

## **2010 Media Award**

This years 2010 Gold Award Conservation Districts in the News Award, presented at the New York State Association of Conservation District's annual banquet, was awarded to Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District. The District received the award for the most and best overall District press. This included the following articles:

- \* Press with our FL-LOWPA partners during the funding pinch
- \* Partnership press on NYS Districts, NYACD, and CDEA related to Gas Exploration
- \* Schuyler County Water Quality Coordinating Committee
- \* Shared Equipment and Services
- \* Innovative ideas to combine sponsoring a popular speaker while hosting an equipment demonstration, resulting in articles in 4 news outlets that gave credit to Senator Winner who helped garner equipment funding

The District has worked very hard to establish direct relationships with multiple media outlets. This has been due directly to the diligence and dedication of Elaine Dalrymple, District Field Manager. Her relentless efforts and passion for promoting agriculture, and natural resources throughout our region has led to an exponential annual growth in our abilities to have an impact on local media and the awareness of our community in these areas of interest.

## **2010 Division IV Merit Award**

Elaine Dalrymple has been at Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District for over thirteen years. She worked for over a decade prior to that with the Cooperative Extension agency. Elaine has dedicated her life to conservation. She more than any other person in the soil and water conservation world, lives, believes in, and dedicates every ounce of energy she has to our work. Elaine not only works many 12 hour plus days, she also works many weekends and holidays. Even when she is home on her own time her mind never leaves the conservation world. She is constantly thinking of new ideas, or things we can do to improve our District and the water quality of Schuyler County.

Elaine is an integral part of almost every facet of our District. Elaine is the lead planner for our AEM program in Schuyler County. She is the chair of our WQCC. She is our representative with Farm Bureau, the Rural Stormwater Coalition, The Environmental Management Council, the Farmland Protection Board, and several sub-committees on our Energy Task Force. Elaine is a Certified Nutrient Management Planner, a Certified AEM Planner, Certified Crop Advisor, and a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control. Elaine handles all of our Nutrient Management Planning. Elaine is responsible for Stormwater Education for the District. She also handles all of our Educational events, such as, Conservation Field Days, Hector Fair, Pro- Education events for sixth grade students, along with many other youth and adult educational events. On top of all these efforts Elaine is now assisting the Upper Susquehanna Coalition with oversight and coordination of its wetland construction program.

Elaine has strived to excel in all of these areas, which you now can clearly see with this many responsibilities why Elaine works so many hours, and shows more dedication than I have ever seen. Elaine through all of this comes in every day with a smile, offering credit to all others putting them before herself. She makes sure everyone feels appreciated, and is given credit for what boils down to her hard work and dedication. There is no other way to say it other than Elaine is a truly genuine human being who wears her heart on her sleeve. She has used these people skills to advance the district by building relationships with all area media outlets. Elaine is responsible for

several dozen press releases every year. She has refined such a relationship with the media that any and all publications/press releases she puts out are run and run immediately, and most of the time, run more than once.

These are just a brief summary of the hard work and effort that Elaine has and continues to put forth to Soil and Water Conservation. Her passion, dedication, and unyielding work ethic go far beyond words. She is a co-worker, a partner, and a true friend to all that she comes in contact with.