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Sturm Family Receives Award for Outstanding Conservation Efforts

November 4, 2015—Dakota County, Minnesota. Betsy and Ed Sturm were recently recognized by the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District (DCSWCD) as their 2015 Outstanding Conservationist for their leadership in conservation. Betsy, Ed, and daughter Julia live on Alimagnet Lake in Burnsville and have steered multiple efforts to protect water quality in the lake and surrounding areas.

Betsy and Ed restored native vegetation along the shoreline at their family home to prevent erosion and provide wildlife habitat. They also installed a raingarden on their property to capture and infiltrate street runoff which previously drained directly to the lake. In addition to this work on their property, the Sturm's coordinated volunteers for the installation of a 1,600 square foot raingarden at their Church in the City of Eagan.

The Sturm's are active in their lake association and are involved in ongoing efforts to improve water quality. The Sturms will be recognized at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Convention in December. Each year the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District honors a landowner, business, or organization for their contributions to conserve or restore natural resources in Dakota County. The DCSWCD commends the Sturm family for being leaders in conservation.



Ed and Betsy Sturm (right) accepting award from DCSWCD Board Supervisor Joe Meyers (left)

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