

# **Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District Award Criteria**

The goal of the Kane DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District Awards Program is to highlight the diversity of conservation and agriculture activities in Kane and DuPage Counties and to provide recognition for these efforts. Award recipients will be determined by the Kane-DuPage Soils and Water Conservation District board of directors based on the following criteria.

## **Dick Young Award**

This award honors the lifetime of commitment of Dick Young to the conservation and protection of natural resources in Kane and DuPage counties. The award is given to individuals who demonstrate hard work and dedication to the protection of natural resources in the area. Rather than recognition for a single particular project or a short term series of related efforts, the Dick Young Award honors the day to day efforts of conservationists over the course of their lives.

## **John C. Biddle Award**

This award honors an outstanding farmer, family or partnership for their conservation efforts. These farmers are taking steps to protect water quality, save soil and preserve our natural resources. Some examples of conservation efforts that may be recognized include but are not limited to:

- tillage practices such as: no-till or mulch-till
- nutrient management
- utilizing buffer strips, filter strips or grassed waterways
- integrated pest management
- improving wildlife habitats

## **Excellence in Promotion and Conservation of Land and Water Resources**

This award recognizes individuals, groups, or municipalities that strive to preserve our land and water resources. These individuals show exceptional dedication to,

- soil erosion sediment control
- farm preservation
- open space
- restoration of natural areas
- recycling

## **Excellence in Conservation Education**

This award is intended to give recognition to outstanding efforts of those delivering conservation, environmental, or agricultural education to the public. Nominees may be formal or nonformal educators. These individuals may have

- developed innovative programs
- reached a record number of people
- written quality curricula
- implemented creative classroom projects