

### **SCCD Employee Receives PACD's Conservation District Employee Excellence Award**

The following is an excerpt from PACD's news release dated July 18, 2018, titled "Conservationists from Across the Northeastern United States Convene in Lancaster."

*Note: After "representatives from the northeastern United States traveled to the DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel in Lancaster for the National Association of Conservation District's (NACD) Northeast Regional Meeting, ... the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD) and the State Conservation Commission held their 71th Joint Annual Conference. Several Pennsylvania conservationists were recognized at an awards luncheon on July 18."*

"This [Conservation District Employee Excellence] Award is given to a conservation district employee for his or her outstanding efforts that have furthered the activities and accomplishments of conservation districts on a statewide basis.

"Renee Swineford (Snyder County) ... began her career with the Snyder County Conservation District in 2006 and in the 12 years since she has held that position, Craig Bingman [District Manager, Snyder County Conservation District] considers her the model conservation district employee. Renee is involved in every program at the District in some way, shape or form. Her knowledge of each program allows her to help direct the needs of farmers and landowners. Renee is a very gregarious and dedicated worker by assisting the staff with planning workshops, farm visits, providing food for events, just to name a few. Her talents do not contain themselves to the boundaries of Snyder County. She has taken on a busy role as the registration coordinator with the Pennsylvania Envirothon and is also very active in planning of the Canon Envirothon, which is a national competition. Renee also has volunteered to be a part of promoting PACD by taking volunteer time slots at various PACD-sponsored events. People who participate in Snyder County Conservation District programs know that Renee is the glue that holds the office together."

For more information about the work of the state's 66 conservation districts, visit [www.pacd.org](http://www.pacd.org). You can also follow PACD on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/15aWrKi>.

The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD) is a non-profit organization whose guiding values include: Sustainable Resource Conservation; Integrity, Local; Education and Outreach; and Partnerships. PACD primarily serves as the collective voice for Pennsylvania's 66 county conservation districts. For more information about PACD, visit [www.pacd.org](http://www.pacd.org).

