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**Franklin County Conservation District Ag Resource Specialist Scott Metzger**

**Receives State Award**

(Harrisburg, PA) *–* The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) annual conference was held in Harrisburg, PA. Several conservationists were recognized during the awards luncheon on July 20, 2022.

The Franklin County Conservation District is proud to announce one of its own as a winner. Scott Metzger, FCCD Agricultural Resource Specialist/Assistant Manager, received the Conservation District Employee Excellence Award.

This award is given to a conservation district employee for their outstanding efforts that have furthered the activities and accomplishments of conservation districts on a statewide basis.

Scott Metzger has been with the Franklin County Conservation District for 25 years. Scott is the Ag Resource Technician/Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Road Technician/Assistant Manager. In addition to his day-to-day duties, Scott is involved in several regional and statewide initiatives.

Over the last 25 years, Scott has been instrumental in overseeing over $6 million cost-share funds for ag Best Management Practices (BMPs) implementation on Franklin County’s landscape. This number equates to a large reduction of nutrients ultimately reaching the Chesapeake Bay.

Scott’s understanding of the technical side as well as the nutrient management side of his position has afforded him a great rapport among Franklin County’s farmers. He is known for taking the time to design a system specific to the individual operation and management style of the farmer while still meeting the required standards and specs.

Scott currently serves on the Conservation Excellence Grant (CEG) workgroup, a statewide program administered jointly by the PA Department of Agriculture and DEP. He is also a council member for Capital RC&D, a nonprofit organization committed to protecting natural and community resources. In addition, he makes time to promote conservation efforts, delivering presentations to school children as well as local and state legislators.

With his 25 years of experience, good-natured personality, efficient work ethic and excellent communication skills, Scott is one of the best Conservation District Agricultural Technicians in the state.

The Franklin County Conservation District is dedicated to promoting and educating about the wise stewardship of our natural resources. For more information, please visit: [www.franklinccd.org](http://www.franklinccd.org) or call the office at 717-264-5499.

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Caption 1: Left to Right: PACD President Kelly Stagen, FCCD Ag Resource Specialist Scott Metzger, PACD North Central Region Director Dr. Robert Shannon

Caption 2: Left to Right: FCCD Ag Resource Specialist Scott Metzger is pictured with FCCD District Manager Dave Stoner following the PACD annual conference awards ceremony. Metzger received the Conservation District Employee Excellence Award.