

# DNR honors **historic preservation** and **archaeology** standouts

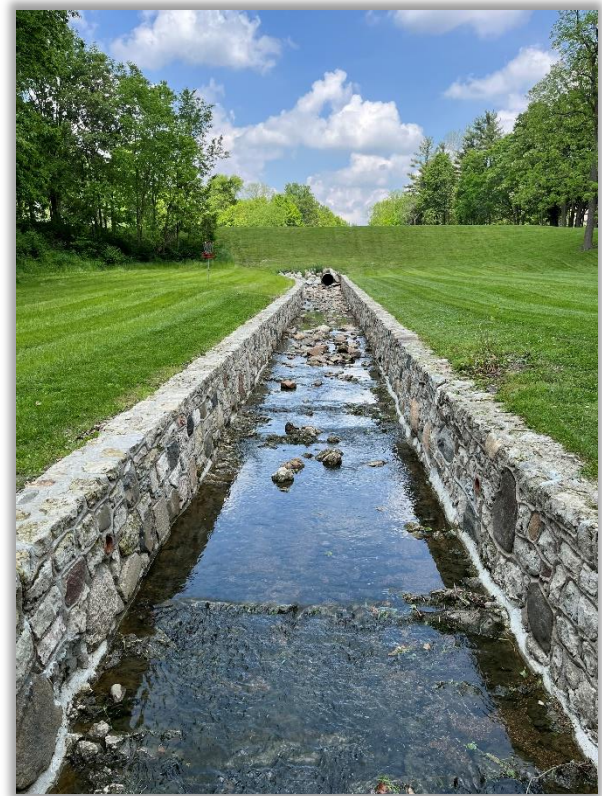


Recipients of the annual Indiana Archaeology Award and Indiana Historic Preservation Award, which recognize outstanding efforts in the field of archaeology and historic preservation, have been announced by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA).

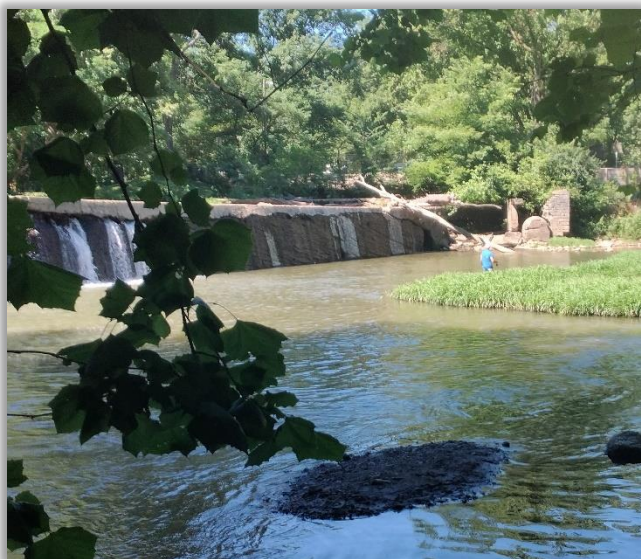
As the State Historic Preservation Office, the DHPA oversees the federally funded Historic Preservation Fund grant program, the federal Reinvestment Historic Tax Credit program, and the state's Historic Homeowner Tax Credit program. The DHPA also functions as Indiana's central repository for historic structures and archaeological site records.

The awards will be presented by DHPA director Beth McCord and the rest of the division's staff at local award ceremonies later this fall.

The recipients include professional consultants Jerry Sweeten, James Heimlich, and Ryan Duddleson; the Turner Chapel AME; and the city of Huntington.



## INDIANA ARCHAEOLOGY AWARD



**Jerry Sweeten, James Heimlich, and Ryan Duddleson** will receive the Indiana Archaeology Award for their diligently conducted research and coordinated efforts to archaeologically document low head dams across the state. Low head dams once were a vital way of managing water but are deteriorating with time. Sweeten, Heimlich, and Duddleson strive to work with communities to preserve portions of these dams and record archaeologically those parts that require demolition. Documentation of the dams has led to interesting finds regarding the engineering and architectural history of Hoosier dam building.



# INDIANA HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

## The **Turner Chapel AME Church**

**Congregation** will receive the Indiana Historic Preservation Award for sharing its rich heritage with

the Fort Wayne and Indiana community by choosing to place the historic church on the National Register of Historic Places. The congregation purchased the 1927 brick and limestone Gothic Revival church from a United Brethren congregation. In 1969 the congregation chose to protest the lack of integration in Fort Wayne's public schools by hosting a Freedom School. Families withdrew from the public system, enrolling their children in professionally run Freedom Schools. Within a week, school officials agreed to additional integration measures and the boycott ended.

The **city of Huntington** will receive the Indiana Historic Preservation Award for its outstanding grant-assisted rehabilitation project to repair the stone water race in Memorial Park. The community applied for a \$60,000 grant from the DHPA's Historic Preservation Fund matching grant program. Constructed by the Works Progress Administration in 1937, this stonework channel averages eight to twelve feet wide and three to five feet deep and is nearly 500 feet long. Repair work included cleaning debris and silt from the channel, building curbs to support undermined walls, reconstructing collapsed sections of walls and floor using both new and salvaged stones, and repointing deteriorated mortar joints. The project was originally estimated at \$350,000 but the final cost was \$565,000. The city of Huntington is recognized for its significant financial commitment to this historic resource, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, its outstanding grant administration, and the excellent workmanship of its masonry contractor.



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