

2021 Rock Lake Stewardship Award

Each Year the Rock Lake Improvement Association nominates candidates for the Rock Lake Stewardship Award. Eligible candidates are individuals or organizations who have made a significant contribution to the stewardship of Rock Lake.

The 2021 Stewardship Award is awarded to long time Lake Mills residents, Peter Jordan and Margot Peters, in recognition of their generous 2014 donation of 10 acres of undeveloped land that borders the northwest end of Rock Lake to the Land Trust Network of Jefferson County. By donating this property to the Land Trust Network, it will remain forever undeveloped, helping to preserve the natural beauty of the shoreline landscape for all to enjoy.

The Lake Mills Leader article reported that:

They [Margot and Peter] said that as they thought of selling the land, they were discouraged when the only prospective buyers were developers who wanted to turn the property into condominiums land. Wanting to have this beautiful place protected, they decided to dedicate the hillside and shoreline to something better and more enduring, thus donating the entire 10 acres to the Land Trust Network for its protection.

Accepting the award for Margot and Peter is Martine Koeppel, Chairwoman of the Land Trust Network. Her organization has participated in 44 land preservation projects in southern Wisconsin which has resulted in the permanent protection of over 6,000 acres.