



Forest stewardship program application

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CLEMSON
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

_____	_____	_____	_____		
Last name	First name	Middle initial	County of tract location		
_____		_____	_____	_____	_____
Mailing address		City	State	ZIP code	
_____	_____	_____			
Phone (primary)	Phone (secondary)	E-mail address			
_____	_____	_____	_____		
Primary objective	Secondary objective	Approximate/estimated total acres	Approximate/estimated forested acres		
	Objectives list on 2nd page				

I understand that:

if I own at least 10 acres, it is my option to have a Forest Stewardship Management Plan prepared by a forester employed by the SC Forestry Commission, 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](#). Stewardship Management Plans prepared by SC Forestry Commission personnel will be completed at no cost to the landowner, but on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Landowners with more than 50 forested acres on their tract and also within [Stewardship Priority Areas](#) may choose to have their management plan developed by an approved forestry consultant listed above or wildlife biologist at the SC Forestry Commission's expense. You may also choose to have your plan developed by an SCFC forester and a biologist, or a forestry consultant and biologist. Depending on your objectives, one will be designated the **primary author** and the other the **secondary author**. If a biologist is the primary author, they must have an SCFC or consulting forester as the secondary author. Included with this application, landowners or consultants must also provide a [Priority Parcel Report](#), proof of ownership (tax receipt, parcel ID, etc.) and each consultant's IRS generated W-9 form. Payments will be made directly to each consultant and considered as ordinary income.

Below are the schedules that will be used to calculate payment to each author:

Primary Author:

consulting forester
or biologist

- 50 to 100 acres of forested land = \$1,000.00
- Over 100 acres of forested land = base amount of \$1,000.00 plus \$5.00/forested acre over 100 acres up to a maximum of \$3,000.00

Secondary Author:

consulting forester
or biologist

- 50 to 100 acres of forested land = \$650.00
- Over 100 acres of forested land = base amount of \$650.00 plus \$3.25/forested acre over 100 acres up to a maximum of \$1,950.00

Note that rates are based on forested acres included in the management plan and not total acres in the tract. The plan will need to meet the 2022 Forest Stewardship Program National Standards and Guidelines and be approved by the SC Forestry Commission. Plans needing approval should be submitted to your regional stewardship forester. Once approved, the consultant should invoice the SC Forestry Commission based on the rates above while referencing the plan and send the invoice to the same forester that approved the plan.

I choose to have a plan prepared with an SCFC forester and a biologist :

I choose to have a plan prepared with a consulting forester and a biologist :

I have also submitted each **consultant's** 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

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
- _____ Aesthetics: Maintaining a scenic forest
- _____ Timber Management: Managing for timber income
- _____ Forest Health: Maintaining a healthy forest
- _____ Wildlife Management: Habitat management for hunting opportunities
- _____ Focus species: _____
- _____ Wildlife Recreation: Habitat management for bird watching, photography, etc.
- _____ Focus species: _____
- _____ Recreation: Hiking, bike riding, horseback riding, etc.
- _____ Biodiversity Conservation: Conservation of rare or unique natural resources
- _____ Cultural or Historic Preservation: Protection of such areas

TRACT INFORMATION (to be completed by Stewardship Forester)

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

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

If "Yes," when was the previous plan written? _____
Year written

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

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

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

<u>SCFC USE ONLY</u>			
<u>Forested Acres</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u># Forested Stands</u>	<u>Points</u>
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
_____	_____	_____	_____
SCFC co-author	Total	SCFC co-author	Total

I certify the plan is complete and meets the 2022 Forest Stewardship Program National Standards.

_____ Date _____
Stewardship forester signature

<u>SCFC USE ONLY</u>			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Primary author allocation	Secondary author allocation	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Forested acres	Primary author payment	Secondary author payment	Signature
_____	_____	_____	Date