Matt and Carrie Malette have been recognized as Anoka County’s Outstanding Conservationists for 2019. Each year the Anoka Conservation District (ACD) selects a “Outstanding Conservationist“ who has made significant contributions to Natural Resources.

The Malette’s reside along the banks of the wild and scenic Rum River in the City of Anoka. They recently worked with the Anoka SWCD to install a first-in-the-county Focal Point rain garden. This rain garden uses a proprietary design allowing it to treat runoff from half of the neighborhood in a small space, despite a high water table. That runoff was previously discharged to the river untreated. The Malette’s have also used goats as an alternative method to manage invasive buckthorn on their riverbank. They are deserving of recognition for their river stewardship and willingness to try innovative approaches.

Congratulations Matt and Carrie!