

Unlocking Value in Low-Grade Wood: Building Supply Chains for Sustainable Forestry

Support for Private Forest Landowners

This voluntary grant-funded* program is designed to reduce barriers to responsible forest management and create new markets for low-quality wood.

The program supports private forest landowners who want to improve forest health, promote responsible forest management and harvesting, while strengthening local economies

What the Program Provides

- Funding to hire professional foresters and Technical Service Providers (TSPs)
- Support for forest management plan development or updates
- Assistance implementing regenerative forestry practices
- Compensation for foregone income when high-quality trees are retained



Your Role as a Landowner

- Voluntary enrollment administered by AMRO Forestry
- Environmental review of property with consultant prior to implementation
- Select your own forester, logger, and technical service providers
- Implement agreed-upon regenerative practices with forestry consultants
- Commit to maintaining the managed forest condition for a period of ten years

Why Regenerative Forestry

Many forests have been impacted by high-grading or diameter-limit harvesting, which removes the best trees and reduces future value.

Regenerative forestry focuses on retaining high-quality trees, improving forest structure, increasing growth rates, and strengthening long-term economic and ecological outcomes.



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Financial Incentives for Landowners

- Incentives are customized for each property based on acreage, forest condition, and management goals.
- Foregone income payments average approximately \$500 per acre

Management Practices

- Forest Management Plans
- Forest Stand Improvement
- Timber harvest planning and implementation
 - Site preparation and tree planting
- Invasive and competing vegetation management
- Access road, trail, and landing improvements
- Deer protection and habitat enhancement



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible?

We are enrolling landowners with parcels of forested land of 5+ acres in NY and surrounding states interested in sustainable harvesting and/or supporting regenerative forestry

Who is responsible for approving and monitoring project outcomes?

As grant program manager, AMRO Forestry and its partners will approve project objective completion

How will incentive payments affect my taxes?

Landowners will receive a 1099 Form for payments received. Payments may be taxable if there are no commensurate business expenses to offset the income, such as when the work may be done directly by the landowner. Consult a tax professional for any tax advice.

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