

Individual landowners are critical to the health and longevity of forests across the state, and the N.C. Forest Service offers several financial assistance programs designed to help landowners achieve a wide range of management objectives.

The Forest Development Program (FDP), North Carolina's flagship tree-planting program, provides financial assistance for landowners with reforestation, afforestation and forest stand improvement projects. Private landowners are eligible to receive up to 100 acres of FDP cost share annually and may be partially reimbursed for the cost of site preparation, seedling purchases, tree planting, release of desirable seedlings from competing vegetation, or any other work needed to establish a new forest.

Since 1977, the FDP has helped plant 820 million trees on more than 1.5 million acres. With support from state appropriations and forest industry assessments, this program is an example of immense collaboration that successfully bolsters our state's vibrant forest sector.

Contact your NCFS county ranger to learn more about the Forest Development Program and whether it can help manage your woodland. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/3lpoWR0>