

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS: FOREST / LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN, QUALIFIED FOREST PROGRAM, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

DEFINITIONS:

Forest / Land Management Plan: a document that evaluates landowner goals within the context of past, current, and future property characteristics. Management objectives, quantifiable actions to achieve goals, are listed as part of a forest / land management plan. See handout provided by District Forester.

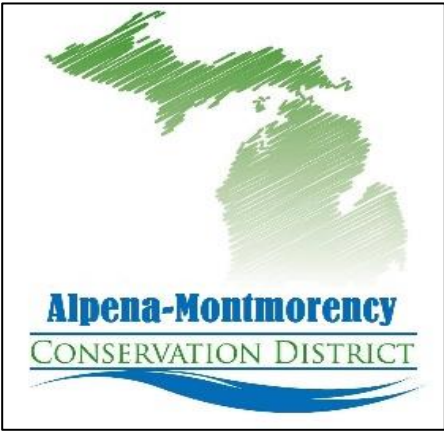
Qualified Forest Program (QFP): a tax incentive program for private, forest landowners in Michigan run by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). Enrollment in QFP requires, among other things, a forest / land management plan. See handout provided by the District Forester.

Types of Foresters and Loggers: foresters are professionals with at least a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university. Some foresters work for government agencies, while others work as industry foresters or are self-employed (consulting foresters). Loggers are professionals that cut and remove trees. It is advised that most landowners work with a qualified forester who represents them to the loggers that buy and remove timber from their property. Many foresters also write forest / land management plans and work with either or both of the cost-share programs discussed below. See handout provided by the District Forester.

COST-SHARE PROGRAMS:

The primary way landowners receive financial assistance to pay for a forest / land management plan in my office is EQIP (a Federal program run through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service)

SEE FLOWCHART ON NEXT PAGE FOR EXPLANATION OF THE TYPICAL PROCESS FOLLOWED BY MOST LANDOWNERS



HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT FORESTS, WILDLIFE, AND FUNDING PROGRAMS TO ASSIST IN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT?

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PROVIDE:
-EMAIL, PHONE, MAILING ADDRESS
-PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION
-COMPLETED "GOALS FORM"

GREG WILL SEND PACKET OF INFORMATION RE: FUNDING SOURCES/
PROGRAMS, SOILS, AND FOREST AND WILDLIFE ECOLOGY

AFTER REVIEWING INFO, SET UP GOOGLE MEET OR SITE VISIT TO GO OVER
PACKET, DISCUSS RELATED PROGRAMS, ETC.

IF GOOGLE MEET DONE, GREG CAN DO A SITE VISIT AND REVIEW PROPERTY

AFTER SITE VISIT, GREG CAN ADVERTISE FOR PLAN WRITER IF DESIRED

ONCE PLAN WRITTEN TO
STANDARDS AND COVERS
LANDOWNERS GOALS, IT
CAN BE USED FOR
QUALIFIED FOREST
PROGRAM THROUGH
MDARD, IF DESIRED