

**Forest Stewardship Recognition Program Award Recipients
Récipiendaires du Prix d'excellence pour l'intendance des forêts**

Year/Année	Réipient/Réceptiendaire	Province	Accomplishments/Réalisations
1998/1999	Domtar Forest Products	Ontario	In recognition of the establishment of the McKinnon Forestry Centre as a forest education and interpretive centre in 1994 on an original homestead site. Programs such as monthly workshops, forest fests, and family days are offered. Domtar has also developed a private land forest program that includes the Woodlot Management program for natural forests, and the Tree Farm Agreements for the establishment of hybrid poplar plantations. Domtar is also a firm believer in the Code of Forest Practice of the OFIA, and has developed companion Best Management Practices guides for their operations.
1998/1999	J.E. Martel Corp. and Chapleau Ojibwe First Nation	Ontario	In recognition of their unique partnership to establish a complete forest management operation on privately held first nation lands. Under the agreement, the Council members receive many benefits such as training, tree planting employment and revenue, while the company brings their expertise in well planned forestry operations to the broader community. It is hoped that this agreement can serve as a prototype for similar first nation lands in the area.
1998/1999	Mr. Geoff Meakin	Ontario	In recognition of his leadership in developing safe forest working conditions, as well as testing new forest production techniques in both hardwoods and softwoods. He has developed a system of "cut-to-length" harvesting in mixed wood stands to protect advanced conifer regeneration, while ensuring worker safety. These careful logging practices are beneficial to the site, the stand, and to the wildlife habitat values. The system is also used for commercial thinning in 50 yr old fire-origin jack pine, which will eventually ensure a greater recovery of timber values.
1998/1999	Tembec Inc - Huntsville Division	Ontario	In recognition of the development of positive re-inforcement incentives for forest workers, which have helped to increase environmental and safety performance. This has led to the development of the "Certified Forest Worker" program, which includes training in ecosystem identification and function. The program includes "de-certification" allowances for sub-performance. The resulting trust that has developed between the forest industry and the environmental movement has proven to be rewarding.

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1998/1999	Mr. David Heffernan, Domtar Inc. and Mr. Lance Turgeon, Foleyet Timber Ltd.	Ontario	In recognition of their 15 years of experience in forest operations, in the Pineland Forest Sustainable Forestry License and the development of an innovative culvert design. Culverts can pose a barrier to fish by accelerating stream flow rates and preventing fish migration. Their innovative design involves a series of baffles within the culvert to slow the water flow, and has been shown to allow fish to pass through.
1998/1999	Nighthawk Timber Co. Ltd.	Ontario	In recognition of its use of the “cut-to-length” process in the Timmins Forest Sustainable Forestry License. This system reduces the impact on the environment by minimizing road requirements, and distributing slash across the site. Nighthawk is seen as a progressive operation, that is an early adopter or developer of new techniques that ensure sustainability, and respect of habitat values such as snags and chicots. They are also cooperative with cottagers and other resource users – often meeting with these users on-site to work out the best approach to harvesting. All their employees are trained to high standards on the desired outcomes of management activities.
1998/1999	E.B. Eddy Forestry	Ontario	In recognition of the development of a series of initiatives designed to increase public input and awareness of forest management. These include silvicultural trials which provide the school system and the general public with access to information and direct experience on the concepts of forest ecology and forest management. The result is that the local community is getting first hand experience that they can apply in the future – as informed participants in planning exercises, or as forest workers. A Forest Advisory Committee was also established to increase input and dialogue into management activities.
1998/1999	Mr. Réjean Cyr	Ontario	In recognition of 40 years of careful logging and for his active participation in local issues involving logging and multiple use of the forest. He is always respectful of the fact that he earns his living from public lands. He has found an undocumented moose corridor in his harvest block, and has voluntarily put a no-cut reserve on it. Also, he generously assists local snowmobilers in the creation and maintenance of trails that will not negatively impact wildlife and forest regeneration. Putting together his training, knowledge and experience, to the benefit of forest habitat and other users represents a true stewardship approach.
1998/1999	Mr. Eddie Heideman, Lavern Heideman and Sons Ltd	Ontario	In recognition of his efforts to practice careful logging, with respect for other forest users, and to ensure that the public is aware of what his operations, carried out in the sensitive Greenbelt around Ottawa, were trying to achieve. The initial thinnings he has carried out in the area will certainly result in healthier forests for the future, making him a “model” forest operator in an urban forest setting.

