

2021 Indiana Woodland Owner Conference Hendricks County 4H Conference Center

Agenda and Highlights

Saturday, November 6

9:30 – 10 AM	Registration, networking & coffee
10 – 10:15	Opening & welcome: Liz Jackson, IFWOA
10:15 – 10:45	Division of Forestry update: John Seifert, IN Division of Forestry
10:45 – 11:30	Deer impact monitoring and prevention: RD Sample, Purdue University
11:30 – 12:00	Timber markets and industry update: Chris Gonso, IN Division of Forestry/ISDA
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch (provided), Silent auction
1:15 – 1:45	Awards program: Charles Deam Forest Stewardship Award, John Datena Distinguished Forester Award
1:45 – 2:15	Policy Update/Business meeting: Liz Jackson, IFWOA
2:15 – 3:00	Managing smaller properties: Dan Shaver, USDA-NRCS
3:00 – 3:45	Using herbicides effectively to treat invasives, Will Drews, SICIM/Knox County SWCD
3:45 – 4:00	Closing

Program Details

Indiana Division of Forestry update – *Jack Seifert, state forester*. Our state forester will discuss ongoing division activities and any updates of the private lands stewardship programs.

Deer impacts monitoring and prevention – *RD Sample, Purdue University*. RD will discuss how to monitor your native plants in the understory to determine what impacts deer are having on your property. He will also discuss ways to reduce those impacts to ensure healthy biodiversity.

Timber markets and industry update – *Chris Gonso, IN Dept of Agriculture/IN Division of Forestry*. The past few months have had very strong timber markets and pricing across most species and grades. Chris will dive deeper into how the domestic and overseas markets have performed and identify the areas of strength and expectations for the future.

Policy discussion – *Liz Jackson IFWOA Executive Director*. Liz will review some of the recent and upcoming national and state policy issues affecting private woodland owners, with a specific focus on carbon programs for woodland owners.

Managing smaller properties – *Dan Shaver, forester, IN Natural Resources Conservation Service*. Smaller properties have most of the same concerns as large properties, but may have access to fewer resources and assistance. Dan will discuss some of these concerns and some things smaller acreage landowners can do to be successful.

Using herbicides effectively to treat invasives – *Will Drews, SICIM/Knox County SWCD*. How many times have you sprayed herbicide on invasives, to return later and find them still thriving? Will discusses some techniques to help make sure your efforts are more efficient at controlling invasives.

Additional Activities include:

- Saturday afternoon awards banquet
- Silent auction and raffles to benefit IFEF
- Woods on Wheels traveling interactive forestry exhibit

Agenda may be subject to change. See <https://www.ifwoa.org/resources/annual-woodland-owner-conference/> for updates.

Hotel Information

We have a room block at the Comfort Inn in Avon. Reserve at 1-317-204-2100 or [book online](#) by October 15th to reserve your King room for \$99 + tax in the IFWOA block.

As with everything in this ever-evolving Covid-19 situation, the plans for the annual meeting are subject to change based on local health guidelines and recommendations. To ensure the safety of our members we have planned a much larger space and distancing of attendees. We have shortened the meeting to limit the need for overnight travel. We will use health department recommendations for food preparation and service and have appropriate sanitation available. Masks are recommended in situations where distancing is not possible.

We encourage you to register as usual so we can plan the meeting, and we would notify you should the meeting be cancelled. The hotel has a generous cancellation policy (48 hours before arrival) so early hotel reservations are also encouraged, or plan on driving in for the day.

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