

Massachusetts Envirothon  
**Envirothon Stories**  
(formerly “one page summaries”)

**Why write up your Envirothon Story?** These stories are a way to share your successes and get to know other teams. They also help Mass Envirothon to assess what teams and coaches are gaining from the program. All this helps to keep the program going!

**We ask for *just one page!*** You decide what is important to include.

**We welcome stories from coaches or from teams.** Or from both (you each get a page) if you have time.

**You can take these stories home with you on the day of the Envirothon.** Bring 60 copies to the event, and you'll get a packet of everyone's stories at the end of the day. If you burn your story onto your team cd, your story will be posted on the Mass Envirothon web site. Teams can also bring extra paper copies to hand out at lunchtime roundtables.

► **Here are the basic questions to answer:**

- **Background:** Who was involved in your Envirothon preparations this year? Where are you from? What is the name of your school or sponsoring organization?
- **Challenge #1:** If you had just three sentences to summarize your Current Issue recommendations to your community, what would you say so that people would listen?
- **Challenge #2:** If you had to describe your Envirothon year in just 100 words, what would those words be?

► **Beyond this the story is totally up to you!** Thinking back on your Envirothon year, what memories stand out? You can use words, pictures and captions, drawings, links, whatever (but remember, you only get one page to do it all). You might include:

- Highlights from what you learned (and how you learned it) about Soils, Wildlife, Water, Forests
- How you went about your Current Issue research
- New community connections: people and places
- How you worked as a team
- Skills you developed
- The hardest part
- Hair-raising tales of the last week before the competition
- Results of your community action project
- Frustrations and things you would like to do over
- Advice for future Envirothon teams
- Questions and quandaries

**Bring** 60 paper copies of your team and/or coach story to registration on the Mass Envirothon field competition days. We will put together packets for you to take home. Teams: you can bring more to hand out at Roundtables.

**Burn** a copy on your team cd and bring it to Envirothon registration, and it can be posted on the Mass Envirothon web site (your story should be saved either as a .doc or .pdf)