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1998/1999	Mr. Donald Moschuk, Abitibi-Consolidated Inc.	Ontario	In recognition of his efforts to develop new water crossing standards for the north-west, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. For this particular project, a new design of culvert ensured that the natural flows of the river were restored, while providing continued access to the forests on the other side. A training video was also prepared on best practices related to the replacement of old crossings.
1998/1999	Mr. Glen Davies	Alberta	In recognition of his actions which helped identify a northern goshawk nest, and preserve it until the fledglings had left it. The northern goshawk is listed as vulnerable in Alberta, and Mr. Davies' actions have been held up as a good example of how forest workers can put their training, observation skills, and good judgement together to the benefit of wildlife.
1998/1999	Slocan Forest Products Ltd.	British Columbia	In recognition of the development and delivery of an innovative land use planning process (Ecosystem Design – ED) that will ensure both ecosystem integrity, and local economic stability. The process begins with a detailed inventory of the planning area's attributes, and then develops a desired future condition through an ecological analysis process. Eventually, the outcome of this analyses can be used to develop stand level operating prescriptions required under the Code of Forest Practice.
1998/1999	Abitibi-Consolidated, Inc	Newfoundland & Labrador	In recognition of the development of a landscape approach to the management of forests which are core habitat for the endangered Newfoundland Pine Marten. This technique considers natural physical features, habitat requirements and biodiversity concerns, and balances these against harvest and road building considerations. Public consultation has been a key feature of this approach, and the results will be monitored, and used to define future habitat guidelines. Locally, this is seen as a good example of adaptive management that benefits habitat.
1998/1999	Mr. and Ms. Jim and Donna Fischer	Ontario	In recognition of their devotion to sustainable management for timber and wildlife habitat. The Fischer's have often opened their forest to a variety of demonstration purposes. The Fischer's approach to forest management is one that encompasses the full range of forest values, and is based on clearly defined objectives.
1998/1999	Mr. Art Briggs-Jude	Ontario	In recognition of the construction of a handicap and seniors access interpretive trail featuring natural history education and demonstration sites, in a nature preserve where many eastern Ontario species, including hummingbirds, bluebirds, raptors and amphibians, can be found.

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1998/1999	Irish Lake Conservation Club	Ontario	In recognition of their efforts to conduct tree planting for forest restoration and wildlife habitat, manage old fields for deer, erect nesting boxes, and allow the property to be used for educational and demonstration purposes. The Irish Lake Conservation Club also collects venison for the local food bank through the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters HarvestShare program.
1998/1999	Mr. Walter Kramer and Mr. Ken Petherick	Ontario	In recognition of their dedication to the promotion of tree planting, nut tree propagation, horse logging demonstrations, chainsaw and cutter certification courses, and wildlife corridor restoration, through the use of tours and workshops. They are working diligently to restore and retain the natural hardwood forest, and are both personally dedicated to sustainable forest and wildlife habitat management. They have both demonstrated how individual landowners can take a landscape approach to management.
1998/1999	Mr. and Ms. Ray and Ruth Fortune	Ontario	In recognition of their dedication to the promotion of sustainable forestry practices, since 1972, over a wide range of forest values such as sugar bush management, production of wood products, and the protection of red-shouldered hawk and other unique habitats. As part of the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, they opened a Demonstration Forest in 1995 in order to promote their vision of sustainable management. Each year, over 3,000 visitors learn about all aspects of forest management. Their forest is also used in many studies, including forest growth and yield trials.
1998/1999	Mr. George Fowler	Ontario	In recognition of his active promotion of forest stewardship, and his volunteer work on many associations, including the Maple Syrup Producers, the Christmas Tree Growers, the Ontario Woodlot Association, and the Ontario Forestry Association. The Fowlers are well known for their forestry ethics, and are regarded as “leaders” by their community.
1998/1999	Mr. Ross Dunford, Close Quarters Tree Management	Ontario	In recognition of his active involvement in a wide range of forest resource management activities, utilizing low-impact practices, and his participation in many local forestry associations and groups. The Dunfords open their woodlots to many public tours and workshops, and have convinced three adjacent property owners to manage their forests as part of a landscape level approach to wildlife habitat.

