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JENNY MOORMAN RECEIVES 2015 TEACHER AWARD FROM MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

ST. PAUL — The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) has named Jenny Moorman of Lake of the Woods K-12 School as their 2015 Teacher Award winner. The award was announced at the 79th MASWCD Annual Meeting, held Dec. 6-8 at the Doubletree by Hilton Bloomington - Minneapolis South. Moorman was nominated for the award by the Lake of the Woods SWCD.

The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) Teacher Award honors a K-12 educator/professional teacher who has created innovative conservation education activities for reaching students.

Jenny Moorman has been the driving force in bringing life back into the School Forest Program at Lake of the Woods School and served as the coordinator from 2008 to 2015. She has also played a vital role in the development of the school’s high school RiverWatch Program and has helped to promote the Envirothon program and lead teams on to the State Envirothon. But, upon her retirement in 2015, the biggest legacy she is leaving behind is the development of Lake of the Woods K-12 School’s Agassiz Lowlands Environmental Learning Area.

In 2008, with hopes to enhance environmental education at the school, Moorman began working with the school officials at the Lake of the Woods School to assemble a group which would become known as the School Forest Committee. The committee was comprised of teachers, buildings and ground staff and school administration, along with members from the local DNR Forestry and Wildlife offices and the Soil and Water Conservation District. Through her encouragement and commitment, the school enrolled 110 acres immediately adjacent to the school into the DNR School Forest Program, thereby establishing the Agassiz Lowlands Environmental Learning Area. In addition to being invited to serve on the School Forest Committee, the SWCD staff have visited the school on several occasions to participate in education opportunities. These include hosting water quality demonstrations, tree planting, and activities that focus on wetland restoration, soil demonstrations and controlling invasive species.

MASWCD extends our thanks and congratulations to Jenny Moorman!

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