

Family Forest Carbon Program

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Looking to increase the long-term value of your woodland? 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.

Through the Growing Mature Forests Practice, you receive:

- A free visit by a forest professional who provides expert guidance and consultation
- Management plans customized for your unique goals for your land
- Annual funding to help you reach your goals

Basic Eligibility

- Have forested property in Pennsylvania, West Virginia or select counties in western Maryland (Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick and Carroll).
- Own more than 30 acres of non-planted, naturally regenerating trees on your property. (Plantations are ineligible.)
- Have the legal right to harvest on your land

Practice Requirements

- 20-year commitment
- Restrict timber harvest (some sustainable harvesting is allowed)
- Confirm every five years that you are sticking to requirements

Payments

- Payment range is currently \$160-\$295 per acre
- Based on factors about your land and trees that tell us about the forest conditions and the potential for additional carbon sequestration and storage
- Receive a large portion of the total payment upfront, then annual payments divided among the enrollment period

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Confirm Eligibility

We are currently operating in MD, PA, and WV for woodlands that meet practice requirements.

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Meet with a Forest Professional

Schedule a free visit with a forest professional to walk your land, gather enrollment details, and discuss your goals.

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Enroll and Begin

You'll receive payment terms to review before enrollment. Then, we'll send your first annual payment and begin crafting your management plan!

Learn more and get started at
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