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1998/1999	Mr. and Ms. Rob & Jeannie Guillet	Ontario	In recognition of their agreement with the Nature Conservancy of Canada to put a non-development easement on their land, which restricts most uses other than passive recreation and nature study. This is a significant contribution to the local environment in an area increasingly impacted by cottage development. Their approach has stimulated others to follow more ecologically-friendly practices on their own cottage lots. The property has been used by the local Stewardship council, and the Stoney Lake Heritage Foundation for research and awareness activities.
1998/1999	Mr. Oliver Dunsmore	Ontario	In recognition of his outstanding forest regeneration efforts which have resulted in the planting of over 100,000 trees on his property since 1941, fulfilling his dream to restore the forests on this land that should not have been cleared for farming. Mr. Dunsmore teaches others about his experiences and lessons so that they may benefit from his practical experience. His forest has been featured on many local tours and workshops, helping him to pass on his legacy and his philosophy on the value of trees to future generations.
1998/1999	Mr. Andrew Dixon, Craigwiel Gardens	Ontario	In recognition of his life-long dedication to forest stewardship and to perfecting the art of establishing trees on old field sites. Mr. Dixon bought his farm in 1937 and planted hardwoods, including black walnut. Eventually, he tried several methods of tending and pruning to get forests established, and has prepared a book about his experiences. His motto - "it's never too late to plant another tree" – defines his approach to tree farming and forest stewardship, an approach which has been featured on tours and workshops.
1998/1999	Dr. Peter Schlieffenbaum, Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve	Ontario	In recognition of his outstanding application of integrated management practices over a wide variety of forest values, including timber, recreation, wildlife habitat and biodiversity conservation on the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. It had the distinction of being the first forest in Canada to become certified according to the Forest Stewardship Council standards for sustainable management. In addition, the forest is used for scientific studies on the interaction between forest harvesting and wildlife habitat and populations.
1998/1999	Dr. Brian Naylor, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	Ontario	In recognition of his tireless efforts to research, prepare and deliver several wildlife habitat guidelines applied to forest management. He has developed landscape-level modelling tools such as the Ontario Wildlife Habitat Analysis Model, and has promoted the retention of "fine scale" habitat features as part of forest management for many years prior to their general acceptance. A frequent lecturer at stewardship workshops and training sessions, he is widely recognized as the "expert of choice" on the integration of wildlife habitat into forest management.

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1998/1999	Mr. Terry Crabe, Pinery Provincial Park	Ontario	In recognition of his work which was instrumental in the development, promotion and on-going restoration of the rare black oak savanna ecosystem, which included the promotion of prescribed burns to restore natural disturbance regimes. He has demonstrated a holistic approach, including a significant public information effort regarding the need to control deer populations, and is considered as a leader in this field by his peers.
1998/1999	Mr. Paul Prevett	Ontario	In recognition of his significant contribution to improving public knowledge, general awareness, and policy/guideline development for the threatened resources of Southwest Ontario. Mr. Prevett is an active member of recovery teams for many Rare/Threatened/Endangered species, such as red mulberry, the hooded warbler, and Acadian Flycatcher. He also lead the re-introduction of the wild turkey to the forests of Southwest Ontario, and has established an arboretum composed of every tree, shrub and plant of the Carolinian zone on his own property.
1998/1999	Catfish Creek Conservation Authority	Ontario	In recognition of the preservation of the Springwater Forest tract of old-growth Carolinian forest, through management which includes partial cutting trials to determine the best regeneration practices for this rare forest type. The Springwater Forest is used by Universities to compare similar forest types in Japan, to study rare plants and forest growth and yield, and to determine pest control strategies. This forest involves meaningful public participation in the development of short and long term management plans, and is extensively used for public education.
1998/1999	Mr. Bruce Jewitt	Ontario	In recognition of his dedication, as a representative of the local labour force, in participating in the development of forest management plans, and in the Lands For Life Process. His interest in forestry has led to the production of the Timiskaming Forest Chronicle, which interprets forest policy and practices for the average citizen. Through this work, he has researched topics such as biodiversity, and made these concepts more accessible to laypeople.
1998/1999	Mr. Harry Barr	Ontario	In recognition of his tireless work, as a former municipal politician, which lead to the development, passing and continual improvement of the Lanark County Tree Cutting By-law. As operator of a local sawmill, he was concerned that local woodlots be managed in a sustainable manner, and eventually founded the Ontario Woodlot Association , whose mandate is to promote sound forest practices, policies, and programs in Ontario. He was also instrumental in promoting a Code of Forestry Practice for woodlot owners, and sawmill operators.

