

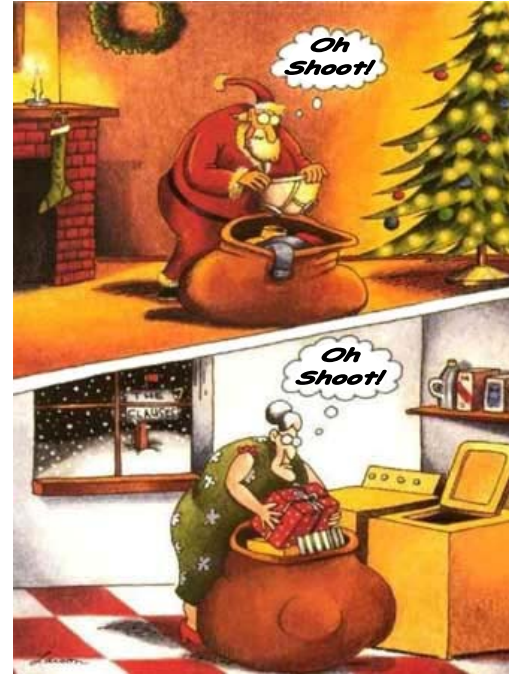
NJDEP Construction Stormwater (5G3) Permit Phase II Goes to an E-Permitting System

In addition to the activities regulated under the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Program (Chapter 251), the Cape Atlantic Conservation District also works with the NJDEP Stormwater Phase II program in conjunction with NJDEP Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control. The Stormwater Discharge Permit Program requires construction activities including clearing, grading and excavating that disturb one (1) acre or more obtain authorization of a construction general permit (5G3). This permit must be acquired in addition to a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan certification issued by the local Soil Conservation District.

Effective October 1, 2009, the permittees are required to submit their applications and payment electronically online. Information and instructions for completing and submitting for the permit may be accessed through NJDEP web page at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/stormwater/>. Once a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Certification has been issued by the District, the required codes will be issued by the District to allow filing for the 5G3 permit online.



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Richard Dovey, Chairman Receives Award



Joseph Lomax (left), Barbara Rosko, NJACD President, and Richard Dovey (right).

Richard Dovey Chairman of the Cape Atlantic Conservation District received the "Outstanding Supervisor Award" from the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts at its annual conference on October 27th. Rick was appointed to the Board in July 1991 and was elected as Chairman in 2008.

He was honored for his efforts in establishing an education program, a GIS program, advisor to the South Jersey, displaying the Soil Tunnel at the ACUA's Earth Day and many other activities. As Chairman, and also President of the ACUA, Rick was able to connect the District to other conservation groups which opened more opportunities to the District to expand its conservation programs.

Thanks to Daniel Galletta for Service to District Board



In June, 2009 Daniel Galletta of Hammonton completed his term as a member of the Board of Supervisors. Dan was appointed in May, 2008 to fill the remainder of the supervisor term vacated by the sabbatical of Raymond Mueller. Dan brought to the board years of experience in planning, and service on other local and statewide boards.

He previously served as District Supervisor from 1981 to 1987. The District thanks you for your service.

Raymond Mueller Rejoins District Board of Supervisors

At its June, 2009 meeting, the State of New Jersey, State Soil Conservation Committee reappointed Raymond Mueller to Board of Supervisors of the Cape Atlantic Conservation District

Ray previously served on the board of supervisors from 1988 until April, 2008, when he resigned to pursue professional and academic endeavors during his sabbatical from teaching at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Welcome back Ray.



South Jersey "Tour de Farms"

On Saturday September 19th, the South Jersey Resource and Conservation Council held its annual "Tour des Farms" bike ride. The purpose of the ride is to pedal through some of New Jersey's most beautiful farmland while at the same time being able to purchase "Jersey Fresh" produce at designated farm markets. As riders purchase produce and other goods at the markets the Council picks up their order and brings them back to the start of the tour.



The ride was broken down into three segments; 16, 25 and 50 mile routes with stops at vegetable farms, orchards, nurseries, and an organic farm. Each rider decides which route is most challenging for them. The longer the route the more farm markets the rider can visit.



Proceeds for the "Tour" will fund the Farming for the Future Mini Grant Program. The South Jersey RC&D Council is a nonprofit organization committed to the protection and conservation of South Jersey's resources.

District Employee Elected to Board of The New Jersey Conservation District Employees Association



Cape Atlantic District employee Michael Kent was nominated and elected to the position of President of the New Jersey Conservation District Employee's Association (NJCDEA). This will be Michael's second term as President and he is looking forward to working with fellow District employees from around the state.

The NJCDEA is a voluntary, non profit association of personnel employed by New Jersey's 15 Conservation Districts. The Association was established in 1983 to represent the Conservation District employee's interests at the state and national level. The Employee's Association works closely with the State Soil Conservation Committee and the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts on the state level, and on the National level has representation on the National Conservation District Employee's Association, the North East Association of Conservation District Employees, and the National Urban Forestry Council.

