Judy Anderson  
*Public Service Initiative Award*  
For exemplary service to the Avon Hills community as an election judge and fire warden in Collegeville Township.

Judy has worked diligently for 37 years at Collegeville polling locations to make voting a pleasant experience for all. In her role as fire warden, she has promoted public safety and encouraged responsible burning for residents of Collegeville Township.

Avon Sportsman Club  
*Public Service Initiative Award*  
For promoting and enhancing the experience of the natural resources of the Avon Hills.

Avon Sportsman Club, through its dedicated members, has worked for years to help preserve the rural character and support their local communities. Scholarships for high school students interested in science and conservation, donations to various lake associations and local organizations working on habitat improvements, and support of youth programs in outdoor sports and recreation are just a few of the many ways Avon Sportsman Club has enhanced the local community.

JBA Development LLC  
*Business Award*  
For environmentally sensitive conservation design of their Big Fish Lake development.

The Avon Hills Conservation Overlay District requires conservation elements of development in the Avon Hills. Working closely with Stearns County Environmental Services and Collegeville Township officials, JBA Development LLC exhibited extraordinary leadership in the conservation design on Big Fish Lake. A road was rerouted further from the lake, a permanent easement was established to preserve open space and about 50 acres of farmland will be planted to prairie grass and trees, all of which will help reduce run-off into Big Fish Lake.
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 anybody in support 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.