



OUTSTANDING FORESTRY CONTRIBUTION AWARD

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

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NARRATIVE:

Please detail on a separate sheet a narrative of nominee's accomplishments and/or contribution to forestry. Narratives should not exceed one page, please.



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ADDITIONAL SPACE

Bill Calvert is very active in the promotion and implementation of forestry plans. Bill received his B.S. in Forest Management from Southern Illinois University in 1983. Bill has an active forestry plan, has enrolled 30 acres in a permanent CREP easement in Bond County, IL and is currently applying for EQIP forestry improvement implementation. In addition to being an active forester on his own property, he is also an approved TSP for NRCS. He has been a consulting forester since 1992 and was a forester for the U.S. Air Force from 1986-2001. He has written over a thousand forest management plans in his career as a consultant. In 2018 he wrote 70 plans and in 2017 he wrote 103 plans. His current personal forestry plan is for 50 acres.

Bill belongs to the Society of American Foresters and is a Certified Forester #1113. He belongs to the Illinois Consulting Foresters Association and currently serves as treasurer. He is also a member of the Missouri Consulting Foresters Association and Illinois Forestry Association.

Bill also served as a volunteer on local LED committees with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts. His property lies in Bond County and portions of Clinton county. He has worked closely with the Bond County SWCD and the local NRCS offices in the promotion and implementation of forestry plans, the promotion of CREP and assisting other local landowners with managing their timber.



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NOMINEE INFORMATION:

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re: Parcel #03-000-038-05, located NE 24 7N 1W McDonough

Dave and Holly Purchased the property in Sept of 2014. Farm is +/- 55 ac, located near the NE corner of McDonough County. Property consists of 31 ac recently enrolled in the Forestry Program, and the balance 24 ac of prairie and scrub brush. Shaw Creek runs through the middle of the farm, creating many draws and hill sides, along with a small flood plain on the East side of the creek. There is a small 5-ac tillable field in the SE corner, that has been in Alfalfa the past 20 yrs. 10-1/2 ac of trees (Black Walnut, Burr, Sycamore) were planted in '99 through the CREP program, along w/ a 12 ac easement of forest/prairie attached.

They spend their winters eradicating non-desirable trees: the most of which include Box Elder, Maple, Honey Locust, and Hedge; and also under-story invasives; mostly Honeysuckle and a little Autumn Olive.

In the Fall, they collect various nuts from existing trees on the farm, stratify in their fridge over winter, then the seeds are potted in early March. Dave and Holly then plant the saplings (as time permits) over the growing season.

Trees planted to include: various Oaks-white, burr, beech, swamp-white, chinquapin, red & black; and also Shagbark Hickory & Pecan. Black Walnuts are very populous on their farm so they just step the nuts into the ground rather than gathering to pot This past February, they ordered a few trees from Mason County Nursery; 100 Bald Cypress to plant in our moist areas, and 100 Hazelnuts to plant on a South facing hillside. Four smaller scale projects they have going on are:

- 1.) Most recently, they started a small orchard of Chinese Sweet Chestnuts, in hopes of marketing them in the future.
- 2.) Next are three bee hives, but it's been an upward battle.
- 3.) They have gained control of a 1/4-ac of wild Blackberries, and pick about 30-gal a year for marketing and making jam.
- 4.) They have planted 16 fruit trees for consumption which include Apples, Pear, Plum, and Persimmon.