

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY  
**FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION**



Tract Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

The Virginia Forest Stewardship Program has been established to provide services that will meet the needs of the forest landowners. The Stewardship Program focuses on providing a customized forest management plan to meet your forestland ownership objectives. The information on this application will help the Forester develop a stewardship plan that meets your objectives.

**SECTION 1 – Applicant Information**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2 – Tract Information**

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tract Location: (include tax map id) \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Tract Acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres of Forested Land: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this tract your primary residence?  Yes  No If no, how many days per year are spent on the tract? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this tract a Certified Tree Farm?  Yes  No If No, would you like information about Tree Farm?  Yes  No  
Are you the sole owner of the property?  Yes  No  
If no, please list the other owners. \_\_\_\_\_  
How long have you owned this forested land?  1 year  2-5 years  6-15 years  16 or more years  
Have you ever harvested timber from this tract?  Yes  No  
Do you own forestland in other Virginia counties?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list counties and number of forested acres. \_\_\_\_\_  
If you own other forested land, have you ever harvested timber from these tracts?  Yes  No  
Have you ever received professional forestry advice about managing your forested lands?  Yes  No  
If yes, from whom? \_\_\_\_\_  
What did you receive professional forestry assistance for? (check all that apply)  
 Preparing a Forest Management Plan  
 Timber Sales or Harvesting (timber marking, sales assistance, timber valuation, etc.)  
 Forest Stand Management (thinning, prescribed burn, pruning, herbicide application, etc.)  
 Reforestation and Planting  
 Wildlife Management  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 3 – Landowner Objectives**

Please rank the five most important objectives you want to consider in your Stewardship Management Plan, where number 1 indicates the most important and number 5 is relatively less important.

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| _____ Maintenance of a Scenic Forest                                                                          | _____ Wildlife Habitat                   |
| _____ Wildlife for Hunting                                                                                    | _____ Real Estate Investment             |
| _____ Managing Timber for Income (to sell timber)                                                             | _____ Protect Rare, Unique Natural Areas |
| _____ Forest Stand Management (maintain health of forest)                                                     | _____ Historical / Cultural Resources    |
| _____ Non-Wildlife Related Outdoor Recreation<br>(Hiking, Non-Motorized Trail Biking, Horseback Riding, etc.) | _____ Soil and Water Conservation        |
|                                                                                                               | _____ Other (specify) _____              |

If you are interested in managing for wildlife, please rank the five most important species you are most interested in, where number 1 indicates most important and number 5 is relatively less important.

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| _____ Deer / Turkey                                                 | _____ Rabbits                    |
| _____ Squirrel                                                      | _____ Bobwhite Quail             |
| _____ Songbirds                                                     | _____ Water Fowl                 |
| _____ Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species<br>(Plants or Animals) | _____ Fur Bearers (Fox, Raccoon) |
|                                                                     | _____ Other (specify) _____      |

Is this property under a conservation easement?  Yes  No

If yes, who holds the easement? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, would you like information about conservation easements?  Yes  No

An extensive plan appendix document is available as a reference to your Forest Stewardship Plan. How would you like to access this plan appendix?

- Electronic – Internet Link (pdf 35 mb)  Printed Copy with My Plan

**SECTION 4 – Landowner Agreement**

I understand:

- ◆ That I am encouraged to implement recommended practices as I am able but I am not required to.
  - ◆ That it is my option to have a Forest Stewardship Management Plan prepared by any forester who has completed a certified Virginia Forest Stewardship Training Course as approved by the State Forester.
- Check if you would like a VDOF forester to develop this Stewardship Plan. If yes, I agree to:
- ◆ Pay the Department of Forestry \$1.50 per acre for every acre under the plan that is developed by the VDOF forester, with a minimum charge of \$200 per plan.
  - ◆ Pay the Department within thirty (30) days of the date on the initial billing. Invoices not paid within 30 days are subject to a late payment penalty fee of 10% per annum. If the total amount due is not paid within 60 days, an additional 20% service fee will be added to the unpaid balance and it will be sent to a collection agency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Landowner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**SECTION 5 – Forest Stewardship Management Plan to be Prepared By**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency or Company (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Forester Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Forester Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Return completed application to the forester designated to prepare the Stewardship Plan.