

2011 WLWCA Award Winner

Outstanding Supervisor – Patrick J. Laughrin, Calumet County

Patrick J. Laughrin of Calumet County has been awarded the 2011 Outstanding Supervisor award. Pat has been a member of the of the Calumet County Board of Supervisors since 1992 and serves on the Land and Water Conservation Committee, the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee, the Hazardous Waste Committee, and the state Land and Water Conservation Board. He is also a past WLWCA Board member and served on his county's Planning and Zoning Committee and the East Wisconsin Regional Planning Committee. He has been married to Virginia for 49 years and has four children and six grandchildren.

Pat actively promotes groundwater testing in Calumet County. Private wells are now tested on a rotating basis in the nine rural towns in the county. He works with state legislators to establish legislation for more comprehensive testing of private wells when there is a title transfer. This year he attended the national Groundwater Foundation Convention in Nebraska. For years he has been a volunteer for the annual WLWCA Conservation Awareness Poster & Speaking Contest.

Twenty years ago Pat's life changed when he became a member of the Land and Water Conservation Committee. He has helped Boy Scouts identify and paint storm sewers to keep garbage and grass clippings out of the storm water drainage and was instrumental in organizing the Groundwater Guardians in Calumet County. His work and knowledge of groundwater is extensive and tireless, and he is always anxious to share new ideas with local and state committees. He has worked hard for Calumet County and the State of Wisconsin and still is not done. Please join Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Association in honoring Pat Laughrin as the 2011 Outstanding Supervisor.

Pat will be honored at the awards banquet Thursday evening during our 2011 annual conference in Wisconsin Dells.