

Forest Stewardship Plan Program (FSPP) Highlights

The North Carolina Forest Stewardship Program (FSPP) has changed! Listed are some of the changes that have taken place this year.

- Forms SP1, SP2, and SP3 will no longer be needed
- The FSPPR09 landowner cost assistance form replaces the use of the old SP series forms.
- The 4220 will be the mechanism of keeping track with how many Forest Stewardship Plans have been accomplished. (Formerly the CO kept a separate tally on the number of SP3 forms submitted but this never coincided with the 4220 count.)
- By the new FSPP cost assistance method, the landowner will be paid for having a FSP constructed by a DFR approved FSP writer. The landowner will pay the FSP writer.
- Only mailed in FSPP cost assistance forms will be accepted. (No faxes or emails).
- Applications will be funded on a 1st come 1st served basis.
- An official CO funding approval letter will be generated and sent to the landowner/agent as well as the applicable DFR District Office.
- If funds are not available, a backlog of unfunded applications will be maintained until funding becomes available.
- If the Plan is written prior to the landowner/agent receiving the CO funding approval letter, the landowner will forfeit the allotted cost assistance funds.
- The landowner/ Plan writer agreement to write the FSP is solely between the landowner/agent and the approved Plan writer...the DFR will not get involved in the negotiations
- The Plan writer chosen to develop the Plan must have successfully completed the Forest Stewardship Plan-writing training that is provided by the DFR's Forest Stewardship Program Coordinator or his designee.
- A list of all approved Plan writers who have successfully completed this training will be maintained by the DFR Forest Stewardship Program Coordinator at the CO. It will also be posted on the DFR website under the Forest Stewardship section.
- The FSP must be completed within 12 months of the date on the approval letter from the Central Office (CO).
- Once the Plan is written and the plan writer has coordinated with and shown it to the landowner, it is submitted to the DFR forester for review and costs assistance approval who ensures the Plan meets the minimum requirements for the Forest Stewardship Program.
- The components necessary for a Forest Stewardship Plan remain the same.
 - General property description
 - Specific resource objectives
 - Resource evaluation
 - Management recommendations/prescriptions
 - Schedule of management activities
 - Map and/or photograph of the Stewardship Forest
 - Soil Map and Legend (This is optional on small tracts)
 - Record of activities