



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

**Indiana Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee Meeting**

September 19, 2018 Training Center, Morgan-Monroe State Forest, IN

***Attendees***

ECI Duke Energy: Jeff Hagfors

Friends of Ferdiand Forest: Adrienne Highhouse

Friends of Leota Wild Area: Philip Stewart

Hoosier Back Country Horsemen: Susan Miller

Hoosier Environmental Council: Tim Maloney

Hoosier Hikers Council: Bonnie Wilcoxson, Phil Wilcoxson

Hoosier Mountain Bike Association: Jeff Fetterer

Indiana DNR, Entomology & Plant Pathology: Megan Abraham, Phil Marshall

Indiana DNR, Forestry: Dan Ernst, Jill Flacksham, Brenda Huter and John Seifert

Indiana DNR, Nature Preserves: Tom Swinford

Indiana Forest & Woodland Owners Association: Phil Gramelspaker, Liz Jackson, Raoul Moore

Indiana Forest Alliance: Rae Schnapp, Jeff Stant

Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association: Ray Moistner

Indiana State Department of Agriculture: Chris Gonso

Knobstone Hiking Trail Association: Jerry Pagac, Randall Pfluges

Owen-Putnam Friends of the Forest: Kurt Kemp, Lora Kemp

Private Forest Owner: Tom Hougham

Roughed Grouse Society: Heather Shaw

Sierra Club: Bowden Quinn

The Nature Conservancy, Indiana Chapter: Dan Shaver

US Forest Service, Hoosier National Forest: Mike Chaveas, Michelle Paduani, Chris Thornton

US Forest Service, State & Private: Carrie Pike

Walnut Council: Hugh Pence

### ***Welcome & Introduction***

#### ***Presentations***

John Seifert, State Forester, IDNR – Division of Forestry

PowerPoint Presentation: *Indiana Division of Forestry Strategic Plan 2020-2025 & Background on the 2020 Forest Action Plan*

*All presentations to be posted on committee website.*

Phil Seng, Vice-president, DJ Case & Associates

PowerPoint Presentation: *Indiana Hardwood Strategy*

Scott Haulton, Forestry Wildlife Specialist, IDNR- Division of Forestry

PowerPoint Presentation: *Habitat Conservation Plan & Environmental Assessment*

Brenda Huter, Stewardship Coordinator, IDNR- Division of Forestry

PowerPoint Presentation: *Indiana Statewide Forest Action Plan 2020 Process*

Jill Flachsham, GIS Specialist, IDNR- Division of Forestry

PowerPoint Presentation: *Statewide Forest Action Plan 2020 – GIS Updates*

### ***Discussion Session: Review and changes to Indiana forestry issues List***

***Moderator: Brenda Huter, IDNR – Division of Forestry***

The following statewide forest issues that were used to survey stakeholders as part of the 2010 Statewide Forest Assessment were discussed by members:

Availability of land for public recreation

Conservation and maintenance of soil & water resources

Conservation of biodiversity (including plant & wildlife habitat)

Conservation of forests that protect drinking water supplies

Counterproductive government forest conservation related policies (including taxation, zoning, etc.)

Forests not managed for carbon storage (carbon sequestration aspects not considered)

Fragmentation and/or conservation of forests to another land use (e.g. development, homes, agriculture)

High cost of forest ownership and low incentives to retain  
Inadequate public education about forests  
Inadequate youth education about forests  
Lack of active management on forests  
Lack of healthy woodlands and trees in urban areas, including city parks, street, and yard trees  
Over population of white-tailed deer  
Sustainable regeneration of oak woodlands  
Sustaining Indiana's forest product industry  
The control of forest fires (forest fire suppression)  
The loss of fire dependent plant communities and habitats (restoration of fire-adapted lands  
The spread and control of invasive species.  
Other issues???

Members discussed potentially changing the wording for certain issues and how certain issues could be stated differently or all issues could be stated more consistently. Members considered adding issues, such as: Lack of baseline diversity knowledge and research in Indiana forests, Lack of interior forest habitat, Spread and control of forest pests, Climate change and Proximity to public recreation. Members discussed how to phrase certain new issues and whether any new issues would be redundant and were encouraged to send any additional thoughts to DNR Division of Forestry via email after the meeting. [Emails received from members after the meeting suggested including an issue relating to lack of age class diversity, specifically younger and older forests.]

### ***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.*