



**Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry**

Indiana Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee Meeting
September 29, 2020, Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Council Member Attendees

DNR Community & Urban Forestry Program: Carrie Tauscher
Hoosier Environmental Council: Tim Maloney
Hoosier Mountain Bike Association: Paul Arlinghaus
Hoosier National Forest: Mike Chaveas
Indiana Arborist Association: Lindsey Purcell
Indiana Association of Consulting Foresters: Nathan Kachnavage
Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy: Joe Tutterrow
Indiana DNR, Division of Fish and Wildlife: Amanda Wuestefeld
Indiana DNR, Division of Outdoor Recreation: Dale Brier
Indiana DNR, Division of Forestry: John Seifert – Council Chair
Indiana DNR, Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology: Megan Abraham
Indiana DNR, Division of Nature Preserves: Tom Swinford
Indiana Forest Alliance: Rae Schnapp
Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association: Elizabeth Jackson
Indiana Invasive Species Council: Michael Warner
Indiana Land Protection Alliance: Jim Dehner
Indiana NRCS: Jerry Raynor
Indiana Society of American Foresters: Travis Dunn
Indiana State Department of Agriculture: Chris Gonso
Indiana Wildlife Federation: Emily Wood

Purdue Department of Forestry & Natural Resource: Robert Wagner

Ruffed Grouse Society: Perry Seitzinger

The Wildlife Society, Indiana Chapter: Jarred Brooke

Independent Representative: Tom Hougham

Absent Member Organizations

Hoosier Hikers Council

Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Indiana Farm Bureau

Indiana Farm Services Agency

Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association

Indiana Trail Riders Association

US Forest Service State and Private Forestry

Guest Attendees

Bill Kincius

Chris Thornton

David Bausman

Greg Beifuss

John Davis

Julie Lowe

Lora Kemp

Michael Bean

Michelle Paduani

Paul Pinko

Sherry Mitchell Bruker

Tess Mondello

Welcome & Introduction

John Seifert, State Forester, IDNR – Division of Forestry

Council chair noted Indiana Forest Action Plan website has been updated with 2020 Indiana Forest Action Plan Update, public comments and changes between draft and final version.

Chair noted that members can review notes from council meeting in February on council's website and that the website includes a list of voting members. Council chair indicated that no effort was made to exclude anyone and that meeting was opened to everyone.

Presentations

Dan Bortner, Director, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Director Bortner introduced himself and expressed an interest in working with the council and its members and support for goals of the Forest Action Plan.

John Seifert, State Forester, IDNR – Division of Forestry

PowerPoint Presentation: *Indiana Forest Action Plan 2020 Update & implementation plans*

All presentations to be posted on committee website.

Council chair requested members discuss the tracking of annual metrics to measure success on Forest Action Plan objectives.

Brenda Huter, Stewardship Coordinator, IDNR – Division of Forestry

PowerPoint Presentation: *Indiana Landscape Scale Restoration Proposals & Great American Outdoors Act*

Brad Schneck, Assistant State Forester, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

PowerPoint Presentation: *Indiana Division of Forestry Strategic Direction 2020 -2025*

Roundtable Reports

Members talked about their missions, accomplishments and upcoming events.

Please send recommended changes to these draft meeting notes to the Indiana Division of Forestry via email.

MS Teams Chat records:

Meeting started 12:28 PM

[12:45 PM] Seifert, John added Tom Hougham (Guest) to the meeting.

[12:46 PM] Gonso, Christopher L.
Tom, can you hear us?

[12:46 PM] Tom Hougham (Guest)
yes hear you

[12:48 PM] Seifert, John added Schneck, Bradley D. to the meeting.

[12:50 PM] Seifert, John added Nathan Kachnavage (Guest) to the meeting.

[12:50 PM] Seifert, John added Thornton, Christopher D -FS to the meeting.

[12:53 PM] Seifert, John added Tauscher, Carrie to the meeting.

[12:53 PM] Seifert, John added Nathan Kachnavage (Guest) to the meeting.

[12:54 PM] Seifert, John added Michael Bean to the meeting.

[12:54 PM] Seifert, John added Maxwell Boyle to the meeting.

[12:55 PM] Seifert, John added Jackson, Elizabeth A to the meeting.

[12:55 PM] Seifert, John added Paul to the meeting.

[12:55 PM] Seifert, John added Raynor, Jerry - NRCS, Indianapolis, IN to the meeting.

[12:56 PM] Seifert, John added Perry Seitzinger (Guest) to the meeting.

[12:56 PM] Seifert, John added Paduani, Michelle - FS to the meeting.

[12:56 PM] Seifert, John added Joe M. Tutterrow to the meeting.

[12:56 PM] Seifert, John added Brier, Dale to the meeting.

[12:57 PM] Seifert, John added Jarred Brooke (Guest) to the meeting.

[12:57 PM] Seifert, John added Wagner, Robert G to the meeting.

[12:58 PM] Seifert, John added Purcell, Lindsey A to the meeting.

[12:58 PM] Seifert, John added Abraham, Megan to the meeting.

[12:59 PM] Seifert, John added Chaveas, Michael -FS to the meeting.

[12:59 PM] Seifert, John added Tim Maloney to the meeting.

[12:59 PM] Seifert, John added Wuestefeld, Amanda to the meeting.

[1:00 PM] Seifert, John added Arlinghaus, Paul R to the meeting.

[1:00 PM] Seifert, John added Emily Wood | IN Wildlife Fed (Guest) to the meeting.

[1:00 PM] Seifert, John added Swinford, Tom to the meeting.

[1:00 PM] Seifert, John added Huter, Brenda to the meeting.