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1998/1999	Mr. Henry Kock	Ontario	In recognition of his life-long commitment to forest ecosystem management and restoration. He has been especially active in school yard restoration and has co-authored “A life zone approach to school yard Naturalization”, as well as conducted many seminars on the subject. Mr. Kock is also the coordinator of the White Elm Recovery program, which is designed to capture resistant genes and develop resistant planting stock with the aim of re-introducing this native species. He is also a volunteer Board member of the Forest Gene Conservation Association, and promotes the use of biologically appropriate, seed-source identified, native planting stock in Ontario.
1998/1999	Ms. Celina Owen	British Columbia	In recognition of her significant contribution, while at the Ontario Forestry Association, to the OFA’s education programs, especially through the development of the Ontario Envirothon Program. The program involves high school students learning and solving real-life environmental problems and issues, including those faced by forest companies and private landowners. Envirothon is part of a national effort by the Canadian Forestry Association.
1999/2000	Alberta Pacific Forest Industries (Alpac)	Alberta	In recognition of an outstanding ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation research program which further builds upon the principles of forest stewardship. Coupled with a strong public advisory program, this broad partnership research effort has lead to more progressive forestry practices that maintain ecological integrity while respecting good business practice. Alpac has also played a leadership role in promoting research on the processes responsible for maintaining boreal wetland productivity.
1999/2000	Mr. Pierre Bélanger	Quebec	In recognition of his personal commitment and involvement which have enabled him to hone his knowledge of forestry and sustainable ecosystem function. Despite having a small forest base, his outstanding stewardship approach and careful work have enabled him to use all values of his woodlot to earn a living.
1999/2000	Mr. Joël Bonin, Nature Conservancy of Canada	Quebec	In recognition of his constant species and habitat conservation efforts, of his innovative research work on salamanders which highlighted the importance of underground water and old growth forests to their habitat, and for his dedication to the protection of sites with a rich biodiversity.
1999/2000	Mr. Robert Buteau	New Brunswick	In recognition of the overall excellence of the forestry activities on his woodlot which are always carried out with respect for all forest values. He strives to maintain the same varied species mix which had evolved on his woodlot and to plan his operations so that they help maintain habitat for wildlife. He is always open to new knowledge and to help others.

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1999/2000	Mr. Rod Carrow, Member and Past Chair, Dufferin/South Simcoe Land Stewardship Network	Ontario	In recognition of over 40 years of dedication to advancing the cause of forest stewardship. He has chaired several landowner workshops over the years, as well as the development of a local Stewardship Directory and of a Heritage Tree Program. He never hesitates to help local landowners and has had a very tangible influence on forest policy development.
1999/2000	Mr. Jean Guy Comeau	New Brunswick	In recognition of his outstanding efforts to bring back health and productivity to a severely damaged woodlot which is now being very successfully managed for a variety of timber and non-timber values. He has dedicated a substantial amount of time improving wildlife habitats and hosting tours, and is a founding member of the N.B. Community Land Trust.
1999/2000	Mrs. Suzanne Côté, Interpretive institute for the enhancement of the Saint-Calixte forest	Quebec	In recognition of her personal commitment to the social revitalisation of her community through the creation of a working forest and of new municipal forestry regulations. She was also a key player in the establishment of an action plan to develop ecoforestry and ecotourism in the municipality.
1999/2000	The Dawes Family	Ontario	In recognition of their early leadership in private land stewardship, an ongoing effort spanning three generations. Their woodlots are managed to produce quality wood products while keeping wildlife and wetland conservation in mind and are often used to demonstrate this approach through tours.
1999/2000	Mr. Laird Nelson and Staff, Domtar Forest Resources	Ontario	In recognition of the development of Domtar's Managed Wood Initiative, which requires local woodlot owners to meet certain responsible forest management criteria and helps them achieve this goal through a landowner assistance program. Domtar's multi-value management of the Gilmour forest also demonstrates their commitment to stewardship.
1999/2000	Mr. Charles Donevan and Mrs. Kay Donevan, Landon Bay Environmental Education Centre	Ontario	In recognition of a decade of devotion to maintaining and protecting the diversity of life and habitat within the ecological reserve at Landon Bay in the Thousand Island region – a particular challenge given the considerable development pressures in the area. Their work has also fostered community interest in ensuring the protection of the reserve.
1999/2000	Mr. James Drescher	Nova Scotia	In recognition of his determination in demonstrating how a small woodlot can be managed for multiple values. He has opted for techniques which have a low impact on the resource while still providing enough timber for his value-added wood product manufacturing business. He is the Chair, Economic House, of the Forest Stewardship Council in Canada and teaches an ecoforestry course.

