



2015 Abbott Marshlands Science Award

On March 17th, the first Abbott Marshlands Science Award was presented to **Daisy DePaz**, a Trenton Central High School student, for her **Outstanding Wetlands Project**, “**Does Land Use Affect Water Quality? Assessing the Health of the Assunpink Watershed.**” Her project was part of the Mercer Science and Engineering Competition held at Rider University. Kelly Rypkema, nature center manager, presented the award.

Daisy DePaz has been a mentee with our ScienceMentors Program for three years. Her mentor is Rebecca Traylor.

This award, given for the first time in 2015, is intended to raise awareness of the unique opportunities offered for science study at the Abbott Marshlands and is a collaboration between the Friends for the Abbott Marshlands and the Tulpehaking Nature Center. It is awarded for a senior division project that best addresses:

- Wetlands Ecology
 - Wetlands Organisms
 - Wetlands Issues
- and/or was carried out at the Abbott Marshlands.



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