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## Heritage Conservancy Publishes Educational Material for Wetlands Education in the Classroom

## Curriculum-Based Notebook and CD Feature Quakertown Swamp

Doylestown, PA, July 8, 2009: Heritage Conservancy, an accredited, not-for-profit conservation organization that specializes in preserving our natural and historic heritage, is pleased to announce the release of a comprehensive set of teaching materials to support wetlands education in the classroom. Featuring the Quakertown Swamp, an important wetland area and vital ecosystem in Bucks County, students of all grade levels will learn a myriad of topics

through a series of color handouts, maps, exercises and an accompanying CD-based PowerPoint presentation.

Aligned to support academic standards for environment and ecology, the instruction-based information includes: Wetland Basics, Wetland Functions, Wetland Benefits, Wetland Plant Communities, Prospects for Wetlands, Regulatory Protection for Wetlands, Water Resources, Plant and Animal Life, the Great Blue Heron, Purple Loosestrife, White-Tailed Deer, Vernal Pools, Geology, History and References.

"We prepared the materials so that teachers can educate their students about the Quakertown Swamp, while integrating ecology, geography and earth science into their lesson plans," said Marian Sumner, VP of Planning & Implementation for Heritage Conservancy. "And the various topics can be taught as an entire unit of study or individually depending upon curriculum needs, student grade level and available time."

For additional information or to order copies of this innovative educational material for school or home use, contact Karen Williamson, RLA, CPSI at 215-345-7020 x115 or email <a href="mailto:kwilliamson@heritageconservancy.org">kwilliamson@heritageconservancy.org</a>.

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## **About Heritage Conservancy**

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