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1999/2000	Mr. Claude Duguay	New Brunswick	In recognition of his commitment to managing his woodlot for a variety of forest values and using alternative harvesting methods which minimize impacts on the environment. He has maintained a broad variety of species while encouraging healthy regeneration. He is also committed to maintaining habitats for several species and often hosts tours on his lot.
1999/2000	The Elk Lake Community Forest Partnership	Ontario	In recognition of their early leadership in conflict resolution and in public consultation on controversial forest management planning issues. As a multi-disciplinary group, they have been able to gain this leadership status while at the same time developing operational expertise in forestry activities, thereby creating local employment opportunities.
1999/2000	Mr. Jan Ellingsen, Silvicultural Coordinator, Repap New Brunswick Inc.	New Brunswick	In recognition of his commitment to training and educating hundreds of forest workers and the general public, through the development of training programs dealing with a variety of forest values, and numerous field visits. He is also a noted machinery inventor and has played a key role in developing new silvicultural prescriptions.
1999/2000	Haldimand Association for the Developmentally Challenged	Ontario	In recognition of their outstanding efforts to integrate developmentally challenged citizens within the community through a forestry project. The Community Forest Initiative involves them in all aspects of the tree regeneration cycle, from collecting native tree seeds, through growing trees from these seeds and eventually outplanting them in the community. Through their partnerships with schools, industry, farmers, government, first nations and others, they have been able to truly promote good forest stewardship throughout their county. HADC has also led by example by planting and maintaining their own wetland property as an “on-the-ground” demonstration site.
1999/2000	Mr. Brian Hicks, Butternut Ridge Conservation Area	New Brunswick	In recognition of his willingness to conserve a section of his woodlot, which presents unique geological features and botanical species. Using an access road he has built, woodlot owners, researchers and the general public are allowed access to the site. He has also shown respect for all forest values when planning forest activities on his woodlot.
1999/2000	Mr. Fred High, Co-chair, Lincoln Waterways Working Group	Ontario	In recognition of his considerable efforts to demonstrate on his own land how agriculture, woodlot management and water and soil conservation practices can coexist. He has presented this work to federal, provincial and municipal leaders and staff, conservation groups, provincial and international farming organizations, universities, schoolboards and students. Mr. High has also undertaken to reintroduce the American chestnut to enhance and diversify his woodlot and provide future wildlife habitat.

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1999/2000	Mr. Reginald B. Kennedy	Ontario	In recognition of the constant dedication to the management of his land over the full range of its values and to getting the stewardship message out to other woodlot owners. He has frequently hosted tours on his land and has participated in, and initiated, educational projects, training programs, and workshops.
1999/2000	Mr. Daniel Whiting Lathrop	Ontario	In recognition of a lifetime devotion to stewardship and biodiversity. He has spent countless hours replanting his land and creating wildlife corridors, and has hosted a myriad of research projects, educational tours, and training sessions. Through a gift of 70 acres of land, he has helped to preserve unique features of the Carolinian forest.
1999/2000	Mr. Chris Lincoln, President, Upper Trent Chapter, Ontario Woodlot Association	Ontario	In recognition of his lifelong commitment to promoting the virtues of forest stewardship. He has shown the ability to present ideas in a manner that is easily understood and appreciated by fellow landowners. Furthermore, he has helped develop a workshop series, information documents, and novel harvesting equipment.
1999/2000	Ms. Joanne Marchesseault, Lower St. Lawrence Model Forest	Quebec	In recognition of the tremendous initiative and determination she has shown in promoting integrated forestry/wildlife management practices while making them accessible to all. Her motivation, leadership, and creativity, along with her willingness to share information, have made her an absolute authority in habitat management. She has also contributed to training a new generation of forest biologists in the province.
1999/2000	Mr. Bruce McCallum	Prince Edward Island	In recognition of the excellence with which he has managed his woodlot for all forest values and for his willingness to work with others to improve the overall sustainability of forest practices in the province. He has invented a number of innovative pieces of machinery and contributed his know-how to several handbooks and field days for fellow woodlot owners.
1999/2000	Mr. Jean-Claude Nadeau	Quebec	In recognition of his willingness to continually try new forestry practices aimed at enhancing all forest values, and of his leadership in convincing others to do the same. He has used his high profile in private forestry to urge government to modify forestry practices to make them more respectful of habitats and biodiversity.
1999/2000	New Brunswick Aquatic Resources Data Warehouse, Atlantic Salmon Museum	New Brunswick	In recognition of the development of a comprehensive provincial database of GIS-based fisheries and aquatic information. The database, a public/private sector collaboration, enables resource managers and others to access a substantial repository of resource data, helping them to address aquatic habitat and biodiversity concerns in the early stages of the planning process.

