

Qualified Forest Program

**Property Tax
Reduction for
Woodland Owners**



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The Qualified Forest Program provides a property tax exemption for woodland owners. In exchange for the property tax exemption, landowners must manage their forests in a sustainable fashion for commercial harvest, wildlife habitat enhancement, and improvement of other non-forest resources.

The program provides two potential tax benefits for enrolled landowners:

1. Reduction of school operating taxes on non-homestead property
2. Prevents the “uncapping” of a property’s taxable value when a parcel currently enrolled under the qualified forest program changes ownership

Requirements for the program:

- Parcels must be 20 acres or larger to qualify
- A forest management plan must be written by a qualified forester
- Buildings and structures are allowed but are not eligible for exemption
- Enrolled landowners must pay an annual fee; public access is not required
- Apply online at www.michigan.gov/QFP

For more information, call

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