The NJCDEA sponsors a wide array of trainings that include topics such as GIS, hydrology, OSHA, defensive driving, and other training that help meet the needs of the District employees throughout the state. The Association is always looking for training opportunities to keep District staff up to date with the latest information and technology available.

The Employees Association is only as good as its members, and they are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the Employees Association or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Michael Kent at the Cape Atlantic Conservation District office (609) 625-3144.



The Supervisors and Staff of the Cape Atlantic Conservation District would like to wish you and your family A Very Merry Christmas, and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Area High Schools Participate in New Jersey Envirothon



Teams of students from two area high schools participated in the 2009 New Jersey Envirothon held at Montclair State University School of Conservation in Branchville, Sussex County Saturday, May 9, 2009. The Envirothon is a nationally promoted educational competition targeted toward students in grades 9-12. This event emphasizes to students the importance of environmental awareness and the need for natural resource conservation. This is done by testing student's knowledge in categories such as Aquatics, Wildlife, Soils, Forestry, and a current environmental issue. The 2009 current issue topic was "Biodiversity in a Changing World".

Egg Harbor Township High School sent two teams, and Middle Township High School sent a team. Each team received a \$100 grant from the District for competing in the New Jersey Envirothon. The students from each team enjoyed the competition and expressed a desire in returning next year.



Students pose for a group photo at the 2009 Envirothon. Each year, students from around New Jersey participate in the Envirothon.

The 2010 Envirothon will be held at the Sacajawea Girl Scouts Camp in Gloucester County on Saturday May 8th. The current environmental question for 2010 is "Protection of Groundwater Through Urban, Agricultural and Environmental Planning." Preparation for the 2010 event has already begun with a training session for interested students/teams scheduled for Friday March 26th in Clayton. For more information about the Envirothon, please contact Glenn Ward at (609) 625-1517, Rich Belcher, New Jersey Envirothon Coordinator at (609) 292-5540 or on the web at www.njenvirothon.org.

2010 Conservation Stewardship Program

Agricultural and forestry producers who maintain conservation activities and want to adopt additional ones can apply for technical and financial assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Eligible lands include cropland, grassland, improved pastureland, and non-industrial private forestland. Sign up is continuous.

"CSP can assist New Jersey's agricultural and forestry producers reach greater levels of conservation performance, helping to improve the quality of soil and water, assist in addressing global climate change, and encourage environmentally responsible energy production," State Conservationist Tom Drewes said. "Animals (livestock and wildlife), water quality, and soil quality are the primary resource concerns for CSP in the Garden State."

After program suitability is determined, the producer's current and proposed conservation practices will be entered by NRCS in the conservation measurement tool (CMT) to estimate the level of environmental performance of their conservation activities. This estimate will be used to rank applications. Agency field staff will conduct on-site field verifications of applicants' information obtained from the CMT. Once the potential participant has been field verified and approved for funding, NRCS will help the producer develop a conservation stewardship plan. For more information, please contact the NRCS Vineland Service Center at (856) 205- 1225.

Grass Seed Drill for Rent

The Cape Atlantic Conservation District, in conjunction with US Fish and Wildlife, rents a grass seed drill which can plant over existing crop residue from the previous year without tilling the previous crop. The drill can seed cool, warm and fluffy seed mixes.

In 2009 the District rented the drill to area farmers who planted 114 acres of conservation grass. The drill rents for \$15.00 per acre plus a delivery/pickup charge of \$100.00. Anyone interested in renting the drill should contact the District at (609) 625-3144 or www.capeatlantic.org



Poster Contest Winners

The Cape Atlantic Conservation District, in cooperation with New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts, sponsored its annual Poster Contest. The contest is sponsored each year by the District to help promote a better understanding of the environmental issues in Atlantic and Cape May Counties.

This year's theme "Dig It - The Secrets of Soil" was an opportunity for students to learn about the importance of soil in their daily lives. The contest was open to students in grades 2-12. First place winners on the District level received a \$100.00 gift card and the second place runner-up received a \$50.00 gift card. All first place winners had their posters entered into Statewide level competition. The contest is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture - State Soil Conservation Committee, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Rutgers Cooperative Extension. Congratulations to the winners.

2009 District Winners

2 - 3 Grade Division

- 1st - Madison Hamlin**, Crest Memorial School
2nd - Sarah Stuart, Crest Memorial School

7 - 9 Grade Division

- 1st - Jillian Giacobbe**, Hammonton Middle School
2nd - McKenzie Chiola, Hammonton Middle School

10 - 12 Grade Division

- 1st - Jenna Ankney**, Cape Christian Academy
2nd - Kaitlyn Sterling, Cape Christian Academy

