We're excited to announce that Kathleen Banski has joined the New Environmental Education Program as the new Regional Program Coordinator.

Kathleen's favorite ways to spend time with family, friends, and pets. Her dog, Callie Doodle, is a licensed therapy dog and has helped Kathleen deliver programs to libraries, schools, and nursing homes. Kathleen's experiences with nature have intensified her passion for sharing it with others.

Previously Kathleen worked at the Dickinson College Sustainability Center, the Governor's Chesapeake Bay Education Office and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Center for Sustainability Education and at the Governor's Residence on April 22 First Lady Frances Wolf hosted about 100 children, teachers, and parents for an educator's guide from the Chesapeake Bay Program, and the Pennsylvania Environmental Literacy and Watershed Education Task Force.

Now, Kathleen will bring a wealth of knowledge to the New Environmental Education Program. She's already gearing up to participate in a variety of programs and workshops:

- "Growing Up Wild: Exploring Nature with Young Children" workshop at Overbrook Youth Environmental Stewardship (June 18)
- Delaware Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve "WILD About Raptors" Workshop, Huntingdon County (August 23-24) - Provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Chesapeake Bay Office.
- "Surveys and Data" workshop at Project WET Curriculum Workshop, Sustainable Agriculture Education Conference, Lycoming County (June 28-30)
- "Tantrum and Nature" workshop for educators held at the Delaware State Forest and Wildlands, State College (June 28-30)
- "TOM WOLF, GOVERNOR" Climate Change in PA (August 20-21)

Kathleen will be working to increase the program's presence in the community and to expand its reach. She's already planning several initiatives to promote environmental literacy.

We look forward to Kathleen's contributions to the New Environmental Education Program and to the impact she will have on the community.