

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE MANAGEMENT**

**THIRD-PARTY CERTIFYING ORGANIZATIONS  
UNDER MICHIGAN'S QUALIFIED FOREST PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION  
2006 PA 378**

Section 7jj 11(h) of 2006 PA 378 defines "third-party certifying organization" as an independent third-party organization that assesses and evaluates forest management practices according to the standards of a certification program that measures whether forest management practices are consistent with principles of sustainable forestry. Third-party certifying organization includes, but is not limited to, the forest stewardship council and the sustainable forest initiative.

Forest Stewardship Council

<http://www.fscus.org>

Sustainable Forest Initiative

<http://www.sfiprogram.org>