

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

**REQUIREMENTS OF FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR LANDS LISTED
UNDER MICHIGAN'S QUALIFIED FOREST PROPERTY (QFP) TAX EXEMPTION
2006 PA 378**

A forest management plan is prepared by a qualified forester* and prescribes measures for sustainable forest management that includes, but is not limited to, harvesting, planting, and regeneration of forest products.

All QFP forest management plans must include the following:

1. Name, address and dated signature of each owner of the property.
2. Name, address and dated signature of the plan writer.
3. The time period covered by the plan as the plan shall not extend beyond a period of 20 years.
4. Legal description including county, political township, congressional township, range, section and subsection, and parcel identification number of the property or of the parcel on which the property is located. Include total acreage covered by the plan.
5. A statement of the owner's forest management goals and objectives. Management goals describe the desired future condition. Objectives should support the owner's goals and be specific, achievable and measurable.
6. A description of activities undertaken for the management of forest resources other than trees, including wildlife habitat, watersheds and aesthetic features.
7. Soil types found on the property and a description of soil conservation practices necessary to prevent rutting, compaction, or soil erosion that may result from forestry practices.
8. Maps, diagrams or aerial photographs identifying both forested and unforested areas of the property. Use conventional map symbols indicating species, size and density of vegetation and other major features of the property. (Include vegetative cover types, major topographical features, roads, two-tracks, utility lines, right-of-ways, springs, seeps, creeks, intermittent streams, wetlands, property lines and known survey corners. Include a map legend with map scale and north arrow clearly indicated).
9. A narrative description of each management unit that includes acreage, cover type, stand density (basal area or trees per acre) and age of main stand. Include some measure of site quality and productivity that shows the stand is capable of growing 20 cubic ft/acre/year (site index or volume growth/acre/year). State the management objective for each unit indicating for which forest cover type and products the stand is being managed. Describe the silvicultural practices (shelterwood, seed tree, selection, etc.) employed to achieve the unit objective and promote successful regeneration.
10. Additional information of interest to the landowner.
11. A summary table or spreadsheet of all stands listing the ir prescribed practices, approximate treatment schedule and dates of accomplishment.
12. A statement signed by the owner that he or she agrees to comply with all terms and conditions contained in the approved plan.

* Qualified forester means natural resource professional, a registered forester, or a conservation district forester.