

Pa. Environmental Council honors Pocono groups for watershed project

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The Pennsylvania Environmental Council has selected the Brodhead Watershed Association and the Pocono Arts Council nonprofit organizations to co-receive an Environmental Partnership award for their collaborative efforts producing the Trout Trails and Tails project of 2008.

The BWA and the PAC are among eight recipients recognized by this year's award. The acceptance of this award acknowledged both local community organizations completed to help bring awareness of our great natural resource, the pristine waterways of the Brodhead Watershed and the varied talents of local artists.

Partners include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Monroe County Conservation District, Delaware River Basin Commission and the Monroe County Planning Commission.

Sponsors are East Stroudsburg University, Friends of the Brodhead Greenway, Stroud Township, Sharon and Vic Keen, Wendy and Mark Lichty, Monroe County Commissioners, Monroe County Conservation District, Northampton Community College, PPL Electric Utilities Corp. and Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

The award recipients will accept this honorable award on Thursday, Oct. 22, at the 19th annual "Evening for Northeast Pennsylvania's Environment" at the Woodlands Inn and Resort in Wilkes-Barre.

The Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit 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. In addition, the BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring.