

# QEWP Gets New Look

**T**he Quittapahilla Educational Wetland Preserve, a seven acre wetland site, located on the property of the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center, is now known as "the Quittapahilla Educational Wetland Preserve." This preserve provides a vital link to the health and welfare of the Lebanon community. In addition to providing a unique habitat for wildlife, the wetland protects our community from flooding, traps sediments and nutrients, and filters our local waters.

Muskrats, turtles, frogs, ducks, geese, herons, fish, and aquatic plants and insects can readily be seen at the wetlands. Boardwalks, interpretive signs, picnic tables, bathrooms, and educational resources and equipment have been installed and are available for use by local teachers and students. The facility is fully equipped to provide a natural, outdoor classroom where schools and community groups can

experience, through hands-on learning, the value of wetlands and the creatures that inhabit it.

Most recently, a mural has been added to the facade of the pavilion, depicting a cross-section of a wetland and its flora and fauna. Local artists Elizabeth and Megan George of Wernersville—a mother/daughter team—designed and painted the mural.

Grant monies from the



Chesapeake Bay Commission, the Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Education Grants Program and a variety of local businesses have supported the project. Quittapahilla Educational Wetland Preserve is located at the intersection of Birch Road and Metro Drive - across from Home Depot.