



Mark Hilson, Carroll Township's full time engineer, was named Outstanding Engineer of the Year by the York County Conservation District on Friday, Aug. 22. Earlier that morning, his first son was born.

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Mark Hilson was named Outstanding Engineer of the Year by the York County Conservation District. The award is given to the individuals who demonstrate support for the conservation of York County and serve as stewards of its natural resources.

Tiffany Crum of YCCD's Erosion and Sediment Control division said Hilson, Carroll Township's full time engineer, has always been a great help in obtaining voluntary compliance to YCCD regulations from developers and contractors. He has helped Carroll Township take a very positive, proactive approach in dealing with E & S matters through developing a set of ordinances that set a high standard in such matters. And he does regular on site inspections to insure compliance.

"He always goes above and beyond what we expect," said Crum and she cited one instance where she was doing an inspection in the township and was dealing with a "difficult" developer. Hilson just happened to be on site as well and when he saw the situation he joined the inspection and backed up Crum the entire time.

Hilson said he's not a big fan of personal awards, but accepted this one because he knew it represented a lot of hard work from a lot of people. "I get a lot of support to get [conservation] right," he said, "From the township's board of supervisors and staff, the YCCD staff and local concerned citizens who ask the right questions."

A banquet was held on Friday, Aug. 22, where Hilson received a plaque. As it turned out, it was the second honor he received that day. At 4:18 a.m. his wife presented him with his first son.

"It was a crazy day," said Hilson, who got about four hours sleep in the forty-eight hours preceding the ceremony. But at least he'll always remember the date.