

Forest Management Plan

Written- Code 106

Definition

A forest management plan (FMP) is a site specific plan developed for an EQIP eligible client, which addresses one or more resource concerns on land where forestry-related conservation activities or practices will be planned and applied.

Massachusetts Practice Intent

To increase opportunity for forest stewardship in Massachusetts through the following purposes:

- Meet Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) quality criteria for the identified resource concern
- Comply with federal, state, tribal and local laws, regulations and permit requirements
- Meet the client's objectives

Condition Where Practice Applies

Non-industrial private forest land

NRCS Policy/Program rules

- The forest management plan must meet the NRCS standard for Code 106, Forest Management Plan. The 106 criteria are generally equivalent to the DCR Forest Stewardship Plan criteria.
- The forest management plan must be developed by a registered NRCS Technical Services Provider (TSP) for forest management plans.

Program Payments are authorized for:

- Development of forest management plans meeting 106 criteria for:
 - Landowners who currently don't have a FMP.
 - Landowners who currently have a Chapter 61 plan and will be upgrading their plan to meet 106 criteria.
 - "Open land" acreage (e.g. old fields) if the land was walked by the forester and specific planning recommendations are made within the plan for forest establishment or wildlife habitat improvement. Open land may not exceed 20% of the forest land.

Program Payments are not authorized for:

- Development of forest management plan when the landowner has an existing forest stewardship plan.