

SUBJECT: Rebecca Wallace Award.**FOR:** May 2013 Board meeting**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Cathy Stepp**SUMMARY:**

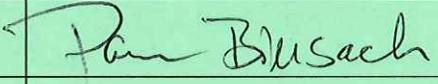
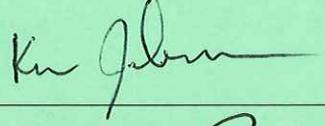
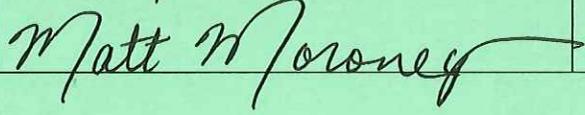
This annual award is presented at a Natural Resources Board meeting by the DNR Secretary. DNR employees nominate a co-worker to receive this award in honor of Rebecca (Becky) Wallace; former Chief of the Nonpoint Source Management Section (now Runoff Management) in the Bureau of Watershed Management. She was an 18 year veteran employee of the DNR who was killed in an automobile accident along with her husband, Lyle, in February 1997. Her staff developed this award in memory of Becky in recognition of her distinct ability to balance her professional career with her personal life and community involvement, her promotion of partnerships both internally and externally, her service as a mentor to many Department staff, her outstanding communication skills, and her achievements in accomplishing the Department's mission.

All staff are eligible to receive this award. Nominations of employees are evaluated by the award committee based on the following attributes:

- Balance in career and personal life
- Mentoring of other Department staff
- Efforts to improve relationships with external partner agencies and outside organizations
- Personal communication skills
- Contributions to accomplishing the mission of the Department

RECOMMENDATION: Information Only**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):**

- Background memo Type name of attachment or type N/A if not applicable
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Approved by	Signature	Date
Pam Biersach, Bureau Director		5/14/13
Ken Johnson, Administrator		5/16/13
Cathy Stepp, Secretary		5/17/13

cc: Board Liaison – AD/8

The Rebecca Wallace Memorial Award

Rebecca R. Wallace had been an environmental engineer with the Department of Natural Resources, since 1979. At the time of her death, she was Chief of the Runoff Management Section, in the Watershed Management Bureau. Becky was a persistent advocate for improvement and protection of Wisconsin's water resources. Her vision for the state's Nonpoint Program was clear and succinct: "Clean Water". Becky became a symbol of what goals could be achieved through not only hard work and dedication, but also with compassion and empathy for others.

In February 1997, the Natural Resources Board passed a memorial resolution honoring Becky Wallace. As part of that resolution, the Board established the Rebecca Wallace Memorial Award. Becky's staff were instrumental in the development of the criteria and guidelines for this award. Each year an award is given to an employee nominated for making the greatest contribution toward either the improvement of relationships with external partner agencies and organizations on environmental quality issues or mentoring of Department staff. The first award was presented in June, 1998, by Governor Tommy Thompson. In another tribute to Becky, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed 1997 Assembly Resolution 25, honoring both her career with the DNR and her strong commitment to her family.

Mr. James McEvoy, a retired DNR artist from Brooklyn, Wisconsin, created the accompanying pen and ink watercolor for the award. A print is given to each award recipient.

Dedicated by Becky's staff in the Runoff Management Section

