Family Forest Carbon Program

What is the Family Forest Carbon Program?
The Family Forest Carbon Program (FFCP) supports America’s family forest owners in improving forest health and addressing climate change through sustainable management. The program provides:

- Expert consultations by forest professionals
- Management plans that are customized for your unique goals for your land
- Funding to help you reach your goals
- An opportunity to make a positive impact on your land, wildlife and the climate
- An investment in the legacy of your land

What makes FFCP unique?
FFCP pays family landowners to implement practices on their land that promote carbon storage and sequestration. The minimum acreage needed to enroll is low: only 30 acres compared to 3,000+ acres that many other programs require. On top of that, FFCP provides technical assistance and forest management education to help landowners create healthy forests aligned with their personal goals.

Who is behind FFCP?
The Family Forest Carbon Program was developed in collaboration between the American Forest Foundation and The Nature Conservancy, two national conservation nonprofits.

Now available in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Western Maryland

Family forests are essential to helping the U.S. tackle climate change.

U.S. Forest Ownership
Source: National Woodland Owner Survey

- Family 39%
- Federal 29%
- Corporate 19%
- State 7%
- Tribal 2%
- Other Private 2%
- Local 2%

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Available Practices

Growing Mature Forests
Improves the overall health of woodlands by enhancing wildlife habitat, improving water quality, and increasing long-term woodland value by limiting harvesting for 20 years.

- Free visit from a forest professional
- Some sustainable harvesting is allowed
- Receive a management plan based on your goals for your land
- Receive annual payments to help you meet your goals

For more information:
Call us Monday–Friday, 9–5 EST at 1-844-790-0045

How do carbon programs work?
Forest carbon programs allow landowners to access a market that sells the carbon sequestered and stored in their trees to companies that are working to protect the environment and reduce their carbon footprints. Landowners agree to manage their forests in ways that increase carbon storage.

How much do I get paid?
Payments vary based on a range of factors about your land and trees. These factors tell us about the condition of your forest and how much carbon your forest could sequester and store. The current payment range is $160–$295 per acre.

When do I get paid?
Landowners are paid a large portion of their total payment up front with the remaining payments divided over the remainder of the contract period.

“It’s expensive to keep our land healthy and maintain the wildlife habitat. We have year-round maintenance and property taxes to pay. We enrolled in the Family Forest Carbon Program because it will provide us a revenue stream to make this work happen.”

Susan, enrolled landowner

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