

## **2014 Deputy Administrator's Safeguarding Award:**

### **Spotted Lanternfly Group**

The SLF Group enhanced our collective safeguarding by quickly coming together and taking decisive action after the detection of spotted lanternfly, thus reducing threats to local economic interests and natural resources. The use of outreach was particularly effective in building goodwill and educating local residents about the threats posed by this pest.

Thanks to the group's tight cooperation internally and with the affected communities, response activities within the infested area commenced on short notice. These efforts included determining the infestation's boundaries, response plan development, commencement of a wood chipping study and lure testing, and working actively to prevent further spread. All of the efforts are helping to protect the U.S. grape, orchard, and logging industries from potentially serious harm.

#### **Members of the team**

1. Dana Rhodes, State Plant Regulatory Official, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2. Gary Weller, Owner, Rolling Rock Stone, Inc.
3. Ed Overberger, Township Supervisor, District Township, Boyertown, PA
4. Daniel Lynch, Pennsylvania Game Commission
5. Coanne O'Hern, State Plant Health Director (SPHD), PA, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
6. Deborah McPartlan, National Policy Manager, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
7. Robert Bailey, National Field Operations Manager, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
8. Greg Parra, Technical Working Group Chair, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
9. Miriam Cooperband, Entomologist, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
10. Greg Hoover, Entomologist, PennState University
11. Lori Connelly, Coordinator, PA Plant Health Resource Center
12. Nancy Bosold, Extension Educator (Retired), PennState Extension Service
13. John Breitsman, Director, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry,
14. Sven Spichiger, State Entomologist, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
15. Leo Donovall, Survey Specialist, Pennsylvania Department. of Agriculture
16. Lawrence Barringer, Entomologist, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
17. Piper Sherburne, Chair -Board of Directors, Berks County Conservation District