



2021 George B. Fell Award for Lifetime Achievement

Natural Areas Association George B. Fell Award



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The Natural Areas Association presents the George B. Fell Award to an individual who exhibits the highest qualities of the natural areas profession and who has made significant and sustained advancements in natural area identification, protection, stewardship or research, and the mission of the NAA. This award is given in honor of George B. Fell, a founder of The Nature Conservancy and the Natural Land Institute, and a founding NAA member and officer who dedicated his life to the protection of Natural Areas. While serving

as director of the Natural Land Institute, George provided leadership in initiating the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory, creating the Illinois Nature Preserves System, and developing the first Illinois List of Endangered and Threatened Species (each, the first of its kind state effort and program in the nation). This is the association's highest award, and it is reserved for exceptional achievements in any of the areas in which the Natural Areas Association is concerned.