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## **News Release**

Lord Fairfax Soil & Water Conservation District  
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### **Sherando High School to compete in regional environmental contest**

On April 8, 2008, Sherando High School's Team A won the Lord Fairfax Soil & Water Conservation District's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Envirothon, which is a natural resources competition for high school students. Strasburg High School's Team A and Team B placed second and third, respectively. The Envirothon was held at Sherando Park in Stephens City.

On April 22, Sherando High School's Team A (coached by teacher Brian Fisher) will represent the District at the Area 1 Envirothon, which will be held at Douthat State Park near Clifton Forge, Virginia. The top three teams from the Area 1 Envirothon will advance to the state competition on May 18 and 19, which will be held at James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

The Envirothon features five "in-the-field" test stations – soils, wildlife, aquatics, forestry, and a current environmental issue. Teams answer questions in both written and hands-on formats. During an oral presentation, each team proposes a management solution related to the current environmental issue to a panel of judges consisting of natural resource professionals. This year's environmental issue is "Recreational Impacts on Natural Resources."

"The intense study required for this contest helps prepare students for college entrance exams, as well as possible careers in the natural resources field," said Greg Evans, Past President of the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

The Lord Fairfax Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank all those who took part in the local Envirothon, including all competing teams from Central High School, Clarke County High School, Millbrook High School, Sherando High School, and Strasburg High School. The District also wishes to thank the Envirothon sponsors, who generously donated money, supplies, or services. Their

contributions were a key part in the success of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lord Fairfax Soil & Water Conservation District's Envirothon.

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