

## Federal Assistance Programs for non-industrial private landowners

<b>Program</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program Administrator</b>	<b>Technical Assistance provider</b>	<b>Other Assistance</b>
<b>Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)</b>	Encourages private forest owners to actively manage their forest and related resources in a sustainable manner. Cost share includes development of Forest Stewardship plans, which provide a comprehensive understanding of forest systems and suggestions for management activities.	Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management (FMFM) <b>Debra Huff 517-335-3355</b>	DNR FMFM	Conservation District foresters, Private Consultants, and MSU extension.
<b>Biomass Crop Assistance Program</b>	Supports establishment and production of eligible crops for energy. Non-industrial forest owners may qualify to receive up to 75% cost recovery to establish if they have a Forest Stewardship plan or equivalent. Not available until 2010.	Natural Resource Conservation Service		
<b>Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)</b>	Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. Eligibility requires farmed land ( at least 4 of the last 6 years) Annual rent payments for 10 – 15 years ( 15 year plan required for tree planting) Tree planting, re-planting, and thinning for purposes of windbreaks, shelterbelts, and wildlife corridors qualify for 50 percent cost-share payments for at least 2 years but no more than 4 years	Farm Services Agency (FSA) Dale Allen <b>517-324-5106</b>	DNR FMFM responsible for tree planting practices, NRCS responsible for all other practices	Conservation District resource professionals, other Technical Service Providers through NRCS
<b>Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)</b>	Designed to improve the water quality of the Macatawa, River Raisin, and Saginaw Bay Watersheds. Practices eligible for cost share are: Filter Strips, Riparian Buffers, Wetland Restoration, Field Windbreaks, Planting of Introduced Grasses, and Planting of Ntive Grasses. Farmers receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible land.	Farm Services Agency (FSA) <b>517-324-5106</b>	DNR FMFM responsible for tree planting practices, NRCS responsible for all other practices	Conservation District resource professionals, other Technical Service Providers through NRCS
<b>Conservation Security Program (CSP)</b>	CSP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to promote the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other conservation purposes on Tribal and private working lands. Working lands include cropland, grassland, prairie land, improved pasture, and range land, as well as forested land that is an incidental part of an agriculture operation.	Natural Resource Conservation Service <b>Kim Graham, 517-324-5276</b>	NRCS	USDA Service Center
<b>Conservation</b>	Formerly the Conservation Security Program. Provides incentives for adopting, improving, and maintaining	Natural Resource Conservation Service		

<b>Stewardship Program</b>	practices that have positive impacts on the environment. Eligibility requires producers are already addressing on priority env. Concern and apply to address a second one. Forested land is included as eligible but only as “an incidental part of an agricultural operation.” Non-industrial private forest land is specified as subject to a “Special Rule” in which participation may not constitute more than 10 percent of the annual total acres enrolled in the Program.			
<b>Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)</b>	Payments not to exceed 75 percent of the costs to non-industrial private forest landowners who carry out measures to restore forest land impacted by natural disasters. Eligible participants must be able to demonstrate that impacted land had tree cover immediately before the disaster. New, not available until 2010.			
<b>Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)</b>	Provides technical and financial assistance to eligible farmers, ranchers and non-industrial forest owners to address soil, water, and nutrient management concerns on their lands. This includes forest improvement and tree planting activities.	Natural Resource Conservation Service <b>Brian MacMaster 517-324-5256</b>	NRCS <b>Andy Henriksen 517-324-5234</b>	USDA Service Center
<b>Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)</b>	Encourages private landowners to conserve habitat for rare and declining wildlife. These are: Grasslands and wetlands in southern Michigan, Jack Pine barrens in the Northern Lower Peninsula, and Mesic conifers in the Upper Peninsula. Financial assistance provided to Private land owners.	DNR Wildlife Division <b>Sue Tangora 517-373-1263</b>	DNR Wildlife Division	Conservation Districts and Private Consultants.
<b>Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)</b>	Assists in restoring and protecting wetlands on retired agricultural land. Agreements can be 10 year, 30 year, or permanent. <b>The WRP does not fund forestry practices at all unless they are performed to enhance wildlife habitat.</b>	Natural Resource Conservation Service <b>Tim Redder 517-324-5257</b>	NRCS <b>Andy Henriksen 517-324-5234</b>	USDA Service Center
<b>Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)</b>	Provides technical and financial assistance to promote wildlife habitat. Grassland, corridor, riparian buffer, and rare species habitat development are included, including tree planting and forest improvement.	Natural Resource Conservation Service <b>Brian Thomas 517-324-5259</b>	NRCS <b>Brian Thomas 517-324-5259</b>	DNR Wildlife Division, USDA Service Center.