

## Michigan Forest Stewardship Plan – Required Components Checklist

**Forest Stewardship Plans.** Forest Stewardship Plans are meant to be simple yet comprehensive plans to help landowners be good stewards of their forest. This document is a summary checklist for the required components for a Michigan Forest Stewardship Plan. This checklist is to be used by Plan Writers when writing Plans and DNR Service Foresters when reviewing Plans. For more complete guidance about each item, see supporting documents online at [www.michigan.gov/foreststewardship](http://www.michigan.gov/foreststewardship).

**Review and Approval of Plans.** The DNR Service Foresters review and approve Forest Stewardship Plans for meeting the USFS requirements. However, plan writers should consider including the components recommended by the Michigan DNR and those required by related forestry programs.

**Related Forestry Programs.** Forest Stewardship Plans must meet the required components for the Commercial Forest Program or Qualified Forest Program if the landowner intends to enroll in either property tax program. Forest Stewardship Plans can be used by the landowner to certify sustainable forest management in the American Tree Farm System. Forest Stewardship Plans are accepted by the Natural Resources Conservation Service when a landowner applies for financial assistance to implement conservation practices identified in the plan. Forest Stewardship Plans are not required to include all of the NRCS requirements for a CAP 106 forest management plan.

**Landowner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Plan Writer** \_\_\_\_\_ **Reviewer** \_\_\_\_\_

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Component	Required	Recommended	Included in Plan?
<b>COVER PAGE</b>	X		
Title - "Forest Stewardship Plan"	X		
Forest Stewardship Logo		X	
DNR Logo		X	
Landowner Name	X		
Plan Writer Name	X		
Plan Start Date	X		
Plan Duration or End Date	X		
Renewed or Revised Plan Indication		X	
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	X		
Landowner Contact Information	X		
Plan Writer Contact Information	X		
Acres Included in Plan	X		
Signature Blocks (landowner, writer, DNR)	X		
Property Legal Description (Town, Range, Sec.)	X		
Directions to Property		X	
Stewardship Definition		X	
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	X		
Table of Contents		X	
General Property Description	X		
Landowner's Goals and Objectives	X		
Ownership Map (Forest Type, Water, Legend)	X		
Summary of Planning Process		X	
Stand Assessment Method		X	

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<b>RESOURCE DESCRIPTIONS</b>	X		
Narrative of Current Conditions	X		
Soil	X		
Water (lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, etc)	where present		
Wetlands (as defined by DEQ)	where present		
Biological Diversity (tree species present)	X		
Timber	X		
Forest Health (insects, disease, invasive species)	X		
Recreation	X		
Fish and Wildlife Habitat	X		
Threatened and Endangered Species	X		
Archeological, Cultural and Historic Sites	X		
Carbon Cycle		where relevant	
Fire		where relevant	
<b>PRESCRIPTIONS</b>	X		
Narrative of Desired Future Conditions	X		
Stand Specific Recommendations	X		
Strategy and Timeline for Implementation	X		
Best Management Practices for Soil and Water	X		
Aesthetic Considerations	X		
<b>MONITORING</b>	X		
Activities to Monitor Forest for Duration of Plan	X		
<b>APPENDIX</b>		X	
Glossary		X	
Financial Assistance Programs		X	
Educational Materials		X	
Regulatory Programs		X	
<b>Additional Items to Comply with Related Programs</b>			
<b>COMMERCIAL FOREST PROGRAM</b>		X	
Landowner Intent for Commercial Forestry	Required by law		
Summary Table of Silvicultural Prescriptions	Required by law		
Records of Silvicultural Practices Completed	Required by law		
Amendments Due to Unexpected Events	Required by law		
<b>QUALIFIED FOREST PROGRAM</b>		X	
Measures to optimize production, utilization, and regeneration of forest resources	Required by law		
Parcel Tax ID Number	Required by law		
Statement of Landowner Compliance	Required by law		
<b>AMERICAN TREE FARM SYSTEM</b>		X	
Forests of Recognized Importance	X		
Biomass		where relevant	
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE</b>		X	
Identify Resource Concerns		X	
Recommend Conservation Practices		X	