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Columbus City School Staff Member Receives Educator of the Year Award
At the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District 70th Annual Meeting

09/19/2016 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO— The Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District recognized Geri Granger of the Columbus City School District with the Environmental Educator of the Year Award at their 70th Annual Meeting and Board of Supervisors' Election on Thursday, September 15th. Geri Granger was recognized for her outstanding contribution to environmental education in Columbus City Schools. Under Geri's leadership and dedication, Columbus City School's very own nature center, Spruce Run, has become a valuable teaching tool for teachers and students in the District. Geri is instrumental in creating a new Environmental Science class for pilot Columbus City High Schools this school year and is also working with Franklin Soil and Water to form Envirothon teams for high school students in Columbus City Schools as part of a larger effort to meet new High school Curriculum standards. These teams could compete against other schools in our area on natural resource and environmental knowledge.



The Educator of the Year Award is presented to either a formal or non-formal educator whose willingness to go the extra mile helps students appreciate nature and understand environmental interactions.

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