

2022 OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONIST



JEFF RICHARDS, WATERTOWN

The Carver Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) board of supervisors has selected Jeff Richards of Watertown as Carver County's Outstanding Conservationist for 2022. Jeff enrolled 26 acres into the Minnesota wetland bank program in 2002, because he wanted to permanently protect his land. He also established 115 acres of upland prairie grasses, tree plantings, and wildlife food plots, all at his own expense. Wood duck houses and mallard nesting tubes are also scattered throughout the property.

Jeff believes we must pass our outdoor heritage on to future generations. He has hosted high school cross country teams, horse riding groups, and cross-country ski groups, so they too can enjoy his restoration efforts.

Jeff is a good steward of the land, and deserves to be commended for not only practicing conservation, but sharing the conservation message with others.

