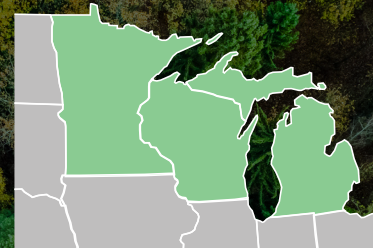


Family Forest Carbon Program

Growing Mature Forests | Practice Overview

Michigan, Minnesota & Wisconsin



About the Program & Practice

The **Family Forest Carbon Program** provides America's family forest owners with payments, expert guidance, and resources to implement improved forest management techniques that result in healthier, more resilient, and higher-value forests. This 501(c)(3) nonprofit program offers shorter enrollment terms, guaranteed payments with no market risk, and the flexibility to conduct some harvesting while participating.

The **Growing Mature Forests practice** uses a deferred rotation approach by growing trees longer and reducing harvest intensity so forests become healthier and store more carbon over time.

Premium Partnership Available

Unlock more from the program with our Premium Partnership, which includes all standard benefits plus a contract value 35% higher than our standard offer. To qualify, you'll establish farm records at your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office, complete FSA eligibility forms, and share them with us within your first year. Farm records can also open the door to other USDA conservation programs. Schedule a call with us and we'll guide you through each step.

Program Payments & Enrollment Terms

- Annual Payments | \$10.50 per acre per year of your 20-year contract period
- Contract Term | 20 years
- Premium Partnership | Option to earn a 35% higher contract value

Benefits of Enrollment

- **Expert Forestry Support:** Free professional guidance to help you manage your woodland and achieve long-term stewardship goals.
- **Forest Management Plan:** A free forest management plan that meets your unique needs and the program requirements or an acreage-based stipend to offset costs for an independent third-party plan.
- **Guaranteed Annual Payments:** Steady income that can help offset the costs of ownership and maintenance over the 20-year contract.
- **Privacy & Ownership:** You retain complete ownership and control of your land.
- **Compatible with Existing Land Protections:** The program works alongside most conservation easements, current-use programs, and similar land-based incentives.
- **Flexible Sustainable Harvesting:** Maintain the ability to harvest timber responsibly, including a personal use allowance (which can be used for firewood collection or other small timber stand improvement activities) that scales with enrolled area. The personal use allowance for cords per year by enrolled acreage area is:
 - 5 cords/year for 30-199 acres
 - 10 cords for 200-299
 - 15 cords for 300-399
 - 20 cords for 400-499
 - 25 cords for 500+



Additional Benefits

- **Enhanced Forest Health & Resilience:** Improved forest management practices help improve biodiversity and wildlife habitat, soil health, and water and air quality.
- **Commercial Flexibility Beyond Timber:** Non-timber commercial activities (e.g., maple syrup, hunting leases, specialty wood products) remain fully allowed.
- **Recreational Use Fully Preserved:** All personal and recreational uses (such as hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, etc.) are permitted to continue uninterrupted.
- **Support for Invasive Species Management:** Guidance to address and control invasive plants that threaten forests.
- **A Community of Your Peers:** By enrolling in the program, you join a community of similar forest owners to connect with, ask questions and share experiences.

Learn more and get started at
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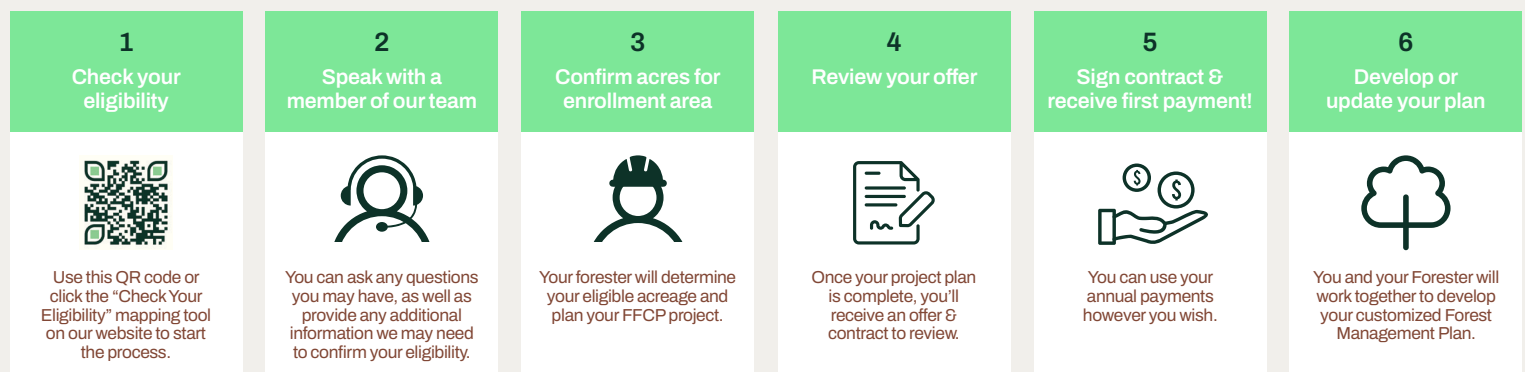
General Eligibility Requirements

- Must enroll at least 30 acres of forested land in the project. You may enroll all or part of your property.
- Forests must be naturally occurring (i.e., no plantations).
- Forests must meet harvestable requirements per acre. Our staff or consulting foresters will help determine this.
- The project area cannot be subject to any existing legal encumbrance that restricts timber harvest activity.

Management Requirements & What's Expected of You (Once Enrolled)

- **Work with a forest management professional** to develop your required forest management plan.
- **Harvesting is optional.** You are not required to cut any trees.
- **If you do harvest**, you can remove up to 25% of mature trees in the enrolled area. An FFCP Qualified Forester will help define which trees count as “mature” and set the baseline you’ll follow for the full contract period.
- **No high-grading allowed during the contract period.** You cannot take only the biggest or most valuable trees. In simple terms, the average tree size can’t drop more than 10% after a harvest.
- **Work within harvest guidelines.** To stay in compliance with our program guidelines, a Qualified Forester will help set up your harvest and timber sale according to your contract terms, best management practices, and technical knowledge.
- **If you complete a commercial harvest**, you must report tree measurements before harvesting. After harvesting, you must complete an attestation form about what was removed. Your forester will collect and help submit this information.
- **Complete an attestation form every 5 years**, which is a simple report sharing any major forest health changes.
- **Allow monitoring activities.** Allow infrequent carbon monitoring visits from an FFCP forester if your property is randomly selected.

How to Enroll



If you qualify, our team will guide you through each stage of the process and develop a customized plan aligned with your goals. The Family Forest Carbon Program is committed to providing consistent, long-term support throughout your full 20-year contract.

Disclaimer: This practice overview is not intended to address every aspect of enrollment in the Family Forest Carbon Program. Complete terms and conditions are detailed in the enrollment contract, and the Family Forest Carbon Program team can help address any questions you may have.