



## **DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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### **City of Lakeville Selected as 2008 Outstanding Conservationist**

The Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors have announced the City of Lakeville as their Outstanding Conservationist for 2008. The City was selected because of their leadership and contributions toward the management and protection of our natural resources.

The City of Lakeville is being recognized for hosting Blue Thumb™ education classes which provide water quality information to citizens, implementing low impact development projects on City property to reduce stormwater impacts, developing and implementing a natural resource management plan for the South Creek watershed a designated trout stream, protecting and restoring natural stream corridors within their park system plans and implementing a comprehensive wetland buffer program. "The City of Lakeville has demonstrated their leadership by being proactive in adopting natural resource management strategies and implementing this vision at a local level to the benefit of the larger watershed" said Brian Watson, District Manager.

The City will compete for the State Community Conservationist Award which is provided to an organization or group that demonstrates leadership in protecting our natural resources within a populated or expanding community. This award will be announced at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's annual convention held December 8 and 9 in St. Paul.

The Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District congratulates the City of Lakeville for earning this award and commend them for their contributions towards protecting Dakota County's soil and water resources!