



LANDOWNER APPLICATION FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Please complete this form with your Plan Writer. The Plan Writer will submit the form to the DNR at the start of the planning process.

CONTACT INFORMATION				
Plan Writer Name		Landowner Name		
Landowner Complete Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip)				
Landowner Telephone Number (including area code)		Landowner E-mail		
Ownership Type (Individual, Family, Multiple Families, Club, Trust, Corporation, LLC, Association, Indian Tribe)				
PROPERTY LOCATION				
County	Township	Town	Range	Section Number
Basic Legal Description				
Forested Acres in Plan	There is no minimum or maximum acreage to develop a Forest Stewardship Plan. Financial assistance is available for forests ≥20 acres. The cost share formula is based on acres in the plan, excluding large bodies of water or agricultural land not being planted in trees.			
ELIGIBILITY				
Yes	No	Is the property non-industrial private forest land owned by an individual, family, group, corporation, tribe, or other private entity?		
		Have you applied for a contract with the NRCS to do a CAP 106 forest management plan for this same property?		
		Is this an update or modification of an earlier Forest Stewardship Plan for this parcel that is less than ten years old?		
OTHER PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS				
Yes	No	Are you applying separately to the Qualified Forest Program to lower your property taxes? [Michigan.gov/QFP]		
		Are you applying separately to the Commercial Forest Program to lower your property taxes? [Michigan.gov/CommercialForest]		
		Are you interested in applying to the NRCS for financial assistance to implement this plan? [nrcs.usda.gov]		
		Would you like to join the American Tree Farm System to certify your exemplary forest stewardship? [TreeFarmSystem.org/MI]		
		Would you like to certify your forest management through the Forest Stewardship Council? [us.fsc.org]		
The Michigan Forest Stewardship Program gives you a free one-year membership in the Michigan Forest Association (MFA). MFA provides education, fellowship, advocacy and a quarterly magazine for family forest owners (MichiganForests.org).				
Write "YES" to give the DNR permission to share your contact information with the Michigan Forest Association.				
MICHIGAN STEWARDSHIP ETHIC				
Stewardship is an ethic recognizing that the land and its natural inhabitants have an inherent worth and that humans have a responsibility to consider the land as we manage, protect and enjoy the forest. Stewardship guides us to conduct our activities to the utmost of our abilities, insure the future health, productivity, diversity and well-being of the forest, its natural communities and species. We must provide opportunities to our successors that are equal to ours to use and enjoy the forest and its resources.				

LANDOWNER GOALS

What are your goals for your woods over the next 10 to 20 years?

Potential Management Activities	Not Applicable	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	Comments
Protect soil resources					
Protect water quality (rivers, lakes, etc)					
Maintain or improve biological diversity					
Enjoy beauty, scenery and aesthetics					
Hunting (indicate preferred game species)					
Recreation other than hunting (indicate activity)					
Produce timber for commercial harvest					
Produce firewood					
Produce other non-timber forest products					
Plant trees or shrubs					
Improve wildlife habitat (indicate species)					
Protect threatened or endangered species					
Forest health – insects, disease, invasive plants					
Protect archeological, cultural or historic features					
Protect unique natural features					
Protect or restore wetlands					
Minimize the risk of wildfire					
Manage carbon stocks to mitigate climate change					
Pass land to children or other heirs					

PLAN PREPARATION COSTS AND DISCOUNTS

The cost to develop a Forest Stewardship Plan is determined by the plan writer and agreed upon by the landowner. A partial cost share, made possible with funding from the United States Forest Service, may be available through an annual grant to the plan writer. **The cost share formula is “\$200 per plan plus \$0.50 per forested acre up to an annual maximum of \$2,500 per landowner.”** Landowners should expect to pay for a significant portion of the total plan costs. The DNR must report matching funds to the Forest Service so landowners must report the amount that they contribute to the total cost of the plan. This form is not a legal contract.

Amount paid by the landowner for this Forest Stewardship Plan	\$
Cost share from DNR paid to the plan writer after DNR review and approval	\$
Write “100” for additional cost share from DNR to plan writer if landowner enrolls in American Tree Farm System. Plan writer must be a Tree Farm Forester and submit “004 Form” to Tree Farm prior to payment.	\$

LANDOWNER SIGNATURE

My Forest Stewardship Plan will describe my goals, forest resources and recommended activities to achieve my goals over the next 10 to 20 years. Participation in the *voluntary* Forest Stewardship Program indicates my intent to use my plan to take good care of my woods. I understand that enrolling in *separate* programs (Qualified Forest, Commercial Forest, American Tree Farm System, Forest Stewardship Council, Environmental Quality Incentives, etc.) requires compliance with those independent program guidelines.

Landowner Signature	Date
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APPLICATION APPROVAL AND PROPERTY REVIEW BY DNR

DNR Service Forester Signature	Date
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State Historic Preservation Office Database Results

(If positive, contact Stacy Tchorzynski, State Archeologist, at TchorzynskiS@michigan.gov for more detailed information.):

Threatened & Endangered Species Database Results

(If present, see the Michigan Natural Features Inventory at mnfi.anr.msu.edu for more information.)

PLAN APPROVAL AND COST SHARE PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION BY THE DNR

Service Forester Signature to Approve Plan	Date
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FSP Coordinator Signature to Authorize Payment	Date
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Forest Stewardship Plans must be completed within a single federal fiscal year starting October 1 and ending September 30. *Plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to September 15 to allow for year-end reporting.* Payment will be authorized if the Forest Stewardship Plan includes required components and if the Plan Writer has a prior grant agreement with the DNR for cost share payments.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Forest Stewardship Program is a partnership between the United States Forest Service, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 160 professional foresters and landowners to develop a custom Forest Stewardship Plan for their woods. Since 1991, more than 6,600 landowners in Michigan have developed their own Forest Stewardship Plan to help them *manage, protect, and enjoy* over one million acres of forest. See Michigan.gov/ForestStewardship for information.

DNR CONTACT INFORMATION

DNR Service Foresters

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Forest Stewardship Coordinator

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