

# CAREE Comments

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The annual Land Use Council 12 Envirothon was held April 3, 2008 in the Madison County Farm Bureau Auditorium. This year East-Alton Wood River and Triad High School participated in this environmental education program that is part of North America's largest high school environmental competition.

The Land Use Council is part of the Illinois Envirothon, which helps students understand the natural environment and their role in it. The Envirothon provides a means for students to demonstrate what they know about the environment. It is a cumulative process that addresses the learning levels of awareness, knowledge and application.

The 5, five-member teams that participated from East-Alton-Wood River and Triad High Schools Competed in Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatics, Soils and Environmental issues using test questions prepared by the Illinois State Envirothon Committee and Environmental Professionals. The Environmental Issue theme for the Envirothon changes annually and this year's theme was Recreational Impact on Natural Resources.

During the Envirothon, teams hear presentations from a forester, resource conservationists, a fishery biologist, and a wildlife biologist that represent federal, state and local agencies. These individuals help team members learn more about

environmental issues. Awards are given to event winners and the winning team is sent to represent Land Use Council 12 at the state competition on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

This year's winning team was Triad High School, team members Ryan Young, Bethany Rosenthal, Jimmy Konsky, Jessie Thompson, and Clayton Sharp.



The Land Use Council 12 Envirothon is hosted by Madison County C.A.R.E.E., and Madison and Monroe County Soil and Water Districts.