[1:00 PM] Seifert, John added Julie Lowe (Guest) to the meeting.

[1:01 PM] Seifert, John added Mondello, Tess to the meeting.

[1:01 PM] Seifert, John added Sherry Mitchell-Bruker to the meeting.

[1:03 PM] Seifert, John added Jim - Indiana Land Protection Alliance (Guest) to the meeting.

[1:03 PM] Seifert, John added Rae Schnapp, Indiana Forest Alliance (Guest) to the meeting.

[1:04 PM] Seifert, John added Bortner, Dan to the meeting.

[1:05 PM] Seifert, John added Beilfuss, Greg to the meeting.

[1:06 PM] Seifert, John added Bill K (Guest) to the meeting.

[1:06 PM] Seifert, John added Tess Mondello (Guest) to the meeting.

[1:06 PM] Seifert, John added Lora Kemp (Guest) to the meeting.

[1:10 PM] Jim - Indiana Land Protection Alliance (Guest)
Jim Dehner, Executive Director, Indiana Land Protection Alliance

[1:11 PM] Purcell, Lindsey A (Guest)
Lindsey Purcell- Indiana Arborist Association and Purdue

[1:22 PM] Seifert, John added Randall Pflueger (Guest) to the meeting.

[1:34 PM] Seifert, John added Bausman, David C to the meeting.

[1:44 PM] Jim - Indiana Land Protection Alliance (Guest)
Annual published report of accomplishments is an excellent idea.

[1:54 PM] Brier, Dale
Yes, I love data too! Thanks for that Jack.

[2:05 PM] Seifert, John
Dale,

[2:05 PM] Seifert, John
We need to work more together. Thanks.

[2:05 PM] Brier, Dale
I'm in!

[2:09 PM] Tauscher, Carrie
In reference to additional forest land acquisition, The CUF program helped Lake County Parks apply for the USFS Community forest Program funding in 2020 <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/community-forest>
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[2:10 PM] Jackson, Elizabeth A (Guest)
Jack- can you share those slides after the meeting? I'd like to look again at the annual report ideas .

[2:10 PM] Seifert, John
Liz,

[2:11 PM] Seifert, John
Liz, sure. JS

[2:12 PM] Tim Maloney (Guest)
GAOA demonstrates the strong bipartisan support that exists for conserving more parks, forests, trails, etc.

[2:13 PM] Seifert, John
Tim,

[2:13 PM] Seifert, John
Tim, can you share that information or website? Thanks. JS

[2:18 PM] Tim Maloney (Guest)
<https://www.lwcfcoalition.com/legislation>
Legislation — The Land and Water Conservation Fund
Legislation
www.lwcfcoalition.com

[2:19 PM] Tim Maloney (Guest)

From link above: H.R. 1957 is the legislative vehicle for the Great American Outdoors Act. On June 17, 2020 this landmark legislation passed the Senate with bipartisan support 73-25. On July 22nd, 2020, the Great American Outdoors Act passed the House 310-107, with bipartisan support. On August 4, 2020, President Donald J. Trump signed the Great American Outdoors Act – ensuring LWCF will be funded at \$900 million annually.

[2:20 PM] Seifert, John
Tim,

[2:20 PM] Seifert, John
Thanks. JS

[2:30 PM] Tim Maloney (Guest)

Here's a good review of how the GAOA passed with such broad support in a time of severe political polarization. <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2020/07/the-likely-impact-of-great-american-outdoors-act/>

The likely impact of Great American Outdoors Act
Harvard Kennedy School's Linda Bilmes analyzes the complicated history and likely impact of the Great American Outdoors Act.
news.harvard.edu

[2:44 PM] Jackson, Elizabeth A (Guest)

Everyone is welcome to attend the upcoming woodland owner conference November 6-7. Check it out at www.ifwoa.org.

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[2:51 PM] Jackson, Elizabeth A (Guest)

III is a great program! Thanks to all who are working on it. See more at www.sicim.info

%SICIM Homepage

Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM), is a Cooperative Invasives Species Management Area (CISMA) in Indiana. This nonprofit works with partners to address the threat invasive ...

www.sicim.info

[2:52 PM] Julie Lowe (Guest)

one thing I've noticed from visiting so many state parks over the last two summers is the explosion of invasive plants in the campgrounds and along state park trails

[3:07 PM] Julie Lowe (Guest)

I was at the last meeting and I did not understand that the alliance would be paired down to an advisory council. How was that decided? Who selected the council members?

[3:08 PM] Julie Lowe (Guest)

Thank you all very much.

[3:08 PM] Jackson, Elizabeth A (Guest)

The advisory council was clear to me at the last meeting. There was a list that was discussed of members and some were added based on that discussion, like Tom Hougham.

From: Purcell Lindsey [<mailto:lindsey@indiana-arborist.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 1:22 PM

To: Seifert, John <jseifert@dnr.IN.gov>

Subject: Re: Indiana Forest Stewardship Advisory Council updates

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Mr. Seifert,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the advisory council meeting. As a lifelong Hoosier, I have shared a passion with our woodlands and urban forests with my family and students. I am excited to see that urban forest concerns are becoming more significant to the IDNR. The significance of urban forests in the new strategic plan indicates an increased involvement in obtaining those strategic goals. Urban Forestry is grossly underrepresented in the council, according to the current list. In fact, there isn't really an official organization that firmly represents this area of our Hoosier lands.

I would like to formally request that the Indiana Arborist Association be considered as a partner and contributor to the council to better represent the urban forest interest.

Please let me know how we might move forward with the process.

Thank you,

Lindsey Purcell, Executive Director

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