

## 2015 Outstanding Conservationist



The Blue Earth County SWCD is recognizing Mike Roll, Crystal Waters Project as their 2015 Conservationists of the Year. Crystal Waters Project a nonprofit organization has been actively working in the Crystal Lake Watershed, an SWCD priority area. To date they have worked on many water quality projects. A few that stand out would be a 200' erosion control project in Robinson Park, the launching of two floating islands on the lake to remove nutrients. Created adopt a storm drain program which has adopted over 150 storm drains. Removed over 97,000 lbs of Carp/Bullheads from the lake this year. Coordinating a 75 acre wetland restoration. They have created annual fundraising events such as plant the park concert and the Ice fishing contest. So far they have invested over \$30,000 of fundraised money back into the watershed.