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Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program (WFLGP)

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This program, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is designed to assist private landowners who are interested in protecting and enhancing their forests, prairies, and water resources. The program allows qualified landowners to receive up to 50% reimbursement for the costs of implementing eligible practices.

Who can apply?

Eligible landowners must have at least 10 contiguous acres and not more than 500 acres of nonindustrial private forest within Wisconsin. Applicants should also have an existing Forest Stewardship Plan for their property or be applying to have one prepared through this program. Applicants should possess a strong sense of stewardship for the natural resources on their property.

What practices are eligible for cost-sharing?

A practice must first be identified in a landowner's Forest Stewardship Plan to be eligible for costsharing.

Landowners who do not yet have a Forest Stewardship Plan may use cost-sharing monies from this program for plan development. Some of the general practices eligible for cost-sharing are listed below.

- Management plan development
- Tree planting
- Forest improvement
- Soil and water protection
- Wetland protection, restoration, and enhancement
- Stream and stream bank protection
- Wildlife habitat creation or improvement
- The protection of rare natural communities and species

How can I apply?

Applications can be picked up at your local DNR office or from private forestry consultants in your area. Landowners are required to contact their DNR forester for guidance prior to completing the application.

When should I apply?

Applications can be sent in any time. However, applications will be processed only four times per year; February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. It is important to keep in mind that because applications are funded on a first-come, first-served basis, it is best to submit applications well before you plan to begin a practice.

Cost-sharing limits:

- Cost-share reimbursements can be up to 50% of the actual costs of the approved practices.
- The minimum grant amount is \$100 per landowner per year and the maximum grant amount is \$10,000 per landowner per year.
- Applications must be approved by the local DNR forester before cost-share funding is awarded.
- Landowners cannot begin a practice before they receive written approval from the DNR or they become ineligible for funding.