Chesapeake Bay Program Watershed Technical Workgroup At -Large Nominee

Bio for Matthew W. Kofroth

*Matthew W. Kofroth* was the Watershed Specialist for the Lancaster County Conservation District for the last 22 years.   His work involved water quality monitoring with both Continuous Instream Monitoring units county-wide, citizen scientists sampling, and assisting partners monitoring in Lancaster County. He also has conducted over 40 plus watershed improvement projects in and around Lancaster County with funding he has received or partnered with others on, such as; stream restorations, floodplain restorations, wetland mitigations, wetland creations, watershed implementation plan creations, watershed assessments, TMDL planning and modeling, habitat improvements, agricultural best management practice implementation, riparian buffer installation and maintenance, invasive species control, and educational outreach programs on a vast array of watershed related issues. He has also fostered and improved local grassroots watershed association efforts, assisted municipalities with stormwater requirements and retrofits, ran the District’s Dirt & Gravel and Low Volume Road programs, and worked with countless homeowners and conservation partners on local watershed and water quality challenges.  Prior to his work with the District, Matt was an analytical chemist for five years at Lancaster Labs (Eurofins) conducting pesticide residue analysis on water and soil samples.  Recently Matt was promoted to Assistant District Manager for the Lancaster County Conservation District because of his vast knowledge and connections to local, state, and regional issues. Also, this past year he was asked to be a part of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee’s workshop on “Using Local Monitoring Results to Inform the Chesapeake Bay Program’s Watershed Model” because of his vast knowledge and experience in local water monitoring and conservation efforts in the Lower Susquehanna River Watershed. He is a native resident of the Lititz, Pennsylvania and is a member of the Lititz Run Watershed Alliance. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology/Environmental Science option from Millersville University.