

**Forest Management Plans**  
**Table 1 Programs for Private Landowners**

Program	Administering Organization or Agency	Type of Program	Purpose of Program	Is a plan required for participation?	If so, what kind of plan?	Deadline for application	Contact
American Tree Farm System	American Forest Foundation, Inc.	Forest certification	Multiple use	Yes	Tree Farm management plan or stewardship plan	None	Service forester
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Farm Service Agency (FSA)	Land rent	Soil and water conservation	Yes	Practice plan such as a tree planting plan	Usually continuous sign-up	FSA, USDA Service Center
Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV)	County auditor's office	Property tax reduction	Commercial timber production*	Maybe; check with your county auditor's office	Management plan or stewardship plan	Generally the first Tuesday in March	County auditor's office
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Working land (Cost sharing)	Environmental quality	Yes	Stewardship plan	Varies	District conservationist, USDA Service Center
Forest Legacy Program (FLP)	U.S. Forest Service/Ohio Division of Forestry	Conservation easement	Working forest (Multiple use, including timber production*)	Yes	Stewardship plan	Varies	Division of Forestry central office
Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)	U.S. Forest Service/Ohio Division of Forestry	Forest stewardship	Multiple use	Yes	Stewardship plan	None	Service forester
Landowner assistance	Ohio Division of Forestry or Rural Action	Technical advice and assistance for private landowners	Multiple use	No	--	None	Service forester or Rural Action forestry
Ohio Forest Tax Law (OFTL)	Ohio Division of Forestry	Property tax reduction	Timber production* and allied fields	Yes	Stewardship plan	July 1 of any year for certification by Oct. 1	Service forester
Other Cost Share	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Land rent or Working land (Cost sharing)	Soil and water conservation, wildlife habitat, stewardship, etc.	Yes, for some programs; check with your district conservationist	Management plan, stewardship plan, or wildlife plan	Varies	District conservationist, USDA Service Center
Timber Production or Timber Sales	Landowner, in consultation with a professional forester	Timber management	Timber production* / multiple use	Maybe, depending on the organization, agency, or forester	Management plan or stewardship plan	None	Service forester

\*"Commercial timber production" and "timber production" do not necessarily mean harvesting timber at a particular time or by a particular schedule. The completion of prescribed management activities designed to promote the growth, health, and reproduction of commercial species (oak, hickory, maple, beech, poplar, ash, cherry, pine, etc.) demonstrate the landowner's intent to produce timber.

