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To the Douglas County Lakes Association:

The Douglas SWCD Board of Supervisors and Staff would like to congratulate the Douglas County Lakes Association on being selected as Douglas County's "Outstanding Conservationists" for 2010! Your conservation efforts and accomplishments have set a good example for all of Douglas County.

Since the time that the Douglas SWCD chose your group as a winner, we have received some additional news. You were not selected as a winner for the Outstanding Conservationist Award, however, after the judging committee read about your accomplishments, they thought your application would fit better under the "Environmental Educational Award" category, so they included it in that competition and your group was selected as the MASWCD Environmental Award Winner for the State! Congratulations again on another great honor!

We would like to invite one DCLA Member and their spouse to be our guests this year at the MN Association of Soil & Water Conservation District's State Convention to be held on Dec. 6-7, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel. A map is enclosed. When you arrive at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul, please look for the MASWCD Registration Table on the lower level where you will receive a packet with your name tags and luncheon tickets for both the Monday and Tuesday Luncheons.

You will receive the MASWCD Environmental Award at the Awards Luncheon on Monday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:15 p.m. in the Great River Ballroom.

You will receive your Outstanding Conservationist Award for Douglas County on Tuesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Outstanding Conservationist Luncheon beginning at Noon in the Great River Ballroom. Enclosed are instructions for receiving your Outstanding Conservationist Award during the luncheon (pink paper). Immediately following the meal, they will be conducting a slide show presentation of the Outstanding Conservationists from around the state. During this slide show, you will be presented with a certificate. Please note the instructions included with this letter to make things flow smoothly.

Both Monday and Tuesday, watch for Audrey from our office who will be holding a table where we can all sit together.

**Photographs:** On Tuesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Outstanding Conservationist Luncheon, you will have your photograph taken during the times of 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. in the Garden Court East, First Floor (one level above the lobby).

The Douglas SWCD will pay for your Outstanding Conservationist Luncheon tickets, one night's stay (1 room) and round trip mileage. (The Environmental Award Luncheon tickets are compliments of MASWCD. Please contact Audrey at the Douglas SWCD, as soon as possible to let her know if you plan to attend. Also, after returning to Alexandria, please turn in your mileage to Audrey for reimbursement.

Again, congratulations on your conservation accomplishments! If you have any questions, please give us a call. We look forward to having you as our guest at the MASWCD Outstanding Conservationist Luncheon.

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