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Complimentary e-copy of *Stream of Conscience*

[Topeka, Kansas] -- [December 8, 2010]– Do you enjoy reading a good mystery? Would you like to learn more about streams, riparian areas, and watersheds? *Stream of Conscience*, written by Rick Davis, combines fact with fiction to examine the delicate balance between agricultural production and water quality protection. In a continuing effort to promote stream, riparian area, and watershed management, **I am offering you a complimentary e-copy of *Stream of Conscience* by visiting www.streamsteward.com** The file can be downloaded on the home page.

Additional information about *Stream of Conscience*:

When an arboretum in a small, rural Kansas town proposes a stream restoration, a landscape architect and Kansas Bureau of Investigation agent collaborate to investigate two murders, separated by twenty five years, which threaten the project. In addition to contending with a serial killer willing to go any length to protect secrets, the pair must also confront their emotional challenges from the past.

Patterns of human behavior, shaped by past experience, merge with landscape evolution to illustrate the corresponding process of achieving equilibrium and growth. Steadfast rural values, viewed through a family mired in grief, guilt, and greed, struggle against the influence of society's evolving environmental ethic. *Stream of Conscience* follows the twists and turns of family deceptions and lies to ultimately find the truth as the stream restoration project moves into full swing.

Davis describes his self-published book as a creative writing experiment to weave water quality public education and information with fiction. "People like to be entertained while they learn," he said. Davis has worked extensively in the field of water quality protection, including several years for the State of Kansas promoting riparian area protection. Currently, he is contracted with the Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams as a watershed coordinator.

"The biggest challenge was to strike a balance between fiction and education without being too technical," Davis said. "Traditional approaches to promoting environmental education and awareness, especially with adults, rely on technical products such as brochures, booklets, and CD's. Typical avenues of distribution are often limited to government agencies, non-profit organizations, universities, etc. These entities play a valuable role in environmental education, but why not expand our efforts into new arenas, including creative writing?" In his new book, Davis also utilizes graphic sketches to illustrate water quality protection practices, including stream, riparian area, and watershed management concepts.

Davis earned an undergraduate degree in horticulture and a Master of Landscape Architecture from Kansas State University. Hard copies of *Stream of Conscience* are available through Amazon.com, iUniverse and other book stores.