

Notice: To determine eligibility of a practice for a private forestry grant issued by the USDA Forest Service and authorized under ss. 28.01 and 28.07 Stats., you are required to provide information requested on this form. The Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee will be unable to review your request for further consideration as a Forest Legacy Tract unless you provide complete information. There is no obligation by either party to proceed past this initial screening. If both applicant and FS Advisory Committee decide to proceed to the next step, additional information will be necessary and the Department will contact the applicant. Personally identifiable information will be used to determine eligibility of a practice for a private forestry grant. Information may also be made available to requesters per Wisconsin Open Records law [ss. 19.31 - 19.39, Wis. Stats.].

Part 1: Landowner Information (print or type):

1. Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

2. Location of parcel: _____
County Township

Part 2: Complete the remainder of this form with your local DNR forester or other natural resource professional familiar with this program and the property.

3. Legal Description: T _____ N; R _____ E/W; Sec. _____ Quarter _____

4. Parcel Description:

Total Acres _____ Forested Acres _____

Agricultural Acres _____ Open Field Acres _____

The next set of questions is critical in evaluating and rating your proposal. Certain items, such as your agreement to follow a stewardship plan, are part of national requirements; other items such as your willingness to allow public access is crucial to obtaining matching state funds. Answer as completely as possible.

5. The Forest Legacy Program requires that the landowner have a professionally prepared forest stewardship management plan for the property that reflects the landowners goals and sound forestry practices. Are you willing to commit to following a forest management plan, prepared and updated as appropriate, by a professional forester to manage the forest for timber and the broad range of forest resources and values? Such a commitment would be legally binding and include certification every ten years from a professional forester that the plan is being followed:

6. Yes No Is the landowner willing to allow non-motorized public access on all or some of the property?

7. DNR recognizes that it does not have the staff or funds to monitor private lands.

Yes No Does the landowner have an organization, land trust, or other public or private agency able and willing to monitor the property?

Yes No Is the landowner willing to develop a monitoring plan for the easement area with the assistance of DNR or other organization?

8. Yes No Are there any other public lands adjacent to the proposed easement area?

Yes No Would purchase of this easement create a larger block of protected land, or add to, the continuity of the forest area?

The remaining questions are helpful in ranking projects at the both the state and national level. Although not critical, the answers may add important weight to a proposal.

9. Yes No Would the easement area act as an environmental corridor or connector between other areas of private or public ownership that are currently protected from development? Describe briefly.

10. What are the threats in the area that have the potential to convert the tract into non-forested uses? How imminent are these threats? Refer to **Appendix A** on threats at the end of this form.

11. Yes No Are there any established recreation areas on the property or access areas that are at risk of being lost or closed if the tract is not protected? If Yes, briefly describe each of these.

12. What forest resource products are currently produced on the tract? Does the parcel have the ability or potential to produce additional forest products? Consider timber, recreation, scenic beauty, syrup and other forest products in your answer.

13. Describe any known environmental, social or economic values this property has the ability or potential to provide. Include the following: public recreation, riparian buffers, wetlands, important fish or wildlife habitat, rare plant or animal communities, cultural resources, or contribution to the protection of the water quality of the area.

14. Yes No Are there any rare forest communities located within the proposed easement area? Explain.

15. Yes No Is the landowner of the property willing to donate all or some of the property or value of the property?

16. Yes No Are there any permanent improvements such as houses, barns, dams, antennas, all-season roads, bridges, etc., on the property? If yes, identify.

17. Yes No Are there any active mining operations on the property, including active gravel pits? Who owns the mineral rights on the property?

18. Forest Legacy easements are permanent and binding to future landowners. Why do you want a Forest Legacy easement on this property?

19. Yes No Are there any encumbrances or liens on the property including contracts or leases of outstanding rights that are not of record? If yes, describe:

APPENDICES - Attach the following:

- a. Location Map
- b. Copy of Deed
- c. Forest Type Map
- d. Other maps or information useful in evaluating this property for inclusion into the Forest Legacy Program.
- e. Signed Landowner Inspection Consent Agreement
- f. Copy of any existing management plan for property

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify and attest that the information I have included in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct. I also certify and attest that all landowners of this property's rights are aware of this application and approve of its submission.

Signature

Date

Name (typed or printed)

Attachment A.

Excerpt from the *Forest Legacy Program Assessment of Need (AON)* for use in explaining what is defined as a threat to conversion of Wisconsin's private forestlands. Use this list in answering question 10.

"In discussing the definition of Wisconsin's environmentally important forests, it was clear that considering both internal and external threats to the sustainability of these forests was integral to their identification and protection. These threats are impacting the lands within the selected Forest Legacy Areas. The threats that contribute wholly, or in part, to the fragmentation and loss of the contiguous blocks of forest system include:

- a. Homes and residential development within the forest.
- b. High property taxes.
- c. Rapid turnover of property.
- d. Forest industry restructuring.
- e. Urban sprawl.
- f. Easy access from metropolitan areas.
- g. Changes in State On-site Waste Disposal Codes
- h. Deer populations. "