

Soil and Water Conservation Society
Illinois (Land of Lincoln) Chapter
2006 Awards—Presented January 30, 2007

The **Special Recognition Award** is presented to **Lt. Governor Pat Quinn** for his natural resource conservation achievements. Specifically, he has led the Illinois River Coordinating Council, secured state funding for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, advocated for rain gardens and other innovative stormwater management initiatives, helped to protect Plum Island as an Illinois Audubon Society sanctuary, supported the Illinois River Management Conferences, helped save the Illinois Riverwatch Program, advocated “mud-to-parks” use of dredged sediment, and served on the Great Lakes Commission.

The **Merit Award** is presented to **Julianne Buck of the Morris Community Foundation** for her distinguished work in establishing the Illinois Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. Due to her grass-roots organizational leadership, representatives of Grundy, Kendall, Kankakee, Iroquois, Ford, and Will counties have taken initial steps in the formation of this organization to cooperate and coordinate natural resource conservation and development in the upper Illinois River watershed.

Commendation Awards are presented to

- **Mark Kaiser** for his painstaking, prompt, and responsible work as chapter treasurer over the past seven years.
- **Martha Sheppard** for resourcefully organizing the first annual fall section tour which demonstrated agritourism and recreation initiatives on highly erosive and marginal lands.
- **Kent Bohnhoff** for competently organizing the January 2007 Illinois Chapter annual meeting and conference featuring energy and agriculture.
- **Kim St. John** for thoughtfully serving over several years as Illinois Chapter Awards Chair and frequently securing national SWCS recognition for Illinois awardees.
- **Shannon Allen** for faithfully and capably serving as Chapter Secretary for the past two years and for serving as a liaison with certified professional erosion and sediment control specialists in Illinois.
- **Jim Rospopo** for publishing the Illinois Chapter newsletter for the past seven years and maintaining the email distribution system.
- **Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant** for dutiful service as advisor to the University of Illinois--Student Chapter of SWCS, for exceptional service and

representation of Illinois on the international SWCS board, and for creative membership recruitment work.