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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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## **Brodhead Watershed Association Honors Monroe County Conservation District Technical Staff with Annual Stream Saver Recognition Award, Elects New Board Members at Annual Dinner**

The highlight of every annual membership meeting of the Brodhead Watershed Association is the presentation of the Stream Saver Award. This is the greatest honor the BWA bestows on an individual for their efforts in preserving our water resources.

This year's annual meeting marked the 25th Anniversary of the BWA. Befitting such an august occasion, BWA chose to honor the Monroe County Conservation District technical staff: Orianna Richards, John Motz, Victor Motts, Patricia Attardo and Drew Wagner. Collectively these individuals represent over a century of experience in implementing State Law and regulations enacted to conserve our soil and water resources. This important job in the Brodhead Watershed, where the streams are among the finest in the world, is too often thankless. Due to our watershed's special protection status, regulations for earth disturbance and stormwater management are more stringent than they are in other parts of the state where unregulated activities in our past have in some cases left streams so impacted they no longer support life.

The Conservation District staff is committed to working with anyone interested in developing projects requiring earth disturbance, wetland impacts and stream encroachments to ensure they can achieve their economic goals while maintaining water quality. Every watershed resident can be proud of their efforts. During the height of the real estate boom of the 80's, 90's and early 2000's, Monroe County's population doubled and yet our wetlands were protected and our watersheds still attain their designated uses. This can be directly attributed to State Laws and regulations that the Conservation District administer on our behalf. The BWA thanks Orianna, John, Victor, Trish and Drew. We are proud to acknowledge you as Exceptional Value Stream Savers.

During the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, BWA conducted a business meeting and elected new board members Sally Duffy, Fran Ferrari, Dr. Catherine Folio and Tom Salmon. The Board of

Directors is responsible for ensuring that the BWA carries out its mission to protect and preserve the watershed.



**L to R:** Monroe County Conservation District technical staff employees Victor Motts, Trish Attardo, Orianna Richards, and John Motz. **Photo credit:** VIP Studios



**L to R:** Fran Ferrari, Dr. Catherine Folio, and Sally Duffy were elected to the Board of Directors at BWA's 25th Annual Dinner Celebration. **Photo credit:** VIP Studios

***The BWA, 25 years of protecting our environment and watershed resources***

The Brodhead Watershed Association is a non-profit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. The BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring.

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