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## Middle Republican Natural Resources District

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### **28th Annual Master Conservationist Program Announced**

**Curtis**--There is an opportunity for Nebraska rural and urban youth and adults to enter new and traditional soil and water conservation practices in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Master Conservationist Recognition Program in 2010.

Roger S. Lawson, Information & Education Coordinator of the Middle Republican NRD said the program includes categories for farm/ranch, residence/acreage, and community/youth projects.

Five Master Conservationists are selected annually in production agriculture in five districts across Nebraska. Youth groups and individual youth as well as community-private business/community-public and residence/acreage entries compete on a statewide basis for five awards. Residential entries can range from a typical home yard to 10 or more acres with less than \$1,000 in sales.

Master Conservationist brochures, which include details on the program, are available online at <http://www.ianr.unl.edu/ianr/mcbrochure.pdf> and at the Middle Republican NRD, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service offices in Curtis, McCook, Trenton and Hayes Center. Application can be made online by visiting [www.owh.com](http://www.owh.com) and clicking on "In the Community" link. Entries are due April 1, 2010.

All entries are judged by members of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, local Natural Resources Districts, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Master Conservationists will be recognized at the annual banquet of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, September 27, 2010, at the Kearney Holiday Inn.

The Master Conservationist program is sponsored by the Omaha World-Herald and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNL.

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