



Forestry for the Bay

Applications are due 6/14

Overview:

Maryland's private forests provide landowners with numerous benefits including wood products, clean air and water and pollinator habitat. To help provide and manage these natural benefits, a number of forest land practices are eligible through the Forestry for the Bay partnership. The program is available in all Maryland counties.

Implementation of forest practices through the USDA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program and Maryland's Woodland Incentives Program provides many natural benefits, but also a combined 90% cost-share on practice implementation and, potentially, a net-profit on the implementation of forest management plans.

Given the many natural benefits provided by forests, forests have potential to generate "ecosystem service credits" in various programs including water quality trading and forest banking. Credits are a unit of conservation like pounds of nitrogen that can be sold to organizations seeking pollutant reductions. Through this partnership, participants that have land in the Chesapeake Bay watershed will be eligible to receive a free assessment of their potential to generate ecosystem service credit funding.

Program Requirements:

This program is run through USDA NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the eligibility requirements for participation are the same as EQIP. Project partners have developed a unique EQIP ranking tool for evaluation of applicants to the program. The practices available through the Forestry for the Bay program reflect those that support the creation and management of forests and those that enable forest practices to be integrated into farm systems. The Pinchot Institute will contact participants in the program about ecosystem market opportunities and tools.

Included Practices:

106—Forest Management Plan	386—Field Border
314—Brush Management	391—Riparian Forest Buffer
315—Herbaceous Weed Management	394—Fire Break
324—Deep Tillage	468—Lined Waterway or Outlet
327—Conservation Cover	472—Access Control
338—Prescribed Burning	490—Tree and Shrub Site Preparation
342—Critical Area Planting	500—Obstruction Removal
383—Fuel Break	516—Pipeline

533—Pumping Plant
561—Heavy Use Area Protection
574—Spring Development
578—Stream Crossing
612—Tree and Shrub Establishment
614—Watering Facility
620—Underground Outlet
642—Water Well

643—Restoration and Management of Rare
and Declining Habitat
645—Upland Wildlife Habitat
647—Early Successional Habitat
Development and Management
655—Forest Trails and Landings
660—Tree Pruning
666—Forest Stand Improvement

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