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Bill Bradford from Eaton Conservation District named 2009 Director of the Year

Lansing, Michigan. For the time and effort that he spends promoting the District he serves and the field of conservation, the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) recently named Bill Bradford, Vice Chair of the Eaton Conservation District Board of Directors, as the MACD Director of the Year.

Bill has served on the Eaton County C.D. board since 1999. He has a B.S. and an M.S. in natural resources from Michigan State University and is retired from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He currently manages 110 acres for conservation in Eaton County and owns/manages a 160-acre tree farm in Manistee County. His natural resource knowledge and experience have helped in District projects.

Bill is also active in many conservation organizations. He serves on the board for Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. He is a member of Quality Deer Management Association, Michigan Nature Association, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and many more. Bill has worked with many of the Habitat Organizations to promote both conservation practices and the Eaton County Conservation District. During these recent budget constraints, Bill worked with Pheasants Forever to provide some sustainable funding for the Eaton Conservation District.

Bill serves as the liaison for the local groundwater stewardship program and for the newly acquired DNR/ECD property. As liaison, he attends meetings and participates on steering committees outside of normal board meeting requirements.

Bill works with the Executive Director to develop and review contracts, grant applications, and other district documents on a monthly basis. He also participates in watershed and woodlot management workshops. He researches and networks for potential grants and projects.

“In short, Bill is an invaluable member of the Board of Directors and is always willing to assist me in any way,” said Andrea Stay, Executive Director of the Eaton Conservation District, who nominated Bill for the award.

For his level of experience and his commitment to conservation issues, MACD bestowed the 2009 Director of the Year Award on Bill Bradford at the MACD Convention and Annual Meeting on December 17, 2009, at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) is a non-profit organization that represents the interests of Michigan Conservation Districts and works to strengthen Districts through leadership, information and representation at the state level.

Michigan’s 79 Conservation Districts are the local providers of natural resource management services that help our citizens conserve their lands and our environment for a cleaner, healthier, economically stronger Michigan.



Bill Bradford (left) Vice Chair of the Eaton Conservation District Board of Directors receives 2009 Director of the Year award from MACD President, Mike Lawless (right).
