

Overview of Watershed Agricultural Council Cost-Share Programs for Landowners

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You have received your management plan, but how will you take the next step and implement its recommendations? The Watershed Agricultural Council's Forestry Program can work with you in implementing your plan and achieving your ownership objectives by providing technical assistance and cost-sharing programs that provide funding for a wide range of management activities. Below is a summary of the Forestry Program's landowner assistance programs for your reference.

Management Assistance Program (MAP)

This program provides funding for:

- Tree Planting
- Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) / precommercial thinning
- Riparian Area and Forest Wetland Improvement
- Wildlife Habitat Improvement including
 - Wild crop tree/fruit tree release and pruning
 - Seep protection and enhancement
 - Snag and cavity tree development
 - Creation of forest openings for wildlife
 - Establishment of wildlife seeding in forest openings
- Invasive Plant Control

Two grant rounds are held per year, with deadlines of February 15 and July 15. Participants may receive up to \$2,575 of MAP funding per round and up to \$5,150 of MAP funding per year. Only practices specifically recommended in your forest management plan are eligible for funding.

Best Management Practice (BMP) Program

This program loans portable, temporary bridges, arch culverts, and rubber tire mats to loggers for use in stream crossings during timber harvests. Free samples of BMP materials required for your project are available such as: silt fencing with stakes, pipe culverts, grass seed, hay bales, biodegradable bar and chain oil, erosion control blankets and straw wattles.

This program also provides cost-share funding for installing BMPs such as water bars, both as part of active timber harvests and to address existing erosion problems on your property.

Want to learn more about management?

The Watershed Agricultural Council's Forestry Program supports numerous landowner workshops annually, often at low or no cost to participants. Topics for these workshops include forest taxation, forest health, forest road remediation, wildlife management and the production of non-timber products in woodlots.

For a firsthand look at management in action, visit one of the Forestry Program's **model forests**. These outdoor classrooms allow you to see real timber harvests, BMPs and other management tools in practice. All model forests feature free admission. The Forestry Program currently partners with three locations:

1. Lennox Model Forest – Back River Road, Delhi, NY

This model forest is across the street from the 4-H Camp Shankitunk and is open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. The forest is owned by Delaware County and managed by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County.

2. Frost Valley YMCA Model Forest – Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY

Located on the campus of the Frost Valley YMCA Camp, this forest is open to the public but requires all visitors to check in at the Camp's Administration Desk before entering the model forest. For more information, please contact Frost Valley at (845) 985-2291 or visit their website at www.frostvalley.org/environmental-science/watershed-model-forest.html.

3. Siuslaw Model Forest – Route 23, Acra, NY

Located across the street from the Agroforestry Resource Center (ARC), this forest is owned and managed by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Greene County. The ARC also hosts a wide variety of free and low-cost workshops for the public. For more information, please contact the ARC at (518) 622-9820 or visit their website at www.agroforestrycenter.org.

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*For more information on any of these programs and to obtain grant applications,
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