



Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District Board Supervisor Elections

District 1: Maple Ridge, Stanchfield, Springvale, Dalbo Twp.

Val Anderson

1) Question 1. In 200 words or less, please tell me about yourself and why are you are the best candidate for the Soil and Water Conservation District.

I have partnered with the ICSWCD as a member of the Water Plan since 1991 and now am serving on the Rum River One Water One Plan. I grew up on a farm on Green Lake and my husband and I have a tree farm on Adams Lake since 1981. I have chaired the Board of Adjustment for many years and am Clerk of Stanchfield Township since 1988. Through all this, I have seen the effects of decisions made that both helped and hurt our water quality and our soils. I understand the relationship between land use and the environment and steps needed to protect/improve our water and soils. I have and am able to work with local and state government and the neighbors in our community to make wise decisions on what can be done to protect the resources in Isanti County. Sometimes the decisions are hard, but we need to keep in mind the long term effects of what we do today. Our aquifers (and the Rum River) are what we drink from and send to the metro area for their use, it is important to keep this precious resource clean by what we do today.

2) In 200 words or less, please explain what conservation ideas/changes you have to ensure the sustainability of natural resources in your district?

There already have been wonderful projects and changes Isanti County has made to make our soils and water better. I will continue to work with property owners and government agencies to keep projects such as restoration of shore land and monitoring the Rum River and lakes for impaired waters. Working with the 1P1W for the Rum River will help involve other counties in the watershed to keep the Rum River healthy. It has been disappointing to see the introduction of invasive species, we can prevent additional species and their spread by getting the information on cleaning their boats out to boaters and property owners. Keeping compliant with projects like the buffer law will help keep contaminants from our ditches and streams and working with Lakeshore Improvement Districts to keep our lakes healthy will sustain our lakes and soils. A major concern is how close the Mt Simon Aquifer is in Isanti County. Protection is needed because of the porous soils within the Anoka Sand Plain to keep this aquifer from contamination. My goal is to work with property owners to share the information on how to work on the surface to keep our soils healthy and waters clean.