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BRADFORD COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ED GRANTS AVAILABLE

Mini grants up to \$500.00, and capitol grants up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 are available to any school, organization, group or agency looking to provide environmental education based resources and experiences to Bradford County residents. Funding, being provided through Bradford County and generated by tipping fees at the Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority at the Burlington Landfill, will be distributed in April for projects that have County relevance to education and natural resource stewardship, are open to the public and have some type of project match. Projects for funding will be ranked based on partnerships involved, number of people potentially served, innovation, a history of the applicant's success in similar projects, and if a capitol improvement project is being submitted – proof of ability to operate and maintain project.

“While this sounds like we’re asking for a lot, the application for the funding is very simple,” stated Bradford County Conservation District Education Coordinator Dan Rhodes. “I, and other staff members at the Conservation District are available to anyone to discuss possible projects and help put an application together,” continued Rhodes. The Conservation District will be facilitating the grant applications and administration for the County.

Applications are available on the County WEB site at <http://bradfordcountypa.org>, or through the County Commissioners’ Office, the Conservation District Office, or Penn State Extension Office. Submission deadlines for this year has been set for March 31, 2011, so don’t delay. Application should be sent electronically to the Bradford County Conservation District to Daniel.Rhodes@pa.nacdnet.net. For more information visit the Bradford County website, the Bradford County Courthouse, or contact Dan Rhodes at the Bradford County Conservation District at (570) 265-5539 ext 123.