

## CHARLES DEAM FOREST STEWARDSHIP AWARD INFORMATION AND RULES

Sponsored by the  
INDIANA FORESTRY & WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION

In appreciation of Charles Deam's contribution toward many of the forestry programs and information that we now enjoy, the Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association sponsors the Charles Deam Forest Stewardship Award contest which seeks annually to find the forest landowner who is carrying out the best forest stewardship program within their ownership.

### CONTEST OBJECTIVE

We wish to recognize and reward woodland owners who have demonstrated exceptional management of their forest resources.

### NOMINATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

**Nominations can be made by any person or organization.** More than one landowner may be nominated by the same person. The nominator should contact the landowner and get permission before making the nomination and provide basic contact information for the landowner. Self-nominations are not accepted.

Any private landowner possessing 10 acres or more of woodland property within the state of Indiana and who has owned said woodland property for no less than 1 (one) full year is eligible. The owner must have a written forest management plan that has been approved by a professional forester. A professional forester is defined as someone with at least a bachelor's degree from a Society of American Forester's accredited institution.

A Deam award state winner shall be ineligible for a period of 5 (five) years after receiving the award. Area nominees or finalists can be re-nominated at any time. Directors of IFWOA and IFEF are not eligible for the award during their term of office.

### TIMETABLE

Nomination forms will be distributed by **April 30th** each year.

All nominations must be returned to the address above no later than **June 15th** each year. Area judging (selection of the 5 Area finalists) shall be completed by **August 15th** each year.

Judging of the 5 area finalists and selection of the State Deam Award recipient shall be completed by **October 1st** each year.

**All nomination forms should be submitted online at this link (preferred)**  
<https://forms.gle/FdtRsG27ixT8gBu78> emailed to [ifwoa1@gmail.com](mailto:ifwoa1@gmail.com) or mailed to:  
Claude Diehl, c/o IFWOA, 1007 N 725 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906-9431. Questions?  
Email or call (765) 496-5013.

## RECOGNITION

The awards presentation will be at the IFWOA Annual Meeting, which is normally held on the first Saturday in November of each year. Each of the Area finalists may bring one (1) guest to the banquet, their nominator and guest and their forester and guest compliments of the association. We will have a slideshow presentation about each property and recognize each Area finalist and the state winner.

The Charles Deam Forest Stewardship Award winner receives **a check for \$100, a sign to post outdoors, and a plaque.** The remaining Area finalists each receive a plaque and an outdoor sign. Plaques are also presented to their foresters and nominators.

## ABOUT CHARLES DEAM

Charles Deam was one of Indiana's early pioneers in the awareness for the need to protect woodlands from fire and livestock, and to encourage forest landowners to do a better job of managing their woods. Deam was concerned, early on, that the needs of Indiana's forest industries could not be met if forest landowners did not begin to take a greater interest in the proper management of their forest resources. Even though botanizing was his first love, his involvement with other early conservationists and with the Forestry Commission (forerunner to Indiana's Division of Forestry) was instrumental in laying a firm foundation for the practice of forestry in Indiana.

Deam experimented with tree planting soon after the state purchased its first State Forest in 1903. The remnants of many of his early plantings can still be found at Clark State Forest where he also experimented with woods improvement. He was very much involved in encouraging the legislature in 1921 to pass the Forest Classification Law. Because of the incentive offered by this program to private forest landowners, it has been the backbone of forestry in Indiana.

Though Deam was a pharmacist by trade, he became Indiana's first State Forester. Realizing his limitations and the fact that he wished to devote his full time to botanizing, he received permission in 1926 to hire the state's first professional forester as the Assistant State Forester.

### Past Charles Deam Forest Stewardship Award winners

2021: Springboro Tree Farm, Rich & Jean Hines

2020: Jones Woods, Dr. Richard Jones

2019: Dave & Carol Niehaus Family

2018: Stark Family

2017: John and Donna Frank

2016: Leonard Gehlhausen Heirs, Ronald & Connie Gehlhausen

2015: Steve & Peggy Creech





## CHARLES DEAM FOREST STEWARDSHIP AWARD NOMINATION

I would like to nominate the following woodland owner, who has demonstrated exceptional management of their forest resources:

Woodland owner name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County(ies) of woodlands \_\_\_\_\_

Email (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number or email \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact the landowner in advance and notify them of your nomination. Any private landowner possessing 10 acres or more of woodland property within the state of Indiana and who has owned said woodland property for no less than 1 (one) full year is eligible. The owner must have a written forest management plan that has been approved by a professional forester.

Return this form via email by June 15th online using this link:

<https://forms.gle/FdtRsG27ixT8gBu78> (preferred) or email to

[ifwoa1@gmail.com](mailto:ifwoa1@gmail.com) or via mail to: Claude Diehl

IFWOA

1007 North 725 West

West Lafayette, IN 47906

Questions? Contact

[ifwoa1@gmail.com](mailto:ifwoa1@gmail.com) or (765) 496-5013.