Developing a Forest Stewardship Plan

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Mission Statement

To Restore, Manage, and Protect Maryland’s Trees, Forests, and Forested Ecosystems to Sustain Our Natural Resources and Connect People to the Land.
What is it?

It is a plan that includes restoration, management and protection recommendations for forests, water, wildlife, wildlife habitat, recreation, threatened and endangered species, species in need of conservation and their habitats, and for special natural communities.
Maps

We create Maps for:

➢ Aerial
Maps

We create Maps for:

➢ Soils
Maps

We create Maps for:

- Wetlands
Maps

We create Maps for:

- Topography
Objectives:
Forests Are Different to Everyone
How Do Our Objectives Overlap?
Stand Summaries

Listed for each stand:

- Acreage
- Overstory Species
- Understory Species
- Developmental Stage
- Age
- Stocking/ Basal Area
- Site Index
- Soil Types
Stand Recommendations

Based on Objectives:

- Commercial Timber Harvest
- Wildlife Habitat Creation
- Timber Stand Improvement
- Nature Trail Systems
- And many, many more!
# Management Schedule

A Timeline of Management:

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<tr>
<th>Start Date</th>
<th>End Date</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Commercial Thinning</td>
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<td>Evaluate for Final Timber Harvest Operation</td>
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<td>Wildlife Habitat - Oak Competition Reduction</td>
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<td>Mark and maintain property boundary lines.</td>
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<td>Have Forester re-examine woodland and prepare a new Forest Stewardship Plan</td>
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*Practices with an asterisk are eligible for cost-share assistance.*
What Can a FSP Do For You?

A FSP is required to be eligible for many programs:

- Reduced Tax Assessment (WAP, FCMA)
- Cost-Share Assistance
- Tax Modification
- American Tree Farm System
- NRCS EQIP
COST OF A PLAN??

5-25 ACRES = $200

26- 50 ACRES = $225

51-100 ACRES = $250

101-500 ACRES = $275