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1999/2000	NTIC-Forêt	Quebec	In recognition of the development of two multimedia forestry training programs, accessible by CD-ROMs and the Internet from remote areas. These courses help bring innovative forestry and biodiversity conservation techniques to an audience which typically does not have access to such training.
1999/2000	Mr. Martin Paulette, Groupement faunique du triangle de Bellechasse	Quebec	In recognition of his pioneering work in the development of applied wildlife habitat conservation and enhancement methods. He is an outstanding teacher who has increased awareness of multi-value management planning, producing several of these plans and helping others to implement them.
1999/2000	Ms. Nathalie Perron, UQAC and Mr. Marc Plante, Ministère des ressources naturelles du Québec	Quebec	In recognition of their considerable volunteer efforts to organize two forestry/wildlife forums which catalyzed information exchange between forestry and wildlife stakeholders in Quebec. These forums also contributed to the training and increased awareness of hundreds of biology and forestry students.
1999/2000	Mr. Charles Peterson, Stokely Creek Lodge	Ontario	In recognition of his commitment to the integration of sustainable forestry practices with recreational values and research projects. He continuously seeks the advice of others in implementing innovative forest management practices on his lands, which also support an internationally-reknowned recreational facility.
1999/2000	Mr. Robert Ritchie, Ritchie Forest Products	Ontario	In recognition of his personal commitment to logger training and education and his tireless efforts to influence the sustainable practices of his peers. As a founding member of the Huronia Loggers Association, he has also developed communication tools and has opened his mill on numerous occasions for school tours.
1999/2000	Sackville Rivers Association	Nova Scotia	In recognition of their outstanding work towards the restoration of the Sackville River water system, along with areas surrounding the river, which included establishing buffer strips along 40 kms of the river banks. The association also helped protect Second Lake Regional Park, which features all of the tree species present in Nova Scotia prior to colonization.
1999/2000	Sawyer Preservation Woodlot Association	Ontario	In recognition of the creation of a unique entity, involving the Association and its supporting trust fund, ensuring the protection and appropriate management of a woodlot. The woodlot features the three most representative forest ecosystems of the county, in an agricultural landscape. Open to the public, the woodlot features several interpretive trails.

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1999/2000	Mr. Archie Shaw	New Brunswick	In recognition of his efforts, over close to seven decades, to carefully manage his woodlot for all forest values, providing habitat for wildlife and an ongoing source of income. A genuine steward of the land, he has managed his woodlot so well that he has been able to maintain the diversity of species found there over this considerable period of time.
1999/2000	Mr. Mark Spence and Mr. Mike Spence	New Brunswick	In recognition of the exemplary way they have managed their small woodlots, while maintaining all forest values. They have opted for techniques which have a minimal impact on the land, and never use exotic species or pesticides. They have set up a successful value-added wood products business and often host field days for fellow woodlot owners.
1999/2000	Mr. Lorne Spicer, Shedden Heritage Trees Committee	Ontario	In recognition of the personal commitment to raising his community's awareness of the benefits of trees and forest ecosystems. He has personally developed colourful educational maps and several interpretive trails which help citizens, tourists, and schoolkids to identify trees present in Elgin County and gain general knowledge on trees.
1999/2000	Mr. Mike Sullivan, N.B. Dept. of Natural Resources	New Brunswick	In recognition of his tireless efforts, over the past 10 years, which led to the establishment of management objectives for wildlife species and habitat in New Brunswick, a first in Canada. He has also worked cooperatively with operational staff within forest companies to explain the intent of the objectives and to enable companies to meet them. Through workshops and conferences, he has been able to successfully transfer some of the lessons learned to others, acting as a key agent of change both within and outside New Brunswick.
1999/2000	Syndicat des producteurs de bois de la Beauce and City of Saint-Georges	Quebec	In recognition of their considerable partnership efforts which led to the improvement of the health and the enhancement of the multiple values of the Seven Waterfalls Park forest in the city of Saint-Georges. Through improved site access, woodlot owners and the public can now learn about innovative low impact forestry practices.
1999/2000	Natural Environment Section, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Toronto	Ontario	In recognition of the development and implementation of several urban forestry and biodiversity conservation projects which demonstrate the significant benefits of community stewardship. These projects have helped to enhance wildlife habitats around the city, revitalize certain degraded sites, and restore some historically important areas.
1999/2000	Mr. Fred W. von Althen	Ontario	In recognition of a lifetime of research work and transfer of knowledge on hardwood plantations in southern Ontario which helped to clarify and document many critical aspects of hardwood reforestation and resulted in much higher survival rates. His plantations are seen as the largest and best hardwood demonstration sites in North America.

