

Make a Nomination.

Nominations are accepted annually by the Middle Republican NRD between March 1 and May 1.

To nominate, contact the Middle Republican NRD office for a nomination form or visit the Middle Republican NRD's website at <http://www.mrnrd.org/awards.html>

Nomination forms are also included annually in the Winter edition of *Sprinkles & Splashes*, the Middle Republican NRD's Quarterly Newsletter.

MRNRD staff and directors, NRCS field office staff and the general public are encouraged to make nominations.

The Middle Republican NRD's Conservation Awards Program Partners include:



The Middle Republican Natural Resources District annually recognizes the outstanding conservation practices of deserving landowners/families through the Conservation Awards Program. Three categories of awards are given, district-wide:

- Honor Conservation
- Outstanding Grassland
- Outstanding Treeplanter

The Middle Republican NRD began its Conservation Awards Program in 1972, but the history of conservation awards predates this, in some cases going back as far as the early 1950's.

Local businesses may sponsor these awards. Awardees are presented with the award at the Middle Republican NRD's Annual MRNRD Board of Directors Luncheon in December and receive a large framed aerial print of their land. Awardees may be considered for nomination for consideration for other state and national awards, such as the Omaha World Herald Master Conservationist Awards Program.

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*Middle Republican
Natural Resources District*

**CONSERVATION
Awards Program**



Honor Conservation Award

Individuals or families are eligible for nomination for the Honor Conservation Award.

The purpose of this award is to:

- Reward outstanding **conservation efforts** within the Middle Republican NRD,
- Promote further conservation efforts within the Middle Republican NRD,
- Promote positive **public awareness** to district landowners of conservation efforts supported by the MRNRD and NRCS.

Criteria:

- Nominee must be the owner/operator of the farm/ranch,
- Nominee must show a variety of long-term and continued conservation practices with plans for future practices

“A land ethic ... reflects the existence of an ecological conscience, and this in turn reflects a conviction of individual responsibility for the health of the land. Health is the capacity of the land for self-renewal. Conservation is our effort to understand and preserve this capacity.”

— Aldo Leopold

Outstanding Grassland Award

Individuals and livestock operations are eligible for nomination for the Outstanding Grassland Award.

The purpose of this award is to:

- Reward outstanding **grassland management**
- Promote grassland management
- Provide **recognition** to district residents for outstanding rangeland practices implemented

Criteria:

- The recipient of the award must be a livestock producer
- The basis for selecting the Middle Republican NRD Outstanding Grassland Conservationist will be the proper management of rangeland or pastureland in a manner prescribed to be proper in accordance with its capabilities and economics

Outstanding Treeplanter Award

Individuals, organizations and community groups are eligible for nomination for the Outstanding Treeplanter Award.

The purpose of this award is to:

- Reward outstanding tree planting efforts in the Middle Republican NRD and Nebraska
- **Promote** tree planting in the Middle Republican NRD and Nebraska
- Provide recognition to district landowners for **outstanding tree planting** practices

Criteria:

- Nominee must be the owner/operator of the tree planting area,
- Tree plantings must be for **conservation purposes** (windbreaks, shelterbelts, wildlife habitat, erosion control, etc.) Ornamental and horticultural plantings do not qualify,
- Tree planting must be at least three years old and exhibits proper care and management,
- Other conservation activities and promotional efforts by the nominee will be considered to support the nomination.

