FAMILY FOREST CARBON PROGRAM

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Enhance Your Woodland Practice

The Family Forest Carbon Program supports America's family forest owners with resources and payments to manage land with climate-friendly sustainable practices to grow more resilient forest, conserve biodiversity, add value to timber stands, and mitigate climate impacts.

The Enhance Your Woodland (EYW) practice is for family forest owners who want the option to actively manage their woodland within the next 20 years. Under the EYW practice, a thinning and/or a gap harvest can be applied. The thinning and gap harvest treatments described below should be considered a pair of archetypes to be emulated, with local forest conditions determining the specific prescription for a given stand.

General Eligibility:

- Property under same ownership is located within eligible project areas
- Have a minimum of 30 acres or more of eligible northern hardwood forest (no plantations) to enroll
- Have minimum volume and stocking requirements and legal right to commercially harvest

What are My Next Steps:

- If needed, a free visit by a forest professional to provide expert consultation and data gathering
- Advice on the eligible Family Forest Carbon Program practices most suitable to your forest stands and personal situation
- Enrollment may include both Enhance Your Woodlands and Grow Older Forests practices when each is applied to eligible stands.
- Sharing of forest data to determine eligibility and estimate payment

What do I get if I participate?

- Annual payments throughout the 20-year contract period totaling $200 per acre; 20% upfront.
- Resources and payments to support the creation of or required updates to a forest management plan customized to meet your unique goals.

What do I have to do if I participate?

- Commit to a 20-year enrollment contract
- Maintain and implement a forest management plan no more than 10 years old
- Share a brief report every five years – don't worry, we'll remind you!
- Provide access to the property if chosen for carbon monitoring