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## Douglas County Conservationist of the Year Awards

The Douglas County Conservation District seeks applications from four categories of land stewards to recognize for outstanding environments sustainability improvements and practices. The categories are:

- Homeowners - residential lots of less than 5 acres (Backyard Conservationist)
- Landowners (6 to 35 acres Small Acreage)
- Ranch or Farm – Agricultural Producers Greater than 36 acres (Large Acreage)
- Douglas County Classrooms or School grounds

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

### 1) RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT AND OVER ALL LAND HEALTH

Describe your land and its environmental condition before you began improvements. What were the aspects of the property that did not need improvement (and might be considered an environmental asset), and other areas that needed improvement. What was your main objective for your improvement? For example, did you want to:

Reduce water consumption?

Plant a garden, or raise livestock, for human consumption?

Plant grass, flowers, shrubs or trees for wildlife benefit?

Improve, or protect the productivity of farm or ranch land?

Please provide as many pictures with caption that help explain your improvements.

Please provide the approximate dates of your improvements. We recognize that some improvements span a number of years.

### 2) INNOVATION, LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

Tell us about your involvement with your neighbors, community, or others during your project. Did you learn from others? Did you assist other with their conservation efforts? Not all efforts are successful-we would also like to hear about things you tried that didn't work out as planned. Again, pictures (with captions) may help tell your story.

Please submit your applications to our office by 8/15/18 via email, or send snail mail.

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