REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

I would like to have a forester visit me to discuss the planting of trees or management of my existing woodland.

Detach and Return to:

State Forester
North Carolina Forest Service
1616 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1600

Landowners can also request assistance by calling their local N.C. Forest Service office.

Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Comments: _____

PROCEDURE

1. Contact your County Forest Ranger or the nearest N.C. Forest Service District Office (numbers below); both are listed in the white pages of the telephone book under "North Carolina, State of." Or go to the N.C. Forest Service website at: ncforestservice.gov

2. A representative from the N.C. Forest Service will meet with you to:

- Conduct an on-site examination of your property
- Discuss your management options based on your objectives
- Prepare a written management plan for your woodland
- Provide you with an FDP cost share application and any other necessary information

3. Once your application has been signed and submitted, you will receive a written notification of funding. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis **and must be approved before the actual work begins.**

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Asheville, 220 Sardis Road, 28806, (828) 667-5211
Elizabeth City, 861 Berea Church Road, 27909, (252) 331-4781
Fairfield, State Road #1305, 27826, (252) 926-3041
Fayetteville, 221 Airport Road, 28306, (910) 437-2620
Hillsborough,3314 NC 86 South, 27278, (919) 732-8105
Lenoir, 1543 Wilkesboro Road, 28645, (828) 757-5611
Lexington, 304 Old Hargrave Road, 27295, (336) 956-2111
Mt. Holly, 1933 Mountain Island Highway, 28120, (704) 827-7576
New Bern, 3810 M.L King, Jr. Boulevard, 28562 (252) 514-4764
Rockingham, 1163 North US Highway #1,28379, (910) 997-9220
Rocky Mount, 737 Smokey Road, 27804, (252) 442-1626
Sylva, 443 Highway 116, 28779, (828) 586-4007
Whiteville, 1413 Chadbourn Highway, 28472, (910) 642-5093

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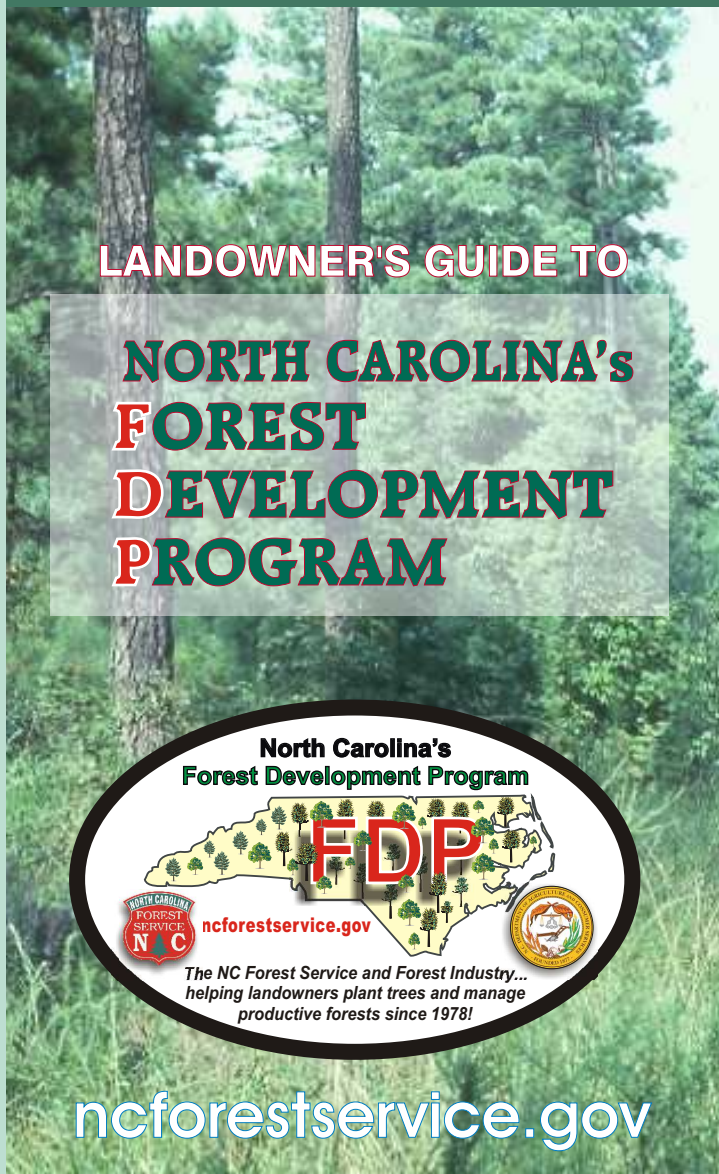

LANDOWNER'S GUIDE TO

NORTH CAROLINA's FOREST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

North Carolina's Forest Development Program

FDP

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The NC Forest Service and Forest Industry... helping landowners plant trees and manage productive forests since 1978!

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Why Plant Trees?

Trees planted today will increase rapidly in value and help your land become more productive. Private, individual landowners own nearly four-fifths of North Carolina's commercial forest land. Half of this land is under-used; only a fraction of the timber the land is capable of supporting is actually being grown.

The **North Carolina Forest Development Program (FDP)** is a continuing effort designed to encourage private landowners to reforest after harvest and to place their idle and under-productive forestland into full timber production. Since 1978, the FDP has reforested and improved nearly 50,000 North Carolina acres annually.

North Carolina's forest industry funds this program through a special assessment paid on all timber harvested in North Carolina. It is administered by the N.C. Forest Service.

The North Carolina Forest Service is an equal opportunity employer. Its programs, services, activities, and employment opportunities are available to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disabilities, or political affiliation."

Who is Eligible for FDP Costshare?

Any private individual, group, association or corporation owning land in NC may apply. To qualify for FDP cost share, an applicant must own land suitable for growing commercial timber. Because the FDP has a 5-acre minimum, at least 4.5 acres or more of work must be completed in order for a landowner to be eligible for their FDP reimbursement. There is no limitation on the amount of land an applicant may own.

A forest management plan approved by a representative of the N.C. Forest Service is required. Such a plan contains a description of present and future courses of action that will be followed to assure forest productivity and environmental protection.

Landowners may write their own forest management plan, but most prefer to have a professional forester prepare their plans. The N.C. Forest Service, consulting foresters and some industry foresters can provide this service.

What Practices are Covered?

Most work needed to establish a new forest that has been addressed in an approved forest management plan is eligible for FDP cost-share. This includes site preparation, the cost of seedlings, and the labor to plant them. Also included are practices designed to insure successful establishment, such as chemical or mechanical release of seedlings and sprouts of valuable species from competing vegetation. These practices apply to the management of hardwoods as well as pines. There are also a number of eligible "forest stand improvement" practices meant to enhance existing woodlands.

Extent of Assistance

A landowner will be reimbursed:

a. a percentage (usually 30-40%) of the actual per acre cost or
b. the prevailing rate for that practice, whichever is less.

A landowner may receive FDP cost-share assistance on a maximum of 100 acres per year, and the landowner must agree to maintain the new stand of trees for at least a10-year period.

Can I Receive Both State and Federal Cost-Sharing Funds?

Yes, but not for the same forestry practice on the same acre of land in the same year. The North Carolina Forest Development Program is designed to complement federal cost share programs, not duplicate them.

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