

NEWSRELEASE **ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT** MAKING MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME

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Park and Conservation Award Nominations Sought

ROCKFORD IL – The Rockford Park District, Rockford Park District Foundation, and the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District are seeking to honor a deserving conservationist. The Atwood Award is given to recognize local citizens and/or organizations for their exceptional volunteer contributions to facilities, programs, or services which preserve natural areas and park spaces or provide recreation and education.

Individual nominees must currently be or have been residents of Winnebago County and have made their contribution within the past 20 years. Organizations within the County must have made their contribution within the past 10 years. Nominations of organizations cannot be made by a member of that organization.

The award will be presented as part of the City of Gardens Kick-Off Dinner and program on April 14, 2010. The award consists of a plaque of Kentucky Coffee tree wood with an Atwood memorial medal attached, a plate describing the award, and an inscription bearing the date and name of the recipient. The event's keynote speaker will be Jack Pizzo, President, Principal Landscape Architect, Senior Ecologist, and founding partner with Pizzo & Associates, Ltd., a firm dedicated to protection, restoration, creation, and management of natural areas and natural landscapes.

The deadline for award nominations is March 3, 2010. Nomination forms are available online at <http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org/award> or from the Rockford Park District office in the Webbs Norman Center, 401 S. Main St., Rockford, or by calling Judy Roby at the Rockford Park District, **815-987-8695** or Jamie Johannsen at the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, **815-877-6100**.

For more information, please contact Judy Roby at 815-987-8695.

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