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Friends, I serve on the Awards Committee of the Natural Areas Association and we are seeking nominations for two of our natural area awards for 2005. Please take a minute to read through the brief descriptions of the two awards below and let me know if you are interested in nominating somebody for one of these awards. For those of you that know him, Jim Bissell, Director of Conservation, Cleveland Museum of Natural History was the recipient of the George B. Fell Award this past year.

This is an opportunity to give national recognition to an individual or group that has distinguished themselves by their activities to protect natural areas. Your consideration is appreciated. Apologies for duplicate postings.

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2005 George B. Fell Award

The Natural Areas Association's highest level of recognition is the George B. Fell Award. This award is in honor of George B. Fell, a founding member and officer of our Association who dedicated his life to the protection of natural areas. The Natural Areas Association awards the George B. Fell Award annually to an individual who has demonstrated the highest level of leadership in natural areas stewardship. The award recognizes:

- 1.. Accomplishments (e.g. in program development, stewardship, education, research and policy) that have significantly advanced natural area preservation, protection, and management.
- 2.. An individual who has demonstrated the best qualities of our profession. Qualities exemplified by George B. Fell through his lifelong dedication of the protection of natural areas.
- 3.. Any area of professional activity (journalism, law, science and natural resource management) that was applied toward stewardship of natural areas and the protection and understanding of natural diversity.

2005 Resource Stewardship Award

The Natural Areas Association recognizes individuals or groups who have demonstrated excellence in the stewardship of natural areas. This award recognizes individuals or groups who have:

- 1.. Resolved a significant issue related to the identification, protection, and/or management of natural areas.
- 2.. Developed creative or innovative strategies, which have contributed to the resolution of major natural resource issues.
- 3.. Made a major contribution to the advancement of the preservation of natural resources.

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