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Sherry Blaszak, Missaukee Conservation District, Named 2009 Executive Director of the Year

East Lansing, Michigan. For her outstanding service to the Missaukee Conservation District, the Michigan Association of Conservation District Employees (MACDE) recently named Sherry Blaszak, Executive Director of the Missaukee Conservation District, 2009 Executive Director of the Year.

MACDE is the organization that advocates for Conservation District employees and helps them obtain and maintain professional level benefits and skills.

MACDE assists Conservation Districts in establishing professional level benefit packages for their employees and provides Conservation District employees with the tools needed to increase their professionalism.

The organization bestowed this honor to Sherry Blaszak at their annual meeting in December 2009 that was held during the Michigan Association of Conservation District (MACD) Annual Convention at Soaring Eagle Resort and Casino in Mt. Pleasant.

This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated above average service to their District, enhanced their community and environment, helped the District further its mission, gone above and beyond the call of duty and excelled in their day-to-day activities.

Sherry's many skills and dedication to Missaukee Conservation District were cited in her nomination for the award. She was nominated by Chere Elenbaas, Jodi Kotimaki and Lorry Klinger. In particular, Sherry promotes the District by keeping her “ear tuned in” to every “opportunity to partner, interview or request any form of revenue or project that helps achieve the District's goals.” Some of the projects include a growing recycling center, rain garden, native gardens and a trail system.

“Sherry is respected in the community for her efforts and accomplishments,” the nominating committee wrote. “The community has responded to these efforts by volunteering and donating services and materials.” Sherry is a tireless in her efforts but always has time to help a co-worker.

For all these reasons, Sherry Blaszak was recognized as the 2009 Executive Director of the Year. The MACDE and the MACD congratulate her and thank her for her dedication to helping Michigan citizens conserve their lands and Michigan's natural resources.

The 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.



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