



WILDLIFE HABITAT STEWARD AWARD

Sponsored by Pheasants Forever Inc (PF) and
the 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 Pheasants Forever (PF) are cosponsoring the Minnesota Wildlife Habitat Steward award to honor landowners who have implemented extensive wildlife habitat management practices that result in the highest quality habitat and promote biodiversity. This award honors landowners that consistently go above and beyond to maximize wildlife habitat value on their land.

Eligibility:

- All SWCDs that are members of MASWCD are eligible to participate.
- Entries must be typed and received via email to: sheila.vanney@maswcd.org by the deadline.
- All materials should be in Microsoft Word or pdf format.
- Letters of recommendation (up to two) are accepted but not required.
- Recognition will be given for efforts showing dedication to long-term habitat quality and sustainability.
- Greater consideration will be given to applications that effectively highlight extensive cooperation between the nominee and the SWCD, and the utilization of SWCD services and programs by the nominee.

Deadline:

- Nominations and supporting material must be received no later than **September 4**.
- All nominations and supporting material must be emailed to: sheila.vanney@maswcd.org.

Recognition:

- Applications will be judged by the MASWCD Awards Committee and Pheasants Forever.
- The nominating district will be notified via email and the winner will be notified in writing following the committee meeting.
- The winner will be recognized at the MASWCD Annual Convention and at Pheasants Forever State Convention.

WILDLIFE HABITAT STEWARD AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominating SWCD	
Name of Nominee	
Nominee's address (city, state, zip)	
Nominee's phone number	
Nominee's email address	
Is nominee willing to be featured on MASWCD's social media pages?	

SECTION I. Wildlife Habitat and Management

A. Forestry Improvements and Establishment. *(activities nominee has undertaken to enhance/establish forest or woodland - list the practice and acres - examples include tree planting, release, thinning, pruning, harvest, woodland stewardship plan, etc.)*

B. Wildlife Practices. *(activities nominee has undertaken to provide increased or enhanced wildlife habitat and biodiversity – example can include nesting structures, nest boxes, timber stand improvement, pollinator habitat, etc.)*

C. Upland Habitat Restoration/Management. *(activities nominee has undertaken to provide increased or enhanced wildlife habitat and biodiversity – list the practices and acres - example can include adding grasslands through programs such as CRP, EQIP, etc. and others and management including Rx burning, prescribed grazing, etc.)*

D. Wetland Restoration/Management. *(describe any wetland restoration work or wetland management that has been completed – list types and acres)*

E. Use of Professional Advice. *(does the nominee utilize professional advice on wildlife habitat management, available programs, and implementation? – I.e., SWCD, DNR, USFWS, PF or other private/nonprofit consultant staff)*

F. Habitat Protection. *(describe any long-term or permanent protection programs the landowner has utilized – CREP, RIM, USFWS, MLT, easements, etc. – list program and acres)*

G. Remnant Prairie. *(does the nominee own any Remnant Prairie and is it managed – list acres and management practices)*

SECTION II. Soil and Water Conservation Program

A. Cooperation with the Soil and Water Conservation District

B. Other Conservation Practices

SECTION III. Community Involvement and Leadership. *(examples include membership/volunteering with conservation/wildlife organizations and efforts focused on wildlife habitat and the environment (e.g., Pheasants Forever, National Wildlife Federation, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Local Conservation Club, etc.)*

SECTION IV. Brief summary of your reason for nominating this Individual. *(one or two sentences)*