



# Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards

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## 2018 Conservation Farmer Recognition Award Nominee

### PACRS Mission Statement

**The mission** of the Petenwell and Castle Rock Stewards (PACRS) (“the Corporation”) is to coordinate and facilitate a diverse group of people focused on improving the water quality and the fishery of Petenwell and Castle Rock Flowages of the Wisconsin River, and the watersheds, lakes and rivers connected with those water bodies.

**The purposes** of the PACRS include, but are not limited to, the following: educating the public on activities associated with Petenwell and Castle Rock Flowages and associated lakes and rivers, characterizing water quality and tracking water quality trends, decreasing point source and non-point source pollution, reducing invasion of exotic flora and fauna.

The PACRS are incorporated in the state of Wisconsin.

### Scope

At a regular member meeting held in August 2017, it was suggested that PACRS recognize a farmer or group of farmers that are practicing good conservation. PACRS members have been invited to onsite field tours where farmers are demonstrating their efforts to control soil runoff and minimize the use of nutrients. It is a known fact that no till practices and the use of cover crops will hold soil in the field preventing soil runoff. Controlling the soil runoff will reduce the amount of phosphorous entering our lakes and streams. Algae comes from excess nutrients (phosphorous and nitrate) in the water. Phosphorous stimulates plant growth. The result is algae blooms that are toxic to our lakes. PACRS members are aware that many farmers are voluntarily implementing practices to prevent this from occurring. PACRS would like to acknowledge their efforts by awarding them with a yard sign of recognition. It is our way of thanking farmers who are protecting our natural resources for future generations.

### Guidelines

Leadership and effectiveness of the nominee’s efforts to demonstrate a commitment to conservation shall be important factors in judging this recognition award. Conservation accomplishments should be continuing and maintained, but need not be limited to recently performed work; as such accomplishments are the result of progressive action. Nominees may be submitted by a PACRS board member, County Conservationists or other conservation group that protects our watershed. Final decision on nominees will be made by the farmer recognition committee members and the PACRS board of directors.

Nominees should be received for review no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.



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## Please complete the below information

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Submitter Name, email address and phone \_\_\_\_\_

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County Represented \_\_\_\_\_

Producer's Name (to be printed on sign) \_\_\_\_\_

Rating 1 = Lowest Score

Rating 5 = Highest Score

No-till farming practices	1	2	3	4	5
Plant cover crops	1	2	3	4	5
Creation or extension of buffer zones	1	2	3	4	5
Controlling soil run off	1	2	3	4	5
Applying correct amount of nutrients	1	2	3	4	5
Water conservation	1	2	3	4	5
Applying new innovation	1	2	3	4	5
Involvement in farmer led councils	1	2	3	4	5

Other Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Approved by PACRS Board \_\_\_\_\_

Date / Event Farmer Awarded \_\_\_\_\_

Address for sign to be erected \_\_\_\_\_

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