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Park and Conservation Award Nominations Sought

Rockford, IL - The Rockford Park District, Rockford Park District Foundation, and the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District are seeking to honor a deserving conservationist. The Atwood Award is given to recognize local citizens and/or organizations for their exceptional volunteer contributions to facilities, programs, or services that preserve natural areas and parks spaces or provide recreation and education.

Individual nominees must currently be or have been residents of Winnebago County and have made their contribution within the past 20 years. Organizations within the County must have made the contribution within the past 10 years. Nominations of organizations cannot be made by a member of that organization.

The award will be presented as part of the City of Gardens Kick-Off Dinner and program on May 5, 2009. The event's keynote speaker will be Katy Moss Warner, President Emeritus of the American Horticultural Society. The award consists of a plaque of Kentucky Coffee tree wood with an Atwood memorial medal attached, a plate describing the award, and an inscription bearing the date and name of the recipient.

The deadline for nominations is March 19, 2009. Nomination forms are available from the Rockford Park District Foundation office in the Webbs Norman Center, 401 S. Main St., Rockford, or by calling Jamie Johannsen at the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, 815 877-6100 or Judy Roby at the Rockford Park District, 815-987-8695.

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