



Forest Management Plan (FMP) Funding Opportunity

Fiscal Year 2016

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Maine

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Are you interested in receiving planning assistance to manage your forest? The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has a new opportunity through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program that may provide you funds to help get a Conservation Plan that will support your forest management.

What is an FMP?

A Forest Management Plan (FMP) is a conservation activity plan documenting decisions by non-industrial private forest landowners who agree to implement a system of conservation practices which assist the landowner to manage their forestland.

The FMP must meet NRCS quality criteria for soil erosion, water quality, and other identified natural resource concerns. This conservation plan is unique to your forest and will help you to realize the value of your woodland. It is a grouping of conservation practices and management activities which, when implemented as part of a conservation system, will help to ensure that both production and natural resource protection goals are achieved.

A FMP is developed to assist an owner in meeting all applicable local, tribal, State and Federal laws, regulations and permit requirements.

Developing an FMP

Forest Management Plans will be developed by a Technical Service Provider (TSP), who is certified by NRCS and placed on an "approved list" to provide technical assistance to non-industrial private forest landowners for specific conservation programs administered by USDA. You can find certified TSPs at <http://techreg.sc.egov.usda.gov/>, or through your local NRCS office.

To be eligible for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding to develop a FMP, you must meet certain minimum program requirements.

Payment Information

The EQIP payment rates for FMPs are:

| Component | 2016 Payment Rate General / HU* |
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| 1-20 acres | \$1,065 / \$1,279 |
| 21-100 acres | \$1,346 / \$1,651 |
| 101-250 acres | \$2,412 / \$2,894 |
| 251-500 acres | \$3,478 / \$4,173 |
| 501-1000 acres | \$4,039 / \$4,847 |
| > 1,000 acres | \$5,049 / \$6,058 |

*Historically Underserved

The payments are flat rates and don't change based on what the entity or private firm charges you. Participants are responsible for the remainder.

Application Deadline

Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis.

Need More Information? Contact:

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Cumberland and York Counties

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Franklin County

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