



# FOREST STEWARDSHIP ASSESSMENT

Required by authority of Part 501 of 1994 PA 451 to determine landowner goals and objectives prior to preparing a management plan under the Forest Stewardship Program.

The Forest Stewardship Act of 1990 provides cost-share assistance for non-industrial private landowners, who have an approved Forest Stewardship Plan.

The Michigan Landowner Forest Stewardship Plan is divided into two sections. The first section is designed to help landowners assess their goals and objectives for the parcel. This assessment section should be filled out by the landowner in cooperation with a consulting forester or other natural resource professional. The assessment should include a reconnaissance of the property by the forester with the landowner whenever possible.

The second part of this plan is the technical portion entitled the "Michigan Landowner Forest Stewardship Plan". It involves putting together a management plan map, detailing the existing forest conditions and describing action to be taken. This section should be done by a consulting forester or other natural resource professional.

## LANDOWNER ASSESSMENT (To be Completed by Landowner and Resource Professional)

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>				
Landowner(s) (Last, First, MI)			Home Telephone Number	
Street Address		City, State, ZIP	Work Telephone Number	
<b>PARCEL LOCATION</b>				
Legal Description				
Section	Township	Range	County	Township
Acres in Forest Stewardship Plan			Total Land Ownership	
Parcel Also Enrolled In:				
Commercial Forest Act		<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree Farm	
Private Forest Reserve Act		<input type="checkbox"/>	Western UP Forest Improvement District	
Ownership: <input type="checkbox"/> Deed <input type="checkbox"/> Land Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Other			How long have you owned this land?	
Provide a brief statement of your overall goals and objectives for this land.				
Are you presently working with a resource professional, or have you ever worked with one for the management of natural resources on your property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If yes, who?</b>				
Have you received any cost share assistance in the last 10 years (ACP, FIP, CRP)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If yes, note location and acreage.</b>				
Rank the following forest values in your order of priority (1 being the highest):				
_____ Aesthetics	_____ Wildlife	_____ Timber Production	_____ Recreation	_____ Water & Soil Quality
_____ Wetland/Riparian Area Protection	_____ Fishery	_____ Rare/Endangered Plants/Animals	_____ Reforestation	_____ Other (indicate): _____
Comment or expand on landowner interests				
Have you invested time or money, or do you plan to invest time or money, toward achieving your forest goals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			(Optional) <b>If yes, what is your estimate of your yearly contribution in hours and/or dollars?</b>	
<b>Timber Management</b>				
Do you have a forest management plan?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Don't Know N/A	
Have you ever sold sawlogs, pulpwood or firewood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	
Are you willing to have trees cut on your property for the following reasons?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Cash Return on Present timber Value	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Enhancement of Future Economic Value	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Improve Wildlife Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Improve Other Forest Values (i.e. Recreation, Tree Health)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
• Firewood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you have any active plans for a timber sale?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	

Comments

**WILDLIFE**

Does this parcel contain any of the following wildlife habitat types (check those that you consider significant)?

- Old Fields
- Apple Trees
- Beaver Pond
- Natural Marsh
- Deer Wintering Area
- Aspen Stand
- Alder Stand
- Spring Seeps
- Areas showing Bear use
- Brooks or Streams
- Oak Stands
- Cedar Stands
- Other (explain): *(if checked, the location should be indicated on the plan's map.)*

Is it important to you to protect and improve wildlife habitat on your land?  Yes  No *If yes, what species are most important to you?*

Do you know of any threatened or endangered plant or animal species on the parcel?  Yes  No *If yes, describe kind and approximate location.*

**WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN AREAS**

Do you know of any wetlands on the parcel?  Yes  No *If yes, have it mapped on your plan!*

Do you want to develop, restore or protect them?  Yes  No *If yes, please describe.*

**FISHERIES**

Are any streams or ponds located on this parcel?  Yes  No What concerns do you have about them?

**RECREATION**

Are any significant regional trails located on or adjacent to the parcel? *(e.g., snowmobile trail, cross-country ski trail, or old railroad bed.)*

Yes  No  Don't Know

*If yes, describe type - location will be shown on plan's map.*

Are any local or personal use trails located on the parcel?  Yes  No  Don't Know

*If yes, describe the type - location will be shown on the plan's map.*

What is the level of the following outdoor recreational activities that occurs on the parcel?

Activity	None	Moderate	Substantial	Don't Know
Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature Walks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobiling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseback Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cross-Country Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ATV or Motorcycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain Biking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bird Watching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**AESTHETICS**

Is any portion of your land visible from a regularly traveled road, public trail, or state highway?  Yes  No

**If yes, are activities planned in the next 10 years that might have an impact on the visual quality of the area seen from these roads and trails?**

Yes  No

Describe any concerns

**CULTURAL/HISTORICAL**

Are any registered historic sites located on the parcel?  Yes  No **If yes, location will be shown on the plan's map.**

Are any structures or sites located on the parcel that you consider to have cultural or historic significance and that you would like to protect?

Yes  No **If yes, locations will be shown on the plan's maps.**

**UNIQUE FEATURES**

Are any unique geological or natural features located on the parcel? (e.g., waterfall, gravel area, very large or exotic species of trees)

Yes  No **If yes, locations will be shown on the plan's map.**

**OTHER FOREST ACTIVITIES**

Do you plan any other activities on the parcel in the next 10 years? (e.g., Christmas tree production, maple syrup production, nursery operation, pond construction, subdivision, building construction, other)  Yes  No **If yes, describe the activities planned including the general location.**

Activity	Area

**WINDBREAKS**

Do you feel you would like to have any windbreaks or shelters built?  Yes  No **If yes, describe:**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Are you interested in making sure your land will remain a stewardship forest beyond your ownership?  Yes  No

If you would like information on land trusts and estate planning, this information is available through your County Extension Service office as **Extension Bulletin E-2120; Wills, Probate and Estate Planning.**

I have been informed about the Michigan Landowner Forest Stewardship Program and understand how to proceed to make my land a Stewardship Forest.

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Landowner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Natural Resources Professional Signature

(Who assisted the landowner with this assessment?)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Upon signature of both the landowner and the professional:**

**Submit this assessment for signature by the State Forester or his/her designee.**

**After the State Forester (or designee) has signed it, the original will be returned to the Plan Writer, a copy will be retained by the DNR and a copy will be provided to the landowner.**

Received by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature by State Forester or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date