May 8, 2006

Soil and Water Conservation Districts & Employees:

The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District in cooperation with the University of Minnesota Extension Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service are offering an outstanding training opportunity. The program is entitled the MASHCD Leadership Institute. Enclosed is registration information describing this dynamic program. Note that this one-year program includes training sessions across the state of Minnesota, as well as a special training session in Washington D.C.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has provided a grant to reduce the leadership program tuition. This allows for a cost savings for your district. Because this is a one time grant, we may not have the opportunity again to offer this program at a reduced registration fee. The registration fee includes tuition, speakers, and course materials; lodging and group meals for all sessions taking place in Minnesota; and lodging, airfare to and from Washington D.C. and special group meals while in the nation’s Capitol. You may want to contact your MASWCD & MACDE Area Associations. They may have dollars budgeted to assist with reducing your tuition costs.

The MASWCD Board of Directors & are proud to provide the MASHCD Leadership Institute. The program is a forum for you to build personal leadership capacity and to understand, interpret and influence the forces affecting your district. Leadership skills are vital for Districts to continue to address conservation needs throughout the State of Minnesota. If you have any questions, please contact the MASWCD office (651) 690-9028 or graduates of MASWCD’s previous leadership programs (see list on reverse side). Registration deadline is July 7, 2006.

Sincerely,

Carol Berg
MASWCD President

Enclosures.

CC: Bill Hunt, Ann English, Tim Koehler, NRCS
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Graduates of the previous leadership programs include:

1996-1997 Program
Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD
LeAnn Buck, MASWCD
Steve Connelly, Olmsted SWCD
Brian Dwight, BWSR
Jim Gebhardt, Mower SWCD
John Jaeger, Goodhue SWCD
Jim Knips, Nobles SWCD
Dennis Larson, Wilkin SWCD
Darren Newville, Martin SWCD
Jeff Neilsen, BWSR
Bev Nordby, Mower
Jo-Ann Wegman, Olmsted SWCD
Mark Weimerskirch, Swift SWCD

1998-2000 Program
Justin Dagen, Kittson SWCD
Dennis Fuchs, Stearns SWCD
Rick Grooters, Fillmore SWCD
Eric Gulbransen, Steele SWCD
Chris Hughes, BWSR
Kim Kovich, Anoka CD
Paul Langseth, Nobles SWCD
Ernie Larsen, Anoka CD
Dan Livdahl, Nobles SWCD
Chris Lord, Anoka CD
Arland Moger, Murray SWCD
Vici Nass, Anoka CD
Victor Ormsby, Winona SWCD
Lynda Peterson, BWSR
Rick Reimer, Kandiyohi SWCD
Greg Roiger, Brown SWCD
Dave Trebelhorn, Sibley SWCD
Mary Jo Truchon, Anoka CD
Sheila Vanney, MASWCD
Pete Waller, BWSR
Marla Watje, Waseca SWCD
Rebecca Wiinanen, Cook SWCD
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2001-2002 Program
Bill Best, BWSR
R.C. Boheim, So. St. Louis SWCD
Karen Carlsrud, Clay SWCD
Tanya Hanson, Red Lake SWCD
Matt Jacobson, Goodhue SWCD
Mary Kells, BWSR
Bryan Malone, Pennington SWCD
Stefanie Martinez, MASWCD
Craig Mell, Chisago SWCD
Rich O'Connor, Fillmore SWCD
Deb Sazama, East Otter Tail SWCD
Michelle Stindtman, Faribault SWCD
Sean Sullivan, Anoka SWCD
Steve Sunderland, Chippewa SWCD

2004-2006 Program -No Breakfast Club
Holly, Anderson, Kittson SWCD
Mary Kay, Anderson, Pine SWCD
Brad Becker, Dakota SWCD
Ken Berg, Wadena SWCD
Craig Christensen, Murray SWCD
Kay Clark, Cottonwood SWCD
Roland Cleveland, Chisago SWCD
Jeanne Crump, Mower SWCD
Paige Guetter, West Polk SWCD
Mark Hauck, Benton SWCD
Howard Konkol, Murray SWCD
Gary Lee, East Polk SWCD
Shelly Lewis, Murray SWCD
Peter Marx, Mower SWCD
Jeremy Maul, Fillmore SWCD
Shelly Micke, NRCS-Clearwater
Karen Mueller, NRCS-Pembina Trail RC&D
Luther Newton, NRCS-Thief River Falls
Steve Pahs, Rice SWCD
Bob Pavik, Martin SWCD
Wendell Rode, Martin SWCD
Larry Salzer, Stearns SWCD
Kathy Smith, Martin SWCD
Vicky Smook, Rock SWCD
Pam Tomevi, Koochiching SWCD
Jack Vogel, Brown SWCD
Brian Watson, Dakota SWCD

2004-2006 Program –Tastes Great
Karen Anderson, Clearwater SWCD
David Bauer, Ramsey CD
Carol Berg, Hubbard SWCD
Felicia Brockoff, Carver SWCD
Steve Cole, NRCS-Breckenridge
Ian Cunningham, Pipestone SWCD
Sonja Farmer, Lac qui Parle SWCD
Jerry Flascherger, North St. Louis SWCD
Jerome Haggenmiller, Douglas SWCD
Bill Hohenstein, Nicollet SWCD
Les Lemm, BWSR
Craig Lingen, Wilkin SWCD
Kathleen Loucks, Itasca SWCD
Ed McNamara, Goodhue SWCD
Marlene Molden, Swift SWCD
Mary Monte, NRCS-Isanti
Mary Oslund, Kandiyohi SWCD
Greg Ostrowski, Todd SWCD
Tom Petersen, Ramsey CD
Ryan Peterson, Kandiyohi SWCD
Sandy Rohr, Todd SWCD
Steve Schmidt, Goodhue SWCD
LeRoy Schuelke, Lac qui Parle SWCD
Jamie Schurbon, Anoka CD
Rick Schwachtgen, Chippewa SWCD
Rudie Spitzer, Winona SWCD
Tom Warner, Chippewa SWCD