

# Envirothon Story 2010

## Pioneer Valley Regional School



The Pioneer Valley Regional School Planeteers Envirothon Team is made up of ten students. Seven of us live in Northfield, one member lives in Leyden and two members live in Vernon, VT. We are all first or second year members who share an interest in the environment. This year we focused our research on improvements to the waste water treatment system in Northfield.

As we researched the current issue, we spoke with Northfield Selectboard, Finance Committee, Sewer Commission, and Conservation Commission members. We also spoke with the waste water treatment plant operator, the administrator of the East Northfield Water Co., the Northfield Town Administrator and an engineer from MassHighway. We would like to thank everyone who shared information with us.

### Our Favorite Envirothon Quotes:

“On our way to Envirothon, we passed a truck on the side of the road that was on fire and one of our advisors said that we were ‘lucky we weren’t engulfed by flames!’” –**Chelsea Jones**

“When we found out that we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in soils this year, I was so proud of the team. I am also really glad that we didn’t get engulfed in flames.” – **Isabel Hussey**

“Making the Planeteer shirts for the competition was fun, and I think they came out really well.” –  
**Kassie Wahlstrom**

“I really find enjoyment in going through all of the eco-stations the day of the competition. The tests are difficult, but they’re also fun.” –**Tim Farmer**

“Even though learning all of the information and doing all of the research is a lot of work, I always enjoy the day of the competition. I thought that the site this year was beautiful.” –**CJ Brooks**