____ or + 6% Sales Tax

Total Due

Orders not accepted without payment.

Checks should be made payable to: Cambria County Conservation District

**Due to increasing postage rates, we would appreciate an email address to keep you informed of pick-up and any other messages regarding our sale. If you visit your email often, please leave your address on the top of the order form.*

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Conservation Award Nominations

Every year for the past fifty-two years, the Cambria County Conservation District has publicly recognized educators, farmers, individuals, businesses and organizations for their efforts, support and activities which further the cause of soil, water and related natural resource conservation in Cambria County and the Allegheny region.

We are now accepting nominations for the 2014 Conservation Awards in eleven award categories. Deadline for all nominations is Thursday, March 13, 2014 by 4:00 PM. Nomination requirements are as follows:

- The work or effort of nominees related to the award should have taken place in the Allegheny region of Pennsylvania – Preferably Cambria County
- Title of Award for your candidate
- One page narrative supporting your candidate's eligibility
- Full name, address and phone number of your candidate
- Full name, address and phone number of supporter submitting candidate

Winners and their supporters will be notified by mail no later than April 1, 2014. Winners will be invited to the Annual Conservation District Banquet as a guest of the District to be held in late May.

Mail nominations to: Cambria County Conservation District, 401 Candlelight Drive Suite 229, Ebensburg, PA, 15931. You may also email your nominations to: bard@co.cambria.pa.us. Narrative should be attached as an MS Word Document. Pictures may accompany the narrative, but are not necessary (pictures become property of the CCCD). Pictures should be in jpeg format. *The CCCD reserves the right to determine the appropriateness and eligibility of all nominees. The CCCD does not always issue awards for every category.*

If you would like any additional information on the nomination process, please call 814-472-2120. To view a list of 2013 Winners, visit our website at www.cambriacountypa.gov/conservation-district.aspx.

2014 Eligible Conservation Awards

Conservation Educator of the Year:

Nominee: Teacher or Educator (actively teaching during the 2011-2012 academic year)

Objective: Demonstrates strong commitment to conservation education programming/activities.

Conservation Farmer of the Year:

Nominee: Farmer

Objective: Furthered conservation through establishment and maintenance of soil, water and nutrient management practices as a Conservation District cooperator.

Special Conservation Service Award:

Nominee: Individual or Group

Objective: Unique and outstanding contribution to the conservation movement in Cambria County.

Conservation Organization of the Year

Nominee: Organization

Objective: Noteworthy contribution to the conservation of Cambria County's soil, water and related natural resources.

Watershed Protection Award:

Nominee: Individual or Organization

Objective: Promotes the protection of a particular watershed through a coordinated land and water resource approach.

Media Conservation Award:

Nominee: Individual/Agency/Company in the communication/advertising field

Objective: Demonstrates outstanding measures to support the conservation effort through design, visuals, and program coverage.

Forestry Management Award:

Nominee: Woodland owner

Objective: Demonstrates the wise use of their forest resources and avoids serious departure from accepted forestry practices, and is a Conservation District cooperator.

Erosion & Sedimentation Pollution Control Award:

Nominee: Individual/Agency/Municipality/Company in the

construction or timber industry

Objective: Demonstrates outstanding erosion and sedimentation control measures.

Natural Area & Heritage Preservation Award:

Nominee: Individual/Group/Program

Objective: Positive impact on the county or region preservation of unique natural, cultural, or man-made historic objects and places in Cambria County.

Sisson Public Recreation Achievement Award:

Nominee: Individual or Organization

Objective: Positive and safe impact on the county or region's public recreation opportunities.

Urban Conservation Award:

Nominee: Individual or Organization

Objective: Unique and outstanding contribution to the conservation of natural resources in an urban area of Cambria County.

