FOREST STEWARD AWARD

Sponsored by
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry
& Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD)

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Purpose:

- The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - Division of Forestry are cosponsoring the Minnesota Outstanding Forest Steward award to honor landowners who have implemented innovative forestry conservation activities, demonstrated leadership and achieved significant results in the protection of Minnesota's forestry resources.

Eligibility:

- All SWCDs that are members of MASWCD are eligible to participate.
- Entries must be typed and received via e-mail (**sheila.vanney@maswcd.org**) by the deadline.
- All materials should be 8½" x 11" in Microsoft Word or pdf format.
- Letters of recommendation (up to two) are accepted but not required.
- Recognition will be given for efforts undertaken at any time during **2025** or **2026**.
- Greater consideration will be given to applications which effectively highlight extensive cooperation between the nominee and the SWCD, and utilization of the SWCD services and programs by the nominee.

Deadline:

- Nominations and supporting material must be sent to MASWCD by: **September 4**.
- All nominations and supporting material should be submitted via e-mail to: **sheila.vanney@maswcd.org**.

Recognition:

- Applications will be judged by the MASWCD Awards Committee and DNR Forestry.
- The winner and nominating district will be notified in writing following the committee meeting.
- The winner will be recognized at the MASWCD Annual Convention in December. The nominating SWCD may be asked to designate one of their board members or staff to make the award presentation comments.

FOREST STEWARD AWARD NOMINATION FORM

***Name of nominating SWCD*: _____**

***Nominee Information*:**

Name of Nominee	
Nominee's Address (city, state, zip)	
Nominee's email address	
Nominee's telephone number	
Is the nominee willing to be featured on MASWCD's social media accounts?	

SECTION I. Forest and Wildlife Conservation and Management

A. **Forest Conservation or Woodland Management.** (*activities nominee has undertaken to enhance forest or woodland - list the practice and units or acres - examples include tree planting, release, thinning, pruning, harvest etc.*)

B. **Forest Management to Benefit the Natural Resources.** (*describe how trees are used to enhance water quality and prevent erosion - examples may include windbreaks, riparian buffers, additional income, recreational potential etc.*)

C. **Innovation in Management Activities.** (*describe any innovative or new activities implemented by the nominee to enhance or improve the management of the woodlands*)

D. **Use of Professional Advice.** (*for example, does the nominee have management plan for the wooded portions of the ownership and is he or she following the recommendations?*)

E. **Forest Product Activities.** (*Christmas trees, hazelnuts, hybrid trees, etc.*)

F. **Forestry or Wildlife Conservation Organizations.** (*in which the nominee is an active member*)

SECTION II. Soil and Water Conservation Program

A. **Cooperation with the Soil and Water Conservation District**

B. O**ther Conservation Practices**

SECTION III. Community Involvement and Leadership. (*examples include community organizations and efforts focused on agriculture, the environment (other than those listed under Section 1.F.), schools and youth, etc.*)

SECTION IV. Brief summary of your reason for nominating this individual

(*one or two sentences*)

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