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**Forest Stewardship Program**

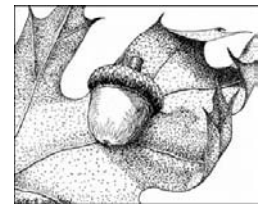
New Forest Stewardship Plans

**Who is eligible** – privately-owned woodlands of 10 acres or more (7 of which must be wooded), that are not currently enrolled in Forest Stewardship or Chapter 61, 61A or 61B programs. Landowners currently enrolled in Chapter 61A or 61B that do not have a forest management/stewardship plan are eligible to receive reimbursement. Eligible private landowners include: individuals, trusts, land trusts, clubs, LLC’s, associations, and corporate entities. Municipally-owned forest land parcels of 25 acres or more are also eligible. Leaseholders are eligible as well. Not eligible: Entities principally engaged in the processing of wood products; properties that have existing stewardship/forest management plans (\*see exception below), and corporations with publicly-held stock.

**What land cover is eligible** – Abandoned fields, wetlands, and power line rights of way can also be included in the plan. Not eligible acres are: active hay fields, cropland, commercial blueberries, Christmas trees, orchards, houses and outbuildings and the lawns and landscaped areas around them.

**Reimbursement is only for new management plans.** Re-certifications and amendments to existing plans (Chapter 61, Tree Farm, etc.) are not eligible to receive reimbursement. \*The exception to this rule is the case of a new landowner who “inherited” a plan from the previous owner. The reimbursement application must be approved by DCR before work on the plan begins.

10-36 acres	plan	\$850
36-500 acres	plan	\$850 + \$12.00/acre over 36ac
over 500 acres	plan	based on a written estimate by a MA Licensed Forester & approved by DCR



Plan Upgrade to meet DCR FSC Group Certification Standard

**Who is eligible** – Landowners, both private and municipal, who commit in writing to enroll in the DCR Forest Stewardship Council Group Certification Program who have an existing Forest Stewardship Plan or Chapter 61, 61A, or 61B forest management plan are eligible. Eligible private landowners include individuals, trusts, land trusts, clubs, LLC’s, associations, and corporate entities. Municipally-owned forest land parcels of 25 acres or more and entities principally engaged in wood processing and properties that are permanently protected are also eligible. Leaseholders are eligible as well. Not eligible: Corporations with publicly held stock.

**What land cover is eligible** – Forestland as defined in the MA Forest Stewardship Program and Chapter 61/61A/61B. Not eligible acres are: active hay fields, cropland, commercial blueberries, Christmas trees, orchards, houses and outbuildings and the lawns and landscaped areas around them.

**Reimbursement is only for upgrades to existing forest management plans.** New Forest Stewardship Plans and/or Chapter 61/61A/61B forest management plans are not eligible to receive reimbursement. The reimbursement application must be approved by DCR before work on the upgrade plan begins.

<i>Plan upgrade to meet FSC Group Certification Standard</i>	Stewardship to FSC Group	\$300
	Chapter 61/61A/61B to FSC Group	\$600

**For Forest Stewardship Program information and an application, contact:**

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