Conservation Funding for Small Woodland Owners

Deadline for 2013 Funding: Dec. 21st, 2012



The Environmental Quality Incentives Program

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is managed by the <u>USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service</u>. Through EQIP, forest owners can receive both technical and financial assistance to implement a broad range of timber stand improvement and wildlife habitat enhancement projects as well as developing comprehensive forest management plans.

EQIP is a financial incentives program that provides a set reimbursement rate for any of the following eligible projects:

- Developing a comprehensive forest management plan
- Pre-commercial thinning
- Pruning
- Tree/shrub planting
- Invasive species removal
- Snag, downed log & habitat pile creation
- Forest road/landing decommissioning & erosion control
- Bird nesting boxes
- Forest slash treatment
- Hedgerow planting
- Improving pollinator habitat

Apply today!

The 2013 Application deadline is approaching this fall!

The NRCS is currently accepting applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. If you are interested in developing a forest management plan, or improving the health, vigor, productivity and wildlife habitat values of your forest, then we encourage you to apply today for 2013 funding.

Contact your <u>local NRCS office</u> to determine your eligibility. For more information on EQIP, visit the NRCS's website at: http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov



Contact
Northwest Certified Forestry
for Assistance
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Northwest Certified Forestry's field staff and select Preferred Providers can assist small woodland owners with identifying eligible projects and applying for EQIP.

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Additional EQIP information:

Technical Service Providers

Through the NRCS's Technical Service Provider (TSP) program, private forestry consultants who are certified by the NRCS can assist small woodland owners with developing and implementing EQIP funded conservation practices. As with conservation projects, EQIP also provides a set reimbursement rate to forest owners that can help defer the cost of hiring a private consultant. Northwest Certified Forestry's field staff and select Preferred Providers are certified as TSP's with NRCS (see list to the right).

For a list of additional Technical Service Providers, go to:

http://techreg.usda.gov/CustLocateTSP.aspx

For an EQIP Brochure, go to:

ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/WA/PROGRAMS/eqip/Forestry/Forestry_eqip_brochure.pdf

For an information on Featured Forests, go to:

http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/forestry/featured_foresters.html

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