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### **Wicklunds Selected as Outstanding Conservationist**

The Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to announce the selection of Jerry and Audrey Wicklund as their 2012 Outstanding Conservationist. The Wicklund's received this honor due to their dedication to restore native prairie grass stands, establish windbreaks and install vegetated filter strips along Chub Creek near Northfield. The Wicklund's have also hosted and participated in various education events including teaching others how to build and install wood duck and blue bird houses.

"The Wicklunds demonstrate a real "hands-on" approach to conservation work" said Brian Watson, Manager at the Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District. "The Wicklund's provide a great example for the youth on how to manage natural plant communities to attract wildlife and they continue to look at ways to improve habitat and water quality functions".

The Wicklunds will be recognized and commended on their award at the annual Minnesota Association of Conservation Districts convention held in St. Paul on December 4th.

