



2020

# Invader Crusader Awards

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The Wisconsin Invasive Species Council

## Official Nomination Form and Instructions

**June is Invasive Species Action Month!** The Wisconsin Invasive Species Council announces the 16th annual Invader Crusader Awards, honoring Wisconsin citizens and organizations for their significant contribution to prevent, control or eradicate invasive species that harm Wisconsin's lands, waters and wetlands.

The Council is requesting nominations for individuals, groups or organizations for their exemplary efforts at addressing issues surrounding terrestrial and aquatic invasive species, including plants, pests, animals and disease-causing organisms. The Invader Crusader Awards will be presented to both volunteers and professionals. Please consider nominating adults and youth you work with or from your community.

Award winners will be recognized at a ceremony in June in Madison, WI. The date and location for the ceremony will be shared on the Invasive Species Action Month website: <http://invasivespecies.wi.gov/awareness-month/awards/>.

Please complete the nomination form on the following pages. Please include enough detail in your nomination so that judges can make informed decisions. Information such as estimate of area treated and the number of people impacted is particularly helpful. Supporting data, articles, news clippings and letters of support are also encouraged.

Non-winning nominations from 2018 and 2019 will be automatically considered for 2020 awards. Nominators are encouraged to provide updated information for these nominations, though this is not required. If you nominated previously and would like to provide an update, please fully complete the 2019 form and mark your form as an "updated nomination" in the provided space at the top of the page. Multiple applications for the same nominee will be accepted and considered together.

Email completed applications to [invasive.species@wisconsin.gov](mailto:invasive.species@wisconsin.gov) by no later than **Monday, March 23, 2020**. Email is strongly preferred. If this is not possible, please **call Tara Bergeson at 608-264-6043** for mailing instructions and an earlier due date.

Once the application period closes, a panel of judges will review the nomination materials and select the award winners. All nominators and winners will be notified in late April. Award recipients will be announced on the website and in the news media.

### Other Invasive Species Action Month Activities...

Do you have an invasive species event you would like to share on our online invasive species activity calendar?

Email the details to [invasive.species@wisconsin.gov](mailto:invasive.species@wisconsin.gov). Find more information and look for upcoming events at <http://invasivespecies.wi.gov>.

## 2019 Invader Crusaders

### **Volunteer Individual:**

- Rod Sharka
- Douglas H. Frazer
- Michael Vahldieck
- Donna VanBuecken

### **Volunteer Group:**

- Woodland Dunes Barberryans
- Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

### **Professional Individual:**

- Maureen Ferry
- Emily Heald

### **Professional Group:**

- Aldo Leopold Foundation
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- DATCP's Nursery Inspector Team

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INSTRUCTIONS - Please re-save this application document with a new file name (including your last name and the nominee's last name), complete it, save again and email it to [invasive.species@wisconsin.gov](mailto:invasive.species@wisconsin.gov) by **March 23, 2020**. If you have trouble filling out this form on your computer, print and then scan and email the completed copy. Please provide all information requested and include enough detail in your nomination so that judges can make informed decisions. Information such as an estimate of area treated and number of people impacted is particularly helpful. Supporting data, articles, news clippings and letters of support are also encouraged.

Invasive species work must have taken place in Wisconsin. Work that was done out of state will not be considered.

- New nomination or  
 Updated nomination (please tell us the year of your most recent submittal for this nominee: \_\_\_\_\_)

Nominee:		
Employer/Organization: (if applicable)		Position: (if applicable)
Street Address:		City: <span style="float: right;">Zip Code:</span>
Work/cell Phone Number:	Home Phone Number:	Email Address:
In what time period did the nominee's actions take place?		

Nominator (Your Name):		
Employer/Organization: (if applicable)		Position: (if applicable)
Street Address:		City: <span style="float: right;">Zip Code:</span>
Work/cell Phone Number:	Home Phone Number:	Email Address:

Describe your relationship to the nominee:

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**Check all boxes that apply to the nominee**

<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/> Research
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Group/Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveys/Inventory
<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Detections
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Control
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership

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**Additional Questions** Please respond to all questions below. The PDF form allows for unlimited text. If you are filling out this form by hand and need extra space, please include additional pages as attachments and include question numbers.

1. What geographical locations were impacted by the nominee's action (local, regional, statewide)?
  
2. Provide a brief description of what the nominee has done to earn your nomination.
  
3. What is the ecological impact of the nominee's actions?
  
4. Describe how the nominee has shown leadership or influenced people's actions or understanding of invasive species. Include approximate number of people impacted including ages (youth or adult) and type (professional, citizen, landowners, students, etc.) when possible.
  
5. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated innovation, if at all, in their impact on invasive species. This could include reaching a new or novel but critical audience, utilizing cutting edge technology, developing new management or outreach tools, etc.
  
6. Describe any other aspects of the nominee that are worth noting and **not already mentioned above**. Consider things directly relating to invasive species such as: involvement in public or organizational policy, landowner group involvement, unique outreach efforts, vision for lasting impact of efforts, etc.

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