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The Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association (DCWOA) is proud to present Sally Zaino with the PA Forestry Association's (PFA) Mira Lloyd Dock Woman Conservationist of the year award, photo attached. Sally was named the recipient at the PFA's virtual symposium after being nominated by the DCWOA.

PFA created the award to celebrate the value of the contributions of women to Pennsylvania's natural resources. Ms. Dock's character and motivation set the example for future women of conservation. Similar to Dock, Sally's accomplishments are a reflection of dedicating her life's mission to conservation and preservation.

One of the founders of Manada Conservancy; a non-profit, membership-based land trust, Sally has pioneered the conservancy's mission of land preservation and environmental education in various capacities since its inception in 1997, preserving nearly 2,500 acres in Dauphin County. Her ability to work constructively with a variety of partners has been remarkable for its span, continuity and effectiveness. She is often recruited for advice and counsel and is a proven leader in the world of conservation with her boots on the ground philosophy.

In addition to the PFA award, Sally was also presented with \$5,000 worth of trees and supplies from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Since Manada Conservancy's beginning, Sally and fellow Board Founders have had a strong interest in conserving the land along the Manada and Swatara Creeks. This led to the creation of Manada Conservancy's Swatara Greenway Stewardship Program, an effort to protect a natural corridor along the Swatara Creek in order to improve the health of the local watershed and help assure a positive future for the greater Chesapeake Bay watershed.

"I was very surprised and incredibly honored to be singled out by the Dauphin County Woodland Owners Association and the Pa Forestry Association for this award. Because of Mira Lloyd Dock's history, and the recognition of women in conservation that this award represents, I was especially happy and grateful. There are so many people working every day to move conservation and protection of our natural resources, and awards like this, I think, speak to all of them as well as one person. It also speaks to the immense value of partnerships. The trees that Manada Conservancy will receive will help to create and expand our restoration efforts along the Swatara Creek and other waterways in Dauphin County. Many thanks to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for their addition to this wonderful award."

Attached is a copy of the nomination letter for your reference.
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