



What is the MAP Program?

The Watershed Agricultural Council's MAP Program is a financial incentive program designed to offset the cost of implementing forest management activities on properties in the NYC Watershed.

In addition to helping active landowners complete activities, it also provides technical support for forest landowners

Cost share practices and opportunities include:

- Site Visit with a Watershed Forester
- Timber Stand Improvement (TSI)
- Tree Planting
- Invasive Plant Control
- Stream Bank (Riparian) Improvement
- Wildlife Improvement

Current cost share rates and detailed information for the individual activities can be found on the MAP Application at nycwatershed.org/map or by using the QR code on the back.



Questions or need more information?

Call (607) 865-7790 and ask to talk to a Forester, or email forestry@nycwatershed.org.

Due to the technical nature of this program, it is recommended that you contact the Forestry Program with any questions you might have on the MAP Program stewardship activities.

How To Apply

Eligibility: If you have property in the New York City Watershed you are eligible to apply for funding. Contact the Forestry Program if you are unsure of your eligibility.



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Applications are accepted year round and project selection occurs twice each month. Work can be completed by the landowner, contractor, or both. Projects are expected to be completed within six-months of the approval date.

Applications can be emailed to:

forestry@nycwatershed.org (preferred method)

or mailed to:

Watershed Forestry Program
33195 State Highway 10
Walton, NY 13856

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Management Assistance Program

FINANCIAL HELP TO STEWARD YOUR PROPERTY



Research has shown that landowners own forests for reasons beyond economics; they value their forest land for its aesthetic beauty, the wildlife habitat it provides, and the recreational retreat it offers.

The opportunities provided by the Management Assistance Program (MAP) capture landowners' interests and inspire them to become active stewards of their properties.

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Management Assistance Program (MAP) *Activities:

Site Visit with a Watershed Forester

If you don't know where to start, meet one-on-one with a Watershed Forester for advice and explore woodlot options and goals for your property.

Timber Stand Improvement (TSI)

TSI is to a forest what weeding is to a garden. It allows certain species to be favored. It enhances the growth and quality of timber by removing poor quality trees and making room for good quality tree crowns to grow.



Stream Bank (Riparian) Improvement

By planting shrubs and/or trees adjacent to a non-forested stream you can improve trout habitat, slow run-off into the stream, trap sediment before it enters the stream, and protect stream banks. Non-forested wetland banks can also be planted to keep water clean, and shaded.

Tree Planting

Tree planting is to encourage the growth of forest cover through site preparation, planting, tree shelters, and fencing for the purpose of timber production, carbon sequestration, and cleaner water.

Invasive Plant Control

Eradicate or control the spread of non-native and native invasive plants that interfere with of forest management goals.

Wildlife Improvement Practices



Wildlife Crop Tree Release

This practice will attract deer and turkey by increasing or maintaining the natural food supply produced by trees. The best crop trees (preferably nut/fruit producers like oak, hickory, cherry) are identified and surrounding trees that are competing with their growth are cut down.

Fruit Tree Release/Pruning

Naturally occurring apple trees (and other fruit trees) grow in clearings and field edges where they provide food throughout the year for numerous birds, insects and mammals. As forests grow, these fruit trees become overgrown and shaded. This practice increases their health and allows them to produce more fruit.

Seep And Vernal Pool Protection And Enhancement

Seeps and vernal pools represent important water resources that improve water quality by filtering sediment and nutrients from surface water run-off. They are a valuable mid-winter water source for wildlife as they remain snow/ice free when many water sources are frozen.

Wildlife Seeding In A Forest Opening

This practice helps in the establishment of seeded food plots to attract and provide food for wildlife. Food plot establishment starts with clearing the existing ground cover, then applying lime and nutrient fertilizer as needed based upon the required soil test and the soil requirements of the seed being planted.

Snag And Cavity Tree Development

Cavities in trees are widely used by birds, mammals, and insects for nesting, resting, feeding, escape from predators, and winter storm protection. Snags are dead trees that remain standing. Snags are important for perching foragers like flycatchers and raptors and often are, or become, cavity trees as well.



Early Successional Habitat Management Or Creating A Place For Wildlife To Live

The goal of this practice is to promote three stages of plant habitat that provides food and shelter for wildlife, including rare and threatened birds. Early successional habitat is becoming increasingly rare in NYS as mature forest becomes the dominant land type.

1. Grassland Habitat

Grassland provides diverse insect populations, an abundance of forage, and much needed cover for certain bird species. Abandoned fields are ideal for this practice.

2. Shrubland Habitat

This habitat provides dense cover, nesting sites, and critical foraging opportunities for wildlife. The goal for this practice is to maintain brush with a height of 2 to 10 feet.

3. Sapling Habitat

This habitat provides nesting opportunities, various heights of vegetation for foraging, and dense sapling cover for wildlife. The creation of 1/2 acre openings in mature woods are ideal for this practice.

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