

Collaboration Approaches

MFRC Landscape Program

The MFRC regional landscape committees support the coordination and implementation of a wide range of forest and natural resource projects through a variety of approaches and methods. The regional committees can serve as a catalyst to initiate the development of projects, especially where the issues to be addressed are cross boundary in nature or in scope. The projects support the implementation of the MFRC landscape plans as well as partners' plans such as the MN DNR SFRMPs, Forest Action Plan, national forest plans, county forest management plans, tribal plans, forest stewardship plans, etc. The following list summarizes the range of functions the regional committees have taken on over the past decade:

- Convening forums
- Partnership formation
- Landscape vision
- Priority setting
- Policy linkages
- Project development
- Funding development
- Letters of support
- Fiscal agents
- Grant proposals
- Project management
- Monitoring and evaluation

Types of collaborative projects:

- Outreach and education.
- Research and development.
- On the ground pilot or demonstration projects.

Topic areas addressed through collaborative projects:

- Forest management
- Recreation management
- Fish and wildlife management
- Water resource management
- Land management
- Forest based economic development
- General public awareness/education
- Coordinated public conservation policies/investments