



### **Dakota SWCD Receives Award**

Representatives from Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) across the state recently attended the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts annual meeting. The annual meeting featured various awards to recognize individuals and organizations for their work in preserving and enhancing the state's soil and water resources. The Dakota SWCD was honored with the District of the Year award. The award is given to one of 91 soil and water conservation districts statewide that have demonstrated leadership beyond normal scope of services and provide increased conservation opportunities to landowners and residents.

"We are excited to receive this award from our peers and among the great conservation work occurring statewide" said Dakota SWCD Board Chair Laura Zanmiller, West St. Paul. "Dakota County has unique and diverse landscapes which encourages us to be creative in providing conservation opportunities – it's a privilege to work with the landowners and residents of Dakota County to help protect soil health and water quality" said Zanmiller.

As we close out 2023, we would like to thank all our partner organizations for helping us be successful and we look forward to assisting Dakota County communities, residents, and landowners into the future.