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## Three Scholarships Awarded

For the 29th consecutive year the Freehold Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors has awarded scholarships to area college students majoring in a field related to the conservation of our natural resources.

2008 marked the first year the scholarship amounts were increased to \$2,000 and one scholarship was named the William 'Bill' Schauer Scholarship in memory of our supervisor and Chairman of the Board who passed away last fall.

### 2008 Scholarship Winners

**Tara Fiechter-Russo**, Hazlet, received the Neal Munch Scholarship. Tara is graduate of Barnard College with a degree in Environmental Biology and now attends the Tufts' Friedman School pursuing a graduate degree in Agriculture, Food & Environment.

**Brian R. Brateris**, Lake Como, was awarded the Marvin 'Mac' Clark Scholarship. He is an Environmental Public Health major at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

**Hendrik 'Jake' Van Hemmen**, Fair Haven, earned the William Schauer Scholarship. Jake is an Environmental Engineering and Political Science major at the University of Pittsburg.

Applications for the 2009 scholarships will be available in December '08 online at [www.freeholdscd.org](http://www.freeholdscd.org) or by calling our office at 732-683-8500 or by email at [krowe@freeholdscd.org](mailto:krowe@freeholdscd.org).



Brian Brateris, of Lake Como, received the \$2,000 Marvin 'Mac' Clark Scholarship. Pictured (L-R) Karen Rowe, Ines Grimm, Brian Brateris and Charlie Buscaglia. (Photo Credit: Paul Califano)

# Trout Release Day

**I**n late May, 200 students and teachers ventured to the Forest Resource Education Center in Jackson to participate in the first Trout in the Classroom Field Day. Six Monmouth and Ocean County schools that raised native New Jersey brook trout from eggs, released hundreds of fingerlings into the Toms River and also participated in several learning activities. Students were sad to see the trout released, but were glad they would have the chance to live in their natural habitat.

Since last October, students had the opportunity to develop a sense of stewardship for the trout by feeding, monitoring water temperatures and testing chemical levels to ensure survival of the fish during their first months of life.

Trout in the Classroom Field Day was jointly sponsored by: NJ Division of Parks & Forestry, Trout Unlimited, NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife, NJ Forest Resource Education Center, Freehold SCD, Ocean County SCD, NJ Watershed Ambassadors and Dry-Fly Classics.

## 2008-2009 Trout in the Classroom Participants

South River Middle

St. Stanislaus

Middlesex County

VoTech High

Voorhees

Elementary

Warnsdorfer

NJ Audubon's

Plainsboro

Preserve

Middletown South

High School

St. Jerome School

Eisenhower Middle

Allentown High

Freehold

Intermediate

Greenville School

Manasquan

Reservoir

Environmental

Center



**Trout in the Classroom Field Day**  
 Students and teachers had the opportunity to participate in several field day activities including watersheds, the importance of soil, forestry, tree nursery, micro invertebrates of the Toms River, trout predators, and more.  
 Photo Credits: Paul Califano



## Stormwater Best Management Practices

The Stormwater Best Management Practices Guide for Construction Sites has been created to provide builders with a tool to aid in achieving compliance of the provisions of the New Jersey Statewide Stormwater Permitting Program.

By installing and maintaining basic Best Management Practices (BMPs), construction site operators can do their share to protect New Jersey’s water resources from the harmful effects of construction site stormwater runoff.

Over the next several months, active construction sites will each receive a copy of this user-friendly guide. Our field staff will briefly explain the guide and answer any questions to ensure this tool will be utilized as required by the Stormwater Permitting Program.

Through use of this guide, record keeping and inspections will be streamlined by using the routine Inspection Sheet and the Annual Certification form which are provided. The Best Management Practices section offers numerous suggestions and tips for ease of implementation. The guide also includes a Product Suppliers list to aid in the completion of site work.

The Stormwater BMP guide was written by Freehold SCD staff including: Ines Grimm, Stacy Abrahamsen Brady, Karen Rowe, Paul Califano, Michael Infanti and Mark Alliston.

### Donald Patterson Joins Freehold Board

Donald Patterson, Cranbury, has joined the Freehold District Board of Supervisors. Don is the owner of Cranbury Family Farm, which grows corn, wheat and soybeans. He is also a partner in A.H. Lowe & Son which grows 200 acres of spinach. The Cranbury Family Farm has 186 acres placed in the state Farmland Preservation Program. Don is a member of the Middlesex County Board of Agriculture.



Donald Patterson (R) is sworn in by Cliff Lundin, past president of the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts.

### Jersey Fresh Recipe Cards

Recipe cards created for the '08 NJ Flower Show are available at our office for:

Oven-Roasted Tomatoes

Garden Salsa

Bruschetta

Grilled Peppers

Stuffed Peppers

Homemade Hot Pepper Sauce

### Staff News

**Mark Alliston** has been promoted to Resource Conservationist II. Mark joined the District in 2005 and he inspects municipalities in Middlesex County.



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## DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil

**DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil** is the theme for the 2009 New Jersey Conservation Poster Contest and students in Middlesex and Monmouth Counties are invited to participate and win prizes.

There is much to learn about soil. Almost all of the minerals and nutrients we need for life, to nurture us, to help us grow, to give us energy and to keep us healthy come from fields, gardens, trees and pastures. Every plant, vegetable or fruit that we eat gets its nutrients from the soil in which it grows.

All new for the '09 contest are categories for use of "soil paint" and computer designed posters for certain grade divisions.

### Local Prizes

1st Place — \$100

2nd Place — \$75

3rd Place — \$50

More details on the contest can be found on our website at [www.freeholdscd.org](http://www.freeholdscd.org), by calling our office at 732-683-8500 or by email at [info@freeholdscd.org](mailto:info@freeholdscd.org).

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