2014 Initiative Awards
“Recognizing extraordinary people in the Avon Hills”

Don Otte
*Lifetime Initiative Award*

In recognition of his thoughtful, forward-looking support for the preservation of the rural character of the Avon Hills Landscape.

Richard Bresnahan
*Public Service Initiative Award*

For community leadership to Avon Township and the environment of the Avon Hills.

Sister Phyllis Plantenberg OSB
*Lifetime Initiative Award*

For growing healthy food and healthy community.

Stearns County Department of Environmental Services
*Conservation & Land Stewardship Initiative Award*

For innovation, leadership and service in assuring a healthy Avon Hills Landscape for our citizens.
The annual Initiative Awards were created to celebrate individuals or organizations who are developing or preserving jobs, preserving open land, or promoting the rural character, beauty and ecological health of the environment and livable communities within the Avon Hills. Nominees are evaluated on the significance of their contribution to the well being of residents, workers, and visitors.

**Award Categories**

**Public Service Initiative**
Individuals or civic leaders who have provided extraordinary community service to the Avon Hills.

**Conservation and Land Stewardship Initiative**
Individuals or organizations who have contributed in a significant way to conservation and preservation efforts in the Avon Hills.

**Business Initiative**
Individuals or companies whose actions reflect the mission and vision of the Avon Hills Initiative, especially creating or retaining high quality jobs and pursuing sustainable development.

**Lifetime Initiative**
Individuals or organizations whose contributions represent a lifetime of commitment to the well-being of citizens, communities, and rural environment of the Avon Hills.

The Avon Hills Executive committee accepts nominations for the annual Initiative Awards each year.

- Nominations may be submitted by any supporter of the Avon Hills Initiative.
- Nominations must be approved by the nominated individual, business, or organization.
- Award recipients are determined by a majority vote of the Avon Hills Initiative Executive Committee.

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