

## Senator Frederickson Honored as Brown SWCD 2010 Outstanding Conservationist

The Brown Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) named Senator Dennis Frederickson (R-New Ulm) as its 2010 Outstanding Conservationist. Frederickson began his public service in 1972 as a Redwood County Commissioner, serving for 8 years. In 1980, he was elected to the Minnesota State Senate and has won reelection since then. He is a member of several Senate Committees where he is the voice for Brown County. He is not seeking a tenth term.

“SWCD’s need legislators who understand importance of the conservation work we do,” said Tom Maher, Brown SWCD Program Manager. “Sen. Frederickson knows the merits of our program and has been willing to work to change them for the better and to provide needed funding.”

As a State Senator, Frederickson chief authored bills for the Wellner-Hageman Dam, the Clean Water Legacy Act, and conservation programs like Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) that retired wind erosion prone land from being permanently row cropped and restoring wetlands. He also authored legislation to fund conservation easement practices.

Senator Frederickson was born and raised on a farm near Morgan, Minnesota. While he was growing up, Senator Frederickson pursued hobbies of hunting and fishing in southern Minnesota where he gained a sense of respect and love for nature and watersheds. He obtained a B.S. degree in agriculture economics and served five years in the U.S. Navy as a pilot and flew for three years for the Naval Air Reserve.

Within the district he represents, he is currently a member of the Brown County Historical Society, Wanda Gag House Association, Lind House Association, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and Minnesota Deer Hunters Association.

Despite being busy within the Senate, Dennis always has time for his family consisting of his wife, Marjorie; three adult children plus six grandchildren. He is a retired farmer and takes enjoyment in the outdoors running, hunting, canoeing, fishing, scuba diving, and hiking along rivers.





Senator Frederickson visits a CREP easement in Brown County with Brown SWCD Program Manager, Tom Maher.



Brown SWCD Supervisors Schroeffer & Stadick visit Senator Frederickson during Legislative Day at the Capitol.



Senator Frederickson attends the 2010 MASWCD State Convention Outstanding Conservationist Luncheon with Brown SWCD Supervisors & Staff.



Senator Frederickson receives Certificate of Merit from *The Farmer's Editor*, Paula Mohr.



Senator Frederickson with Brown SWCD Supervisors at the Brown SWCD Outstanding Conservationist Banquet.



Senator Frederickson receives Recognition Plaque from Brown SWCD Chairman, Jack Vogel.