Forest stewardship program application

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LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Last name | First name | Middle initial | County of tract location

Farm/Tract Name | Mailing address

E-mail address | City | State | ZIP code

Phone | Primary objective | Secondary objective | Approximate total acres | Approximate 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 ☐:

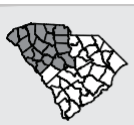
Primary SCFC forester or biologist name | Secondary SCFC forester or biologist name

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

Primary consulting forester or biologist name | Secondary consulting forester or biologist name

☐ I have also submitted each **consultant's** W-9 and proof of ownership.

Landowner signature _____ Date _____



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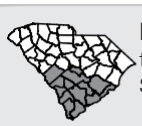

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LANDOWNER OBJECTIVES

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

SCFC USE ONLY

Forested Acres	Points	# Forested Stands	Points
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

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

_____ Stewardship forester signature

_____ Date

SCFC USE ONLY

_____ Forested acres

_____ Primary author allocation

_____ Secondary author allocation

_____ Signature

_____ Date

_____ Primary author payment

_____ Secondary author 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.