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## **Sustainability Award to be Presented to Dan Driscoll with West Dakota Water Development District**

*At the Rapid City Common Council Meeting  
March 20th, 2023 | 6:30 PM*

The City of Rapid City's Standing Committee on Sustainability is honored to present Dan Driscoll with West Dakota Water Development District with a Sustainability Award for 2023. This award is presented several times a year by the Sustainability Committee to different businesses, organizations, or individuals that contribute to the social, environmental, and economic sustainability of the community.

In May 2021, under the direction of Dan Driscoll, the West Dakota Water Development District initiated an erosion-control project on the north side of Star Village in central Rapid City. The project area consists of about 5 acres just west of East Boulevard and is one of the largest, steepest, and most challenging erosive settings in Rapid City. Geomorphic evidence indicates that as much as 2 feet of soil has been eroded in many places. The goal of the project is to improve water quality in Rapid Creek by reducing and eventually eliminating sediment transported from the area during heavy rainstorms.

The project is a partnership involving West Dakota, the Tzadik property management company, which owns Star Village, and the Rapid City Parks Department. The parcel owned by Rapid City was recently gifted to the City by another private landowner for development as a future city park. To date, all of the manpower has been through volunteer efforts coordinated by West Dakota, in combination with some staff time contributed by the Parks Department.

The Sustainability Committee is awarding Dan Driscoll with West Dakota Water Development District an award because of their effort to minimize storm water run-off and prevent water quality degradation.

We are proud to honor Dan and West Dakota Water Development District for their sustainable practices and being a wonderful example of sustainability in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Accepting the award will be Dan Driscoll, project manager.





**About the Rapid City Sustainability Committee:**

The purpose of the Rapid City Standing Committee on Sustainability is to encourage education, stewardship and policy leadership that will make our community a leader in economic, social and environmental sustainability. Meetings are open to the public and held at 5:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month. More information, including a Sustainability Award application form, is available at: [www.rcgov.org/public-meetings/city-committees/standing-committee-on-sustainability-497.html](http://www.rcgov.org/public-meetings/city-committees/standing-committee-on-sustainability-497.html).

