



# Forest stewardship program application



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## LANDOWNER INFORMATION

_____ Last name	_____ First name	_____ Middle initial	_____ County of tract location	
_____ Mailing address		_____ City	_____ State	_____ ZIP code
_____ Home phone	_____ Cell phone	_____ Work phone	_____ E-mail address	
_____ Primary objective	_____ Secondary objective	_____ Approximate/estimated total acres	_____ Approximate/estimated forested acres	

## LANDOWNER OBJECTIVES

In the following list, please rank no more than 5 topics you want to consider in your Forest Stewardship Plan using 1 for the most important and 5 for the least important. Please record each ranking only once. A minimum of two topics must be ranked.

_____ Soil and Water Conservation: BMPs	_____ Wildlife Recreation: Habitat management for bird watching, photography, etc.
_____ Aesthetics: Maintaining a scenic forest	_____ Focus species: _____
_____ Timber Management: Managing timber for income (to sell timber)	_____ Recreation: Hiking, Bike riding, horseback riding, etc.
_____ Forest Health: Maintaining a healthy forest	_____ Biodiversity Conservation: Conservation of rare or unique natural resources
_____ Wildlife Management: Habitat management for hunting opportunities	_____ Cultural or Historic Preservation: Protection of cultural or historic areas
_____ Focus species: _____	

### I understand that:

As a landowner it is my option to have a Forest Stewardship Management Plan prepared by a forester employed by the SC Forestry Commission, SC DNR, a consulting forester, or a certified consulting wildlife biologist. If choosing a consulting forester, the forester must be listed within SC Forestry Commission's list of consulting foresters ([www.state.sc.us/forest/consult.htm](http://www.state.sc.us/forest/consult.htm)). Stewardship Management Plans prepared by SC Forestry Commission or SC DNR personnel will be completed at no cost to the landowner.

Landowners with more than 50 forested acres on their tract and also where 50% or more of the parcel is located within **Stewardship Priority Areas** may choose to receive reimbursement to have their management plan developed by an approved consultant listed above. Included with this application, landowners must also provide proof of ownership (tax receipt, parcel ID, etc.) and an IRS generated W-9 form. Reimbursement will be paid to the landowner and considered as ordinary income and may not cover the entire cost of the management plan. Landowners should negotiate the actual cost of the plan with their chosen consultant.

Below is the schedule that will be utilized to calculate the reimbursement provided to the landowner:

- 50 to 100 acres of forested land = \$600.00
- Over 100 acres of forested land = base amount of \$600.00 plus \$4.00/forested acre over 100 acres up to a maximum of \$2,000.00

Note that rates are based on forested acres included in the management plan and not total acres in the tract. Also documentation of actual cost will be required and payment will be based on the lesser of actual cost or schedule above. The plan will need to meet the 2021 Forest Stewardship Program National Standards and Guidelines. Reimbursement will only be made on plans approved by the SC Forestry Commission. Landowner must submit the following to receive payment: 1) approved Stewardship Management Plan; and 2) documentation of actual cost for plan development.

I choose to have my Forest Stewardship Management Plan prepared by (*check one*):

\_\_\_\_\_ SC Forestry Commission Forester or SC DNR Biologist: \_\_\_\_\_  
Forester/biologist name and/or agency

\_\_\_\_\_ Private Consulting Forester: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm/consultant name

I have also submitted a W-9 and proof of ownership.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Email this form  
to Piedmont Region  
Stewardship Forester



Email this form  
to Coastal Region  
Stewardship Forester



Email this form  
to Pee Dee Region  
Stewardship Forester

**TRACT INFORMATION** (to be completed by Stewardship Forester)

Primary Objective \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Objective \_\_\_\_\_

Total Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Forested Acres \_\_\_\_\_

County Parcel Tax ID #1 \_\_\_\_\_ County Parcel Tax ID #2 \_\_\_\_\_ County Parcel Tax ID #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Is this tract a primary residence?  Yes  No      Is this tract in the SC Tree Farm program?  Yes  No

Has this property been enrolled in the Forest Stewardship Program before?  Yes  No

└ If "Yes," when was the previous plan written? \_\_\_\_\_  
Year written

How long has the landowner owned the property? \_\_\_\_\_  
Years owned, or date acquired

Has the landowner ever received professional forestry advice about managing their forested lands?  Yes  No

└ If yes, from whom? (Please check all that apply)

- SC Forestry Commission       Private Consulting Foresters  
 SC Dept. of Natural Resources       Industrial Landowner Assistance Program  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

<b>SCFC USE ONLY</b>				
<b>Forested Acres</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b># Forested Stands</b>	<b>Points</b>	
10-50	1	<3	1	
51-100	2	3-4	2	
101-250	3	5-7	3	
251-400	4	8-11	4	
400+	5	12+	5	
Final # of forested acres		_____	Final # of forested stands	
SCFC co-author _____		Total _____	SCFC co-author _____	
			Total _____	

I certify the plan is complete and meets the 2021 Forest Stewardship Program National Standards.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stewardship forester signature      \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Forested acres: _____	Funds allocated: _____	Signature _____	Date _____
Final forested acres: _____	Payment: _____	Signature _____	Date _____

The goal of the S.C. Forest Stewardship Program is to provide forest management advice to non-industrial private landowners. Resource professionals will provide a customized forest management plan based on your objectives as a landowner. Your answers will provide important information toward developing your plan.