

NAME: Katie Rock

TOWNSHIP: Des Moines

EMPLOYMENT: Grant Administrator, Drake Univ.

COMMUNITY/SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS/AWARDS:

-organized 5K to benefit The Nature

Conservancy

-nominee for Urban Ambassadors

Project of the Year

-Sunday school teacher at New

Hope UMC

OTHER:

B.S. (2006) - Plant Health - Iowa State Univ.

M.S. (2009) - Applied Plant Science - Univ. of

Minnesota

6 yrs. experience at DuPont Pioneer

DO YOU HAVE AN AGRICULTURAL, CONSERVATION, WATER, OR SOIL BACKGROUND?

Yes, I grew up on my parents' Century

Farm outside Muscatine, Iowa.

WHAT EXPERIENCES (agricultural, conservation, soil, water, or urban) HAVE SHAPED YOUR INTEREST IN BEING A POLK SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER?

I have seen on my parents' farm how support for conservation and cover crops enhances soil and water quality. The best yields come when good rotations and proper nutrient management is in place. At home, my rain garden in the backyard has boosted water retention & overflows from heavy rains.

IF ELECTED, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED AS FAR AS THE PROTECTION OF SOIL AND WATER WITHIN POLK COUNTY?

- The state legislature needs to fund the Iowa Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust.
- Act as a bridge between urban & rural perspectives.
- Educate people on how they can protect soil and water quality where they are. Protecting soil and water is good citizenship no matter where you live.