

## IUFC Urban Forestry Awards

### Purpose, Eligibility, and Entry Procedures

The Indiana Urban Forest Council (IUFC) Awards Program honors individuals, projects, organizations and Tree Stewards whose work enhances the environmental health of Indiana's cities and towns through urban forestry. Outstanding efforts in urban forestry, whether public or private, are eligible to be recognized in the competition. Awards are made in five categories. Each of the categories is explained below. These categories were selected to make the competition between similar entities more equitable and more representative for all the participants. The awards are presented at the Annual IUFC Conference, which has been held each fall since 1991.

#### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for an IUFC Award, a nominee's work must:

- ☐ Result in significant enhancement of the urban forest
- ☐ Represent a significant change for the betterment of the resource
- ☐ Have been done in the last three years
- ☐ Individuals or groups who have received an award previously cannot be reconsidered in the same category for three years
- ☐ Officers of the IUFC are not eligible. Board members are eligible.

#### **Entry Procedures:**

Nomination may be entered in more than one category. Individuals may make more than one nomination in a category. Supplemental material such as labeled photos, news clippings, etc. should accompany the nomination form. Nominator will be contacted for additional information if necessary. Entries should be submitted by downloading, completing & emailing this form as an attachment. Please write "IUFC award nomination" in the subject line and attach the nomination form as a Word document. Photos may also be attached as PDFs or jpegs. If an entry cannot be submitted electronically, mail hard copy to: IUFC, PO Box 30663, Indianapolis, IN 46230.

**All entries must be received by August 10, 2016.**

## Award Categories:

**Individual:** to recognize an individual who, as part of one's volunteer work or employment, has had a major impact on improvement of the urban forest. This individual is driven by a strong desire to do something significant to enhance the environment with trees. Such dedication and interest are often exemplified through leadership and self-commitment.

**Organization:** to recognize the urban forest board or committee, civic group, or government entity that has made great progress in protecting and enhancing its urban forest. Civic groups include beautification committees, homeowner associations, garden clubs, service organizations, youth groups, church groups, schools, colleges, and universities. Government entities include agencies of towns, cities, counties, state, or federal government.

**Project:** to recognize an outstanding single project, that has made a positive impact on the urban forest. Particular consideration will be given to projects that can be copied or adapted for use by other communities.

**Business or Professional Organization:** to recognize any type of business or professional organization that enhances the environmental health of Indiana communities through urban forestry is eligible for this award.

**Tree Steward:** to recognize a Tree Steward who stands out as an individual working toward the ideals of promoting, protecting and expanding the urban forest. This dedicated volunteer should embody commitment and must have successfully completed a community Tree Steward program co-sponsored by the IDNR, Community & Urban Forestry Department or the IUFC.

### **Awards Program Nomination Form Please complete and return this form by August 10, 2016**

to: [Assistant@iufc.org](mailto:Assistant@iufc.org) SUBJECT: AWARDS NOMINATION

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Category: \_\_\_\_\_

If nominee is not an individual Name of person in charge of program or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your nominee and the program or projects that support the nomination. Please attach additional information that supports the nomination narrative.

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