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1999/2000	Weldwood of Canada Ltd.	Alberta	In recognition of the development and broad distribution of a handbook of forest stewardship which presents a good integration of useful forestry knowledge for practitioners. This document is a key component of Weldwood's operational staff training program and has received very positive reviews from the public.
1999/2000	North Island Woodlands Division, B.C. Coastal Group, Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd.	British Columbia	In recognition of their successful implementation of an environmental management system, on their public and even some of their private lands, that was the first in Canada to be certified to both the CSA Sustainable Forest Management Standards and the ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Standard.
2000/2001	Hayward Brook Watershed Study Working Group	New Brunswick	In recognition of the creation of a team of scientists who, along with the landowner, J.D. Irving Ltd., are studying the ecological implications of retaining forested buffer zones along second order streams during forest harvest operations. This site is unique to the region as a scientifically designed watershed study, demonstrating the networking possibilities between scientists and managers to address issues related to ecosystem integrity. This information is also transferable to the small (woodlot) landowner and will hopefully encourage management on a watershed basis.
2000/2001	Alberta Pacific Forest Management Taskforce	Alberta	In recognition of the creation of a Task Force involving a diverse group of stakeholders including caucuses that represent Aboriginal peoples, quota holders, company representatives, the Alberta government and recreational users. This is not just an advisory body, it is a decision making organization which helps to determine how a forest company conducts its forestry operations. This Task Force has demonstrated the viability of bringing meaningful public input into forestry operations.
2000/2001	Mr. Gary Burns, Logging Foreman, Slocan Forest Products Ltd.	British Columbia	In recognition of his outstanding work, which has been instrumental in helping Slocan make the transition from traditional forest management to a more progressive ecosystem management approach. He has been a leader in training and supervising crews operating in sensitive areas, on tasks such as implementing alternative harvesting techniques, as well as low-impact bridge and road construction. Maintaining the integrity of riparian areas is always one of his key priorities.
2000/2001	Mr. Jim Trebett, Estevan Engineering Ltd.	British Columbia	In recognition of his life-long commitment to promoting and demonstrating sustainable forestry. He has hosted several workshops, such as one on forest management around small streams, and provided examples of various careful management techniques as learning opportunities for fellow woodlot owners. He was furthermore instrumental in setting up a nursery and arboretum as part of a demonstration forest.

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2000/2001	Mr. Jim Kinghorn	British Columbia	In recognition of a lifetime of devotion to the promotion of sustainable forestry and wildlife habitat conservation. He is a retired Canadian Forest Service researcher and private forest owner who has used his own woodlot, which he has re-planted with native species, to demonstrate proper forest stewardship techniques, such as maintaining rocky outcrops to conserve wildlife and biodiversity values. He has furthermore been recognized by the Nursery Association of British Columbia for his leading edge work leading to the development of plant plugs.
2000/2001	Mr. Peter deMarsh and Mr. Victor Brunette, Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners	New Brunswick and Quebec	In recognition of their dedication in working with Revenue Canada to revise the Income Tax Act so that small woodlot owners wishing to practice sustainable forestry are not punished financially because of inequities in the tax system. Their leadership and efforts have helped to demonstrate to all Canadian forest stakeholders the importance of maintaining Canada's private woodlots as a viable and sustainable resource.
2000/2001	Mr. William B. Snell, Director of Forestry, Tembec Paper Group	Manitoba	In recognition of his dedication in introducing the complex ideas and initiatives around sustainable forest management, ecosystem based management and an improved public/stakeholder participation in the process. He has lead the way in implementing the CCFM Criteria and Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management on the ground.
2000/2001	Ms. Margaret Donnelly, Regional Biologist, LP Canada Ltd.	Manitoba	In recognition of her leadership in forming a Manitoba Node of the SFM Network of Centres of Excellence, which includes industry, the Manitoba Model Forest, the provincial government and universities. She has also designed and setup stream crossing guidelines and research programs for LP and assisted in the development of an Ecosystem Resource Inventory of West Central Manitoba.
2000/2001	Ms. Robena Weatherley, Mr. David Kantor, and Ms. Deborah Kantor, Robinson Conservation Forest	New Brunswick	In recognition of the creation of the Robinson Conservation Forest, which offers over three kilometres of trails and 28 interpretive points that discuss the human and natural history of the woodlot on which it is established. The woodlot boasts a rich species mix, interesting terrain features, and one of the few remaining old growth stands in the area. The site also readily demonstrates the ecological values that can be incorporated into woodlots by owners interested in conservation and protection.
2000/2001	Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee	New Brunswick	In recognition of the extensive restoration work implemented to improve wildlife habitat in the Kennebecasis River system, by planting 55,000 tree seedlings, installing 350 stream alteration structures and over 20 kilometres of fencing, and stabilizing over two kilometres of stream banks. This initiative has provided healthier streams and fish populations in the watershed, essential corridors for wildlife, and an educational tool for farmers, landowners and the general public.

