

**Appoquinimink River Association  
Annual Meeting  
April 24, 2010**

The Appoquinimink River Association had a wonderful time incorporating their annual meeting into Townsend's Earth Day Celebration this year! It made sense to the Board of Directors this year to do on-the-ground work, instead of just sitting in a meeting, as well as celebrating the amazing accomplishment that they were apart of to certify the Town of Townsend as the first Community Wildlife Habitat™ in Delaware!

As part of the celebration ceremony, many came out to honor the accomplishment including U.S. Senator Tom Carper, U.S. Representative Mike Castle, State Representative Quinn Johnson, New Castle County Councilman Bill Powers, Appoquinimink School District Superintendent Tony Marchio, Charlie Copeland, Michael Stafford, Esq., DNREC Director of Water Resources Kathy Bunting Howarth, and NWF Vice President for Education Kevin Coyle.

The Town of Townsend and its partners including the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Appoquinimink River Association and Delaware Nature Society have worked over the past three years to do many projects to allow for certification. Accomplishments include the creation and certification of 24 residential homes as backyard wildlife habitats; the creation and certification of the Townsend Municipal Park and Townsend Town Hall as backyard wildlife habitats; the creation and certification of the Townsend Early Childhood Center and Townsend Elementary School as wildlife habitats; creation and presentation of two "Gardening for the Environment" workshops to educate residents on environmentally friendly outdoor practices in addition to instructing and creating rain barrels for all 50 participants; partnership with Townsend Elementary School's Junior Council to educate them on wildlife habitat creation; established a resource library, and information area in Townsend Town Hall to educate residents about environmentally friendly practices; created a native plant list especially for Townsend; incorporated environmentally friendly practices into the creation of the Townsend Municipal Park; and held a stream clean-up.

Following the ceremony, groups gathered to do a storm drain marking throughout the Town as well as a buffer planting around one of the stormwater ponds in Townsend Village 2. The members of the Appoquinimink River Association also had their elections for the Board of Directors and elected the following new members to the Board:

Ken Branner

Emily Damon

Cliff Hearn

**Janet Hildebrand**

**Donna Holmberg**

**Stacey McNatt**

**Rebecca Rothweiler**

**Dave Spacht**

**Jeff Vance**