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**WATERSHED ASSOCIATION SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR
RICHARD ROTTER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is seeking nominations for the 7th annual *Richard Rotter Award for Excellence in Environmental Education*. The honor will be awarded to an area teacher who demonstrates a high level of enthusiasm and commitment to environmental education in their classroom. Nominees should include any classroom teacher, grades K through 12, who explores environmental topics and/or shares the wonders of nature in a unique, memorable, and/or engaging manner. This could include hands-on lessons in the schoolyard or community, multi-disciplinary lessons or projects exploring nature and the environment, in-class or neighborhood investigations and much more. Presentation of the award will occur at the Association's annual meeting on their Reserve in Pennington on Monday, April 23, 2012.

This award is in honor of the late Richard Rotter, an exceptional high school teacher in Montgomery who was also a committed environmentalist in his own community. Richard engaged his students in thoughtful investigations in the forest and wetlands behind the new high school in Montgomery. He incorporated biological and chemical sampling of streams into his science classes. He sought and delivered environmental lessons that both stimulated and challenged his students, immersing them into their local environment, and inspiring them about the natural world around them.

To nominate a teacher, contact Maryann Polefka at the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, by mail (31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, NJ 08534) or e-mail (mpolefka@thewatershed.org). Letters should include the teacher's name, their grade and school, as well as the name and contact information of the nominator. Please include a narrative or description of the activities they employ and/or the impact these lessons had on students.

Deadline for nominations is March 2, 2012. For more information call the Education Department of SBMWA at (609) 737-7592.