



Funding for Forest Stewardship

NRCS Environmental Qualities Incentive Program - Apply by January 17th

Stories of Success

From management plans to critter condos - landowners achieve their vision for forests



This week, the Natural Resources Conservation Service announced the January 17, 2014 deadline for applying for [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) funding. The voluntary, technical and financial assistance program is a popular conservation tool for forest owners in Oregon and Washington.

Over the years, members of Northwest Certified Forestry have accessed EQIP to develop stewardship plans and improve the health of their forests. In the weeks ahead, NNRG will share the stories of our members who have enhanced their forests with EQIP-funded projects.



Accessing EQIP

One-stop resources to apply for funding.

[Learn More](#)



Check out the application

Go directly to the Conservation Program Application - NRCS-CPA-200.

[Get it here!](#)

Growing a healthy forest

NCF member Log Rhythms created a plan & habitat



Donna and Leonard Albert of Log Rhythms LLC thought they'd just let nature take its course in their 75-acre forest in Thurston County, WA.

But after a few years, they realized that growing a natural, healthy forest would also require a healthy dose of nurture. [Read NRCS' Conservation Showcase account of Log Rhythms' EQIP project.](#)

EQIP funding is available for a variety of forest stewardship projects

Develop a forest management plan



DUNS number & SAM

To qualify for EQIP, applicants need a DUNS number and must be registered in the System for Award Management.

[Get in the system](#)



Find a TSP

NCF field staff & select preferred providers are certified as TSP's with NRCS.

[More TSP info available](#)

Pre-commercial thinning
Pruning
Tree and shrub planting
Invasive species removal
Snag, downed log and habitat pile creation
Erosion control
Forest road and landing decommissioning
Hedgerow planting
Bird nest boxes
Improving pollinator habitat

Know a forest landowner who might be interested?

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For over 20 years, [Northwest Natural Resource Group \(NNRG\)](#) has been leading efforts to make ecologically-based forestry a paying proposition in the Pacific Northwest. We work with our members in Washington and Oregon to help them optimize the ecological and economic potential of their forestlands.

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