About Grow Older Forests
This practice will grow an older forest by increasing the time between harvests over the next 20 years. Specifically in this contract, you will:

- Allow your existing forest to continue to grow
- Be permitted to cut firewood for personal use

When you enroll in Grow Older Forests, you receive:

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

Program Requirements
Basic Eligibility Requirements
- Located within eligible project areas
- 30 acres or more
- Legally allowed to harvest
- Plantations are not eligible

Practice Requirements
- 20-year commitment
- Defer timber harvests

Payments
In addition to the increased value of the timber that will accumulate throughout your time in the practice, Grow Older Forests provides funding to help you achieve your goals. Payments are sent throughout the contract period, with 20% of the total payment sent upfront, and the remaining funding sent throughout the rest of the duration of the partnership. The payment amount depends on your land when you sign the contract. Total payment will range between $150-$300 per acre.

1. **Confirm Eligibility**
   We're currently operating in VT and select counties in MA and NY for woodlands that meet the requirements above.

2. **Meet with a Forest Professional**
   Schedule a free visit with a forest professional who will gather details for enrollment. If you already have a management plan, we will work with you to make any updates.

3. **Enroll and Begin**
   You’ll receive payment terms and a contract to review before enrollment. Then, we’ll send your first annual payment and begin!

Learn more and get started at familyforestcarbon.org