



NC Foresters for Healthy Waters

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Part 4: Eligible Landowners

- Funding is available for non-industrial privately-owned forestlands.
- Land owned by forest industry is not eligible.
- Private non-industrial forestlands managed under existing Federal, State, or private sector financial and conservation-technical assistance programs (including rental agreements and easements) are eligible for this funding.



North Carolina's Forest Development Program
FDP
ncforestservice.gov
The NC Forest Service and Forest Industry—helping landowners plant trees and manage productive forests since 1977



USDA



FSA
FARM SERVICE AGENCY



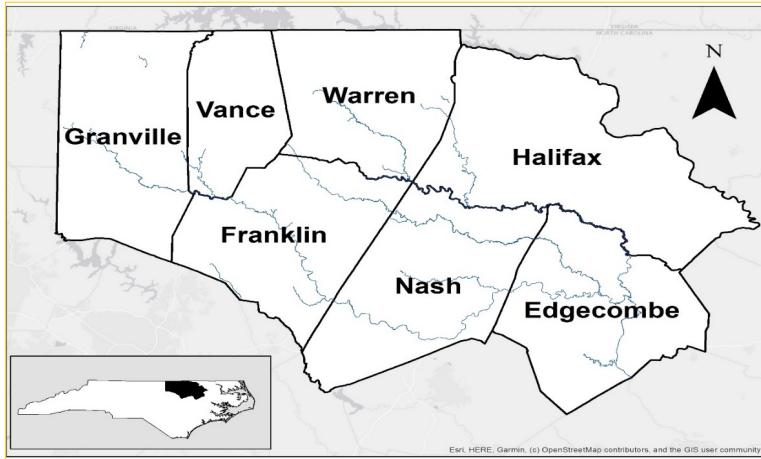
NRCS
Natural Resources Conservation Service



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Part 4: Eligible Counties



- If a tract meets the eligibility requirements, and is located within these 7 counties, it will be eligible. All River Basins within these counties are eligible.



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Part 4: Eligible Tracts



- Eligible tracts must meet the following:
 1. Area of harvest must be 10 contiguous acres or more.
 2. Timber harvest is planned within the next 1 to 3 years.
 3. The acres in the plan will continue to be managed as forestland.



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Part 5: Eligible Plan Type

- Pre-Harvest Plans are the **only plans** available for cost-sharing through the *Foresters for Healthy Waters Program*. The *Foresters for Healthy Waters Program* will not pay for plans prepared through other funding sources (Ex. CAP 106 Plans through NRCS).
- If individual practices have been previously funded through state or federal cost-share (FDP, SPBPP, EQIP, etc.), funding is available for plan preparation for those landowners.



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Part 5: Eligible Plan Writers

- Plans are only accepted from forestry or wildlife management professionals who have completed this training.
 - NCFS employees will not prepare Pre-Harvest plans for cost-share reimbursement within the 7 eligible counties.
 - Plans must be prepared by private sector natural resource professional and an invoice must coincide with the Pre-Harvest plan preparation services. (Plan acres must match invoice acres.)



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Part 6: Program Funding

- Funding is provided by a grant from the USFWS to the NCFS for a 2-year period, or until funding is fully obligated.



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Part 6: Program Admin

- NCFS will manage the *Foresters for Healthy Waters Program* using the same electronic application form and administrative process as the NCFS-SIP cost-share program.
- [Cost-Share Application](#)

The form is titled "North Carolina Forest Service Stewardship Incentives Program" and includes fields for "District/County", "Program Year", and "App No.". It contains sections for "Applicant Information", "Landowner Type", "Property/Tract Name", "Funding Request" (with a table for Practice Name, Acres Requested, and Rate), and "Applicant Information" (with a table for Practice Approval Date, Completed Acres, and Total Cost Share to be Paid). The form also includes checkboxes for "Individual", "Corporation", "Trust", "LLC", and "Association", and a section for "Signatures" with fields for "Signature of Landowner/Property Representative" and "Signature of NCS Representative".



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Part 6: Cost-share Rates

*Total Acres includes the SMZ/stream buffer area.

Acres Planned for Harvest*	Maximum Total Cost Share Payment
10 to 25	\$750
26 to 50	\$1,250
51 to 75	\$1,750
76 to 100	\$2,250
101 to 150	\$3,000
151+	\$3,500



Photo by: NCFS Water Quality Branch

- The full cost-share rate will be paid if the invoiced work exceeds the cost-share rate.
- If the invoiced work is less than the cost-share rate the invoiced amount will be paid in full.



Part 6: Local Admin

- Program participants will need to coordinate with the following NCFS Districts for funding, plan submission and review, and invoice submission for reimbursement payment:
 - NCFS District 5 – Rocky Mount Office (252-442-1626)
 - Eligible Counties include Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Nash, and Warren.
 - NCFS District 11 – Hillsborough Office (919-732-8105)
 - Eligible Counties include Granville and Vance.
- **Applications will be accepted at the NCFS offices starting on July 1, 2021.**
- Funding allocations will be made on a **“first come, first served”** basis, based upon the date of receipt of the application at the NCFS Headquarters in Raleigh, NC.



Part 6: Deadlines and Cost-share Paperwork



- Each landowner will have **4 months** to have their plan completed and documentation submitted for payment. Deadlines can be found on each landowners cost-share approval letter.
- The landowner or their agent will submit the following paperwork to the NCFS District office for reimbursement payment:
 1. A copy of the completed Pre-Harvest Management Plan with maps.
 2. A copy of the **paid invoice** for plan preparation services.
 3. A "NC Substitute W-9 Form" completed by the landowner **with the original signatures**.

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Questions?

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