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2000/2001	Dr. Raymond Giberson	New Brunswick	In recognition of over 15 years of effort to demonstrate sustainable forest management practices on his 800 hectare property, which features Christmas trees, ginseng, apple trees, red pine, black spruce, and white pine plantations, as well as multiple forest types ranging from reclaimed fields to old growth hardwood. He has hosted several field days for fellow landowners and always insists on educating the public through open access to his property.
2000/2001	Community of North Grenville	Ontario	In recognition of its dedication in taking over a former provincial tree nursery and turning it into the Ferguson Forest Centre, a successful private nursery which now supplies varied stock to landowners in eastern and southern Ontario, at a reasonable cost. The first tree production facility to be certified by the Forest Gene Conservation Association, the Ferguson Forest Centre also plays host to community forestry events, and offers a network of interpretive trails.
2000/2001	Corporation of the County of Simcoe	Ontario	In recognition of its long term commitment to forest stewardship through the establishment and careful management of the largest municipally-owned forest and first county forest established in Ontario. The county forest department has implemented alternative harvesting methods to protect and enhance natural regeneration and improve biodiversity. Special operating conditions have been used to protect red oak regeneration to benefit deer and wild turkey populations. Providing critical interior wildlife habitat, these well managed forests are models of forest stewardship for all landowners in the county and beyond.
2000/2001	Mr. Gaëtan Auger and Mr. Jacques Bélanger, Équipe forêt-scierie du Lac St-Jean, Produits forestiers Alliance	Quebec	In recognition of their commitment to innovation and leadership in implementing an innovative mosaic harvesting system on their territory in Quebec's Lac St Jean region. This method reduces the impact of harvesting on several wildlife species and on the forest landscape, enhances access by users and better protects the forest against threats such as wildfires.
2000/2001	Forestry Section - Transportation and Works Dept., Regional Municipality of York	Ontario	In recognition of the innovative use of a diversity of approaches to promote good forest stewardship on public land in a rapidly urbanizing landscape. To reach this goal, this team has supported both basic and applied research; an active public education program; the incorporation of public input into the planning and management process on an ongoing basis; knowledge transfer to other municipalities; and third-party certification of their forest management practices, a first on a publicly-owned forest in Canada.

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2000/2001	Mr. Dave Deugo, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	Ontario	In recognition of 25 years of dedication to promote sound forest management, especially for tolerant hardwoods. He has been directly involved in policy and guideline development and was instrumental in developing the Westwind SFL template. He has devoted much time to public education and knowledge transfer to best address all party concerns and promote ecologically sound forest management practices. He has furthermore played a leading role in Central Ontario in embracing research and an understanding of wildlife and ensuring field staff are trained accordingly.
2000/2001	County of Dufferin	Ontario	In recognition of its efforts to work with others within their community to manage county forests over their full range of values. The county manages over 1000 hectares of forested and significant natural area landbases and was the first in Ontario to complete a 20 year public based management plan. It has maintained full public participation in the management of the county forests for a broad range of heritage, wildlife, recreational, educational, and local economic interests. It has finally incorporated a number of techniques to enhance bio-diversity and promote regeneration of intolerants.
2000/2001	Barbara Boysen, and the Forest Gene Conservation Association	Ontario	In recognition of their constant efforts to promote proper seed sourcing for tree planting, species diversity, and the utilization of a broad genetic base. They have demonstrated a total commitment to forest gene conservation and the need to promote and communicate the importance of genetic diversity, leading to healthier, less stressed trees for the forests of the future. Their message has reached community groups, school boards and municipalities, through management planning initiatives, seed collection certification workshops, and knowledge transfer to seed collectors and buyers.
2000/2001	Corporation de gestion de la Forêt de l'Aigle	Quebec	In recognition of the development and full implementation of a true working forest, managed according to the best integrated resource management practices available. Not only does the forest create millions of dollars of economic activity and directly or indirectly employ close to 100 people, it is also managed to conserve habitat and facilitate research and public access. Involving local native and community interests, the forest also innovated by selling timber at a higher return through an auction system. The concept has not only drawn interest in Canada but internationally as well.

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2000/2001	Mr. André Boisvert	Quebec	In recognition of over 20 years of dedication to the reforestation and stewardship of agricultural fields which had been in his family for years. A woodworker by trade, he has focussed his efforts on hardwoods, planting over 10 000 seedlings himself and then working with the local forestry association to plant an additional 22 000. He has also spent countless hours pruning and protecting his trees, which feature a mixture of oak, red pine, maple, spruce, yellow birch and beech? He also cares for a mature forest on his property which he uses for maple syrup production.
2000/2001	Mr. Fred Shawaga	Saskatchewan	In recognition of his long-term stewardship of a small-scale parcel of land and of his dedication to furthering the knowledge of local landscapes and sustainable harvesting. Recognized as a "Friend of the Trees" by the Saskatchewan Forestry Association, he was noted for his many accomplishments as a woodlot owner, and sawyer. Just prior to his passing, he donated his land to the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund, which is administered by Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management.