



AN EXAMPLE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE QUALIFIED FOREST PROGRAM (QFP) RUN BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MDARD) WITH HELP FROM THE ALPENA-MONTMORENCY FORESTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP)

Step 1: Contact Dr. Greg Corace (FAP, greg.corace@macd.org / (989) 356.3596 x102) and provide email address, phone number, mailing address, property legal description/tax bill, and a completed "goals form".

Step 2. A packet of information regarding your ownership goals and a variety of programs, including QFP, will be sent to you. Please review this information and then request a site visit from Dr. Corace.

Step 3. After the site visit, a forest management plan will be required for QFP. Dr. Corace can advertise for QFP-approved plan writers from the private sector **at no cost to you**. If funds are being sought from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the landowner must wait until approval is given to advertise for plan writer.

Step 4. After 2-weeks, Dr. Corace will provide list of names and contact numbers for plan writers for the landowner to interview and discuss costs, etc.

Step 8. MDARD completes final checks and submits info to township. Landowner signs affidavit and follows forest management plan. Harvest info sent to MDARD after any/all harvest completed.

Step 7. Verification form sent to FAP and site visit made to evaluate forest conditions. Completed form send back to MDARD.

Step 6. Completed plan, QFP application and fee, harvest schedule, stand map, etc. submitted to MDARD in Lansing (usually done by plan writer).

Step 5. Landowner selects plan writer who then makes a site visit and writes a forest management plan in ~3-9 months.