

Helping the Envirothon



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Charlotte Davis, Rural Maryland Council executive director, left, presents a \$22,034 check to Bruce Young, co-chair of the National Conservation Foundation Envirothon 2017 Maryland Committee, and Patricia Pinnell, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development board chair.

Patricia Pinnell, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development chairman, and Charlotte Davis, Rural Maryland Council executive director, recently gave a check for \$22,034 to Bruce Young, co-chair of the National Conservation Foundation Envirothon 2017 Maryland Committee.

The Envirothon is a hands-on natural resources competition for high school student teams. Next year, from July 23 to 29, approximately 55 teams of students from the United States, Canada, and one team from China will travel to Mount St. Mary's University in Frederick for a chance to win cash awards and bragging rights as the 2017 National Envirothon champion.

The budget for the 2017 National Envirothon event is approximately \$403,025, of which almost half of the total is raised

through grants and donations. RC&D's mission is to support rural development, the environment and education, which are also the goal of the Rural Maryland Council.

In July, with the help of RC&D Executive Director Cindy Greb, the agency submitted a grant request to RMC for \$30,000 on behalf of the NCF Envirothon Committee. On Aug. 10 the RMC announced that RC&D was awarded \$22,034 as part of over \$555,917 in grants awarded to 42 organizations through the Maryland Agriculture Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund.

In addition to the funds received from the grant, Southern Maryland RC&D also donated an additional \$5,000 to the 2017 National Envirothon.

For information or to donate, visit www.mdenvirothon.org.