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Local Schools to Receive Awards for Environmental Projects

WHO: Speakers and presenters will include representatives from the Delaware River Basin Commission, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Philadelphia Water Department, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association.

WHAT: The Schuylkill Action Network's 2010 Drinking Water Scholastic Awards

WHEN: Monday, May 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (program begins at 10:00 a.m.)

WHERE: Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association, [12 Morris Road, Ambler, PA 19002-5499](#) (click [here](#) for directions)

WHY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the [Schuylkill Action Network](#) will recognize four schools in the Schuylkill River Watershed for developing educational projects that increase awareness about the importance of protecting drinking water among students and their communities. Each school will be presented with a Drinking Water Scholastic Award in celebration of National Drinking Water Week on May 2-8, 2010.

Recipients for 2010 are spread throughout the Schuylkill River Watershed. Each of these schools took a unique approach to educate their fellow students and community members about clean water and a healthy environment. Projects completed by the students include creating a campus rain garden, which helps to keep clean rainwater out of the sewer system. Students also worked to transform their schoolyard with recycled porous-paving materials, allowing water to soak into the ground rather than wash pollutants into the Schuylkill River. Other students planted native trees along a local stream, which prevents erosion and serves as a filter for pollution.

Award Recipients:

- Worcester Elementary School (Methacton School District)
- Albert M. Greenfield School (Philadelphia School District)
- Perkiomen Valley High School (Perkiomen Valley School District)
- Philadelphia University School of Science and Health

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The Schuylkill Action Network is protecting and restoring Schuylkill Waters through partnerships with organizations, businesses and governments.

The Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, a National Estuary Program based in Wilmington, Delaware leads collaborative and creative efforts to protect and enhance the Delaware Estuary, and its tributaries, for current and future generations. We envision everyone working together to make the Delaware Estuary the most inviting, prosperous and healthy natural resource of its kind in the nation.

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