

C-SIP Expansion Cheat Sheet

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More details located: [Cost-Share Opportunities for Private Forestland Owners | Mass.gov](#)

C-SIP Practice Plan

Flat Rate: \$500 per completed practice plan or amendment.

Limit: One Practice Plan or amendment per application. Additional applications for the same property require proof that earlier approved practices have been implemented before new funding can be authorized for a subsequent Practice Plan or Plan Amendment.

No acreage-based adjustments

C-SIP Monitoring

C-SIP Practice	Practice Acres	Cost-Share Rate
C-SIP Monitoring	1 - 20 acres	\$400
	21 - 50 acres	\$600
	51+ acres	\$800

C-SIP 1 Harvest Layout

Harvest Acreage	Cost-Share Rate
Up to 50 acres	Up to 4 hours (at \$120/hour) Maximum \$480
51-100 acres	Up to 8 hours (at \$120/hour) Maximum \$960
Greater than 100 acres	Up to 12 hours (at \$120/hour) Maximum \$1,440

C-SIP 2 Legacy Tree Retention

C-SIP 2 Practice	Cost-Share Rate
Legacy Tree Retention (marking)	\$60/tree Maximum Reimbursement 5 trees/acre maximum Maximum Reimbursement \$6,000
Legacy Patch Retention (marking)	\$640/acre Maximum Reimbursement \$6,400

C-SIP 4 Invasive Plant Species Control

C-SIP 4 Practice	Cost-Share Rate	Category
Invasive Plant Species Control HEAVY	\$1,193/acre	HEAVY The target species occupy greater than 67% of the treatment area
Invasive Plant Species Control MODERATE	\$543/acre	MODERATE Target species occupy 26% to 66% of the treatment area.
Invasive Plant Species Control LIGHT	\$309/acre	LIGHT The target species occupy 10% to 25% of the treatment area.
Invasive Plant Species Control LIGHT MECHANICAL	\$474/acre	LIGHT MECHANICAL Target species occupy 10%-25% of the treatment area, and conditions are appropriate for removal with a chainsaw, brush saw, and/or another mechanical method (e.g., a mower/chipper)

C-SIP 5 Forestry BMPs

C-SIP 5 Practice	Cost-Share Rate	Category
C-SIP 5.1 Log-reinforced water bars (on slopes > than 10%)	\$250/log-reinforced water bar	Properly constructed and maintained throughout the entirety of the harvest.
C-SIP 5.1 Log-reinforced water bars (on slopes > than 10%)	\$75/log-reinforced water bar	Properly constructed for harvest closeout
C-SIP 5.2 Seeding for soil stabilization and pollinator habitat	\$600 - \$1,200/acre	Seeding Rates should increase if applied just before/during the dormant season. Seeding to stabilize soils on disturbed areas and slopes $\geq 10\%$ on primary skid roads, landings, and approaches to stream crossings.
C-SIP 5.3 Climate-Smart BMP Materials	Climate-Smart BMP Materials may include one or more of the following components: Straw bale and stakes at \$20/bale, Biodegradable Fiber Blanket \$150/roll, Wattle and stakes at \$150/wattle (Max. Reimbursement for C-SIP 5.3 is \$600 per application)	Soil stabilization product(s) for use in the following: Pre-harvest During the operational period Post-harvest or Harvest Closeout
C-SIP 5.4 Timber Mats	\$500/mat up to \$10,000	Implementing BMPs that account for changing precipitation patterns and other climate factors helps reduce erosion and minimize stressors associated with forest harvesting and management activities.

C-SIP 6 Temporary Barriers to animal browsing

C-SIP 6 Practice	Cost-Share Rate	Category
6A: Tree Protection (planted seedlings)	\$15 per tree	Up to 100 trees per acre
6B: Tree Protection (existing natural regeneration)	\$15 per tree	Up to 50 trees per acre

On a case-by-case basis, protection of up to 200 trees per acre may be allowed, depending on the specifics of the site, the number of species being planted, and the goal/justification for higher protection densities (maximum \$3,000 per acre).