Keep Cambria County Beautiful

SPRING TIRE & APPLIANCE COLLECTION APRIL/MAY 2014



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CAMBRIA COUNTY
Beautiful



APPLIANCES ACCEPTED

Refrigerator	Humidifier
Freezer	Dehumidifier
Microwave	Air conditioner
Stove	Heater
Washer	Dryer



ELECTRONICS NOT ACCEPTED

Television
Computer and computer components
Cell phones
DVD/CD/BlueRay players
Cameras and Cam Recorders

*For info on proper disposal of electronics, call 472-2109

SPRING COLLECTION DATES AND LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED
LOOK FOR DATES AND TIMES IN YOUR LOCAL PAPER

TIRE AND APPLIANCE COLLECTION FEES (PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Passenger & Lt. Truck Tires

Off Rim: \$1.00
On Rim: \$2.00

Household Appliances

Freon Containing: \$12.00
Non-Freon Containing: FREE

Email

Be the first to get the Conservation District's newsletter each quarter!

With the increase in postage rates, we are asking anyone who has an email address to consider receiving an electronic version of our newsletter.

Call the District at 814-472-2120 or email bard@co.cambria.pa.us to switch from postal mail to email.

Family Days

We are currently planning the 2014 Family Days events.

We are excited to announce that this year, we will be hosting one day of the event at Duman Lake County Park!

Family Days will be held on July 16 at Duman Lake and July 18 at Disaster's Edge.

Don't miss future updates! Call our office at 814-472-2120 or email bard@co.cambria.pa.us to sign up for our Family Days mailings.



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Ebensburg, PA 15931

Return Service Requested

- If you wish to be added or removed from our mailing list, please contact the Cambria County Conservation District office at (814) 472-2120.
- If you would like to help conserve resources and receive your newsletter via email, send your email address to bard@co.cambria.pa.us
- Help us get the word out—"like" us on Facebook and ask your friends to do the same!

[www.cambriacountypa.gov/
conservation-district.aspx](http://www.cambriacountypa.gov/conservation-district.aspx)

and



Where is Disaster's Edge Environmental Education Center?

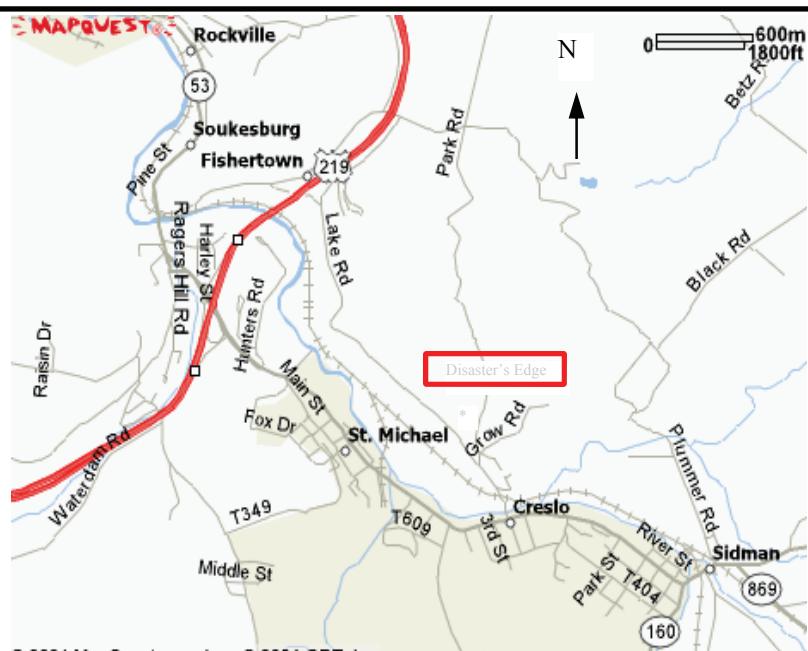
Take Route 219 North/South to the Sidman/St. Michael exit. At the bottom of the ramp, turn onto Route 869 toward Sidman and the Johnstown Flood National Memorial. Travel approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Lake Road, traveling over the bridge then over the railroad tracks and entering the 1889 Park. Disaster's Edge Environmental Education Center will be on the right across from the baseball field and the coal miners museum.

Call Jackie Ritko at the Cambria County Conservation District Office to schedule programs or to discuss events.

**138 Park Road
St. Michael, PA 15951**

Mission Statement

The Cambria County Conservation District educates and assists the public through programs, projects, and leadership in the stewardship of natural resources to sustain and enhance the quality of life.



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Road Map to The Disasters Edge Environmental Education Center.