1. The SC Forestry Commission will begin funding of applications in July of each year.
2. Applicants not funded in July due to funding limitations will be placed on a waiting list for future funding. Mid-year funding may be possible.
3. Applicants will receive written notification of funding via an official letter from the SC Forestry Commission.
The Forest Renewal Program (FRP) is a cost share program that provides financial assistance to eligible landowners for tree planting practices approved by the South Carolina Forestry Commission. FRP is a partnership between South Carolina’s forest industries and the State. With the support of South Carolina’s forest industries, the program is jointly funded through an assessment of those industries producing primary wood products and an appropriation by the South Carolina State Legislature.

The goal of the Forest Renewal Program is to encourage tree planting on private lands to help ensure adequate future timber supplies. The program is designed to help landowners increase the productivity of their woodlands while providing other benefits such as clean air, clean water, and wildlife habitat. All of this while stimulating the economy of our State!

Who is NOT Eligible?

1. Private entities engaged in the business of manufacturing forest products, such as: sawmills, pulp and paper mills, plywood plants, oleoresin plants.
2. Public utilities or governmental agencies: federal, state, or local.

How to Apply:

1. Contact your local SC Forestry Commission Office for an application.
2. For best opportunity to be funded applications should be submitted prior to May 15th.
3. Applications for reforestation will not be accepted until all merchantable standing timber has been harvested from the area.

Who is Eligible?

Any private individual, group, partnership, association, trust or corporation not engaged in the manufacture of wood products, or any other legal entity owning non-industrial forestland capable of producing wood products. Private, individual forest landowners who are stockholders in any entity manufacturing forest products are eligible.

Management Practices Eligible

1. Site preparation and tree planting on previously forested or agricultural lands.
2. Timber stand improvement of natural or artificially regenerated forests.

Restrictions and Limitations

1. Practices must be satisfactorily completed in accordance to the prescriptions as specified by the forest management plan approved by the SC Forestry Commission.

Approval Requirements

2. Proof of ownership.
3. A forest management plan which may be prepared by anyone, but approved by a SC Forestry Commission forester.