

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program (WFLGP)
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The Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program (WFLGP) is designed to assist private landowners in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies, and waters. The Program allows qualified landowners to be reimbursed up to 50% of approvable costs.

Eligibility:

Private landowners in Wisconsin are eligible for WFLGP funding if they own at least 10 contiguous acres of non-industrial private forest but not more than 500 acres within Wisconsin. Applicants must have a forest stewardship plan in place on their land or be applying to have one prepared through the WFLGP program. **Landowners granted WFLGP funding can only be cost shared for noncommercial practices.**

Application Process:

Applications can be submitted to the DNR at any time. WFLGP grants are awarded on four separate dates per year, February 1st, May 1st, August 1st and November 1st. Applications are awarded based on a first-come/first-serve by priority basis. It is ideal to send a complete application in well ahead of time. If an **incomplete** application is received at the DNR Central Office in Madison it will not receive a place in line for funding. It will instead be sent back to the landowner or DNR forester for corrections. Landowners will receive an award letter from the WFLGP Coordinator indicating that eligible grant work may begin. Costs incurred prior to receiving an award letter are not eligible for WFLGP cost-sharing.

WFLGP Cost Share Distribution:

1. Management Plan Development – Priority 1 Practice

No more than 50% of available funding is set aside for Management Plan Development.

2. Tree planting and Timber Stand Improvement – Priority 1 Practice

At least 40% of available funding is set aside for other priority 1 practices (tree planting and timber stand improvement).

3. All other Practices are Priority 2

No more than 10% of available funding will be granted to lower priority practices.

Priority 2 Practices

- Soil and Water Protection and Improvement
- Wetland and Riparian Protection
- Wetland Restoration and Creation
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement
- Forest Historic, Aesthetic, Environmental and Recreation Enhancement
- Endangered or Threatened Resources and Rare Natural Community Protection, Restoration, Enhancement and Maintenance.