C-SIP 7 Enrichment Planting

Cost-Share Rate	Notes
Up to \$17 per tree	Planting of native tree species that are not of an ornamental variety or cultivar. Adequate tree protection is used and one of the following conditions is met: 1. Midstory removal is sufficient for the establishment of seedlings. 2. Harvest or disturbances have or will sufficiently reduce stocking basal area to support survival & growth of planted seedlings. 3. Shade tolerant species are appropriate for the site but failing to establish because of browsing.
Up to \$20 per tree for labor	

20 x 20 spacing or 100 trees per acre at a maximum of 5 acres of planting. At least 50% of planted stock must be surviving after 4 years or replanting must occur.

C-SIP 8 Tree Inoculation

Practice	Cost-Share rate	Treatment Maximum	Minimum Tree Size	Funding Restriction
Trunk injection, Ash	\$1,500 project base rate + \$10.50 per inch DBH	\$3,500 or \$7,000	12 inches DBH (white ash) 6 inches DBH (all other ash species)	Licensed applicator required Sexing of trees is mandatory for any treatment after the first treatment.
Trunk injection, Hemlock	\$1,500 project base rate + \$12 per inch DBH	\$3,500	6 inches DBH	Licensed applicator required.
Basal spraying, Hemlock	\$1,500 project base rate + \$0.75 per in DBH (imidacloprid) \$2.00 per inch DBH (dinotefuran)	\$3,500	None	Licensed applicator required Not allowed in proximity to pollinators or in wet areas.
Insecticide tablets, Hemlock	\$1,500 project base rate + \$0.35 per inch DBH	\$3,500	None	Licensed applicator required Not allowed in proximity to pollinators or in wet areas.

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C-SIP 3.1: Marking for Commercial Thinning

C-SIP 3.2: Marking for Group Selection

C-SIP 3.3: Leave Tree Marking: Patch cut/ Shelterwood

C-SIP 9: Non-commercial tending (crop-tree release, weeding, cleaning)

Applying climate-focused silviculture to local forests reduces the impacts from future stressors and disturbances and allows the forest community to adapt to changing conditions.

C-SIP Application and more details:



Summary of Planning and Documentation Requirements for C-SIP Practices

For practices requiring a Forest Cutting Plan, an approved Forest Cutting Plan is not required at the time of application. However, the plan must be obtained and approved before practice implementation in accordance with program requirements.

Practice	Forest Management or Stewardship Plan Required?	C-SIP Practice Plan Required?	Spatial Data Required?	Forest Cutting Plan Required?	Notes
C-SIP Practice Plan or Plan Amendment	Yes	N/A	N/A	No	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN Not a standalone practice Required for C-SIP 1 through 9 The applicant can use cost-share to amend an existing plan or develop a "Practice Plan." Not required for Timber Mats
C-SIP Monitoring	Yes	N/A	N/A	Practice dependent	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN Not a standalone practice Required for C-SIP 1 through 9 Not required for Timber Mats
C-SIP-1 Harvest Layout	No	Yes	Yes	Yes Not required at the time of application.	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN
C-SIP-2 Legacy Tree Retention	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Not required at the time of application.	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN
C-SIP-4 Invasive Plant Species Control	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN
C-SIP-5.1 Log-reinforced water bars	No	Yes	Yes	Yes Not required at the time of application.	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN
C-SIP 5.2 Seeding for soil stabilization and pollinator habitat	No	Yes	Yes	Yes Not required at the time of application.	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN
C-SIP-5.3 BMP Materials	No	Yes	No	Yes Not required at the time of application.	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN
C-SIP-5.4 Timber Mats	No	No	No	Yes Not required at the time of application.	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN
C-SIP-6 Temporary Barriers to Animal Browse	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN
C-SIP-7 Enrichment Planting	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN (JULY 2026)
C-SIP-8 Tree Inoculation	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN (JULY 2026)