

C-SIP



What is the C-SIP?

The Climate Stewardship Incentive Program is a branch of the Healey Administration Forests as Climate Solutions Initiative providing financial encouragement to private forests landowners and municipalities to carry out stewardship practices focused on soil protection, carbon retention and increasing forest adaptive capacity when pursuing forest management activities.

Objectives

The objective of the Climate Stewardship Incentive Program (C-SIP) is to center climate concerns for resilience and carbon storage while encouraging long-term stewardship and management of non-industrial private and municipal forestlands for sound economic, environmental, and social benefits.

This cost-share opportunity was developed to assist family forest landowners, municipalities, and natural resource professionals with the costs of addressing impacts on forests, forest carbon, and the rural economy from climate change.

Click here to download a copy of the [C-SIP Manual](#)

Application Process Overview

Please refer to the C-SIP Manual for specific instructions and requirements for each practice

For Consulting Foresters

Consulting Foresters may apply for C-SIPs 1 through 4

Meet with the landowner to define the need for the different C-SIPs and their components

Download a [C-SIP application](#) from the [DCR Service Forestry website](#)

Collect the required documents and spatial data, if applicable, for each of the relevant practices

Fill out the application

Email your application and relevant documentation, including a georeferenced map of the project area(s) to DCR.Forestry@mass.gov

For Harvesters

Timber harvesters may apply for C-SIP 5: Climate-Smart BMPs for Forest Operations

Consider which component of C-SIP 5 will be necessary for the jobsite

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Use the job site's Forest Cutting Plan Stand Map to identify the location of Climate-Smart BMPs

Develop a C-SIP Work Plan, which will concisely summarize the work proposed and the project goals

Email your application and relevant documentation, Forest Cutting Plan Stand Map and C-SIP Work Plan to DCR.Forestry@mass.gov



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Climate Stewardship Incentive Practices

Practices

There are a total of five practices, some of which may have more than one component. Each job site may need more than one practice to achieve the landowner's climate-oriented goals.

C-SIP 1 Harvest Layout

Application for C-SIP 1 must not be submitted after harvesting activities have commenced.

Applicants must include a C-SIP Work Plan and C-SIP Forest Cutting Plan Stand Map along with the C-SIP Cost-Share Application.

Components:

1.1: Harvest Layout Design

1.2: Marking the extent of Wetland Resource areas



C-SIP 2 Legacy Tree Retention

This practice is open to all applicants who have an approved Climate Stewardship Plan, and the inclusion of the 'Legacy Tree Retention' (C-SIP 2) practice in the management practices section of the applicant's plan is a prerequisite.

C-SIP 2 practice may be fulfilled by marking individual legacy trees or legacy patch reserves.

C-SIP 3 Tree Marking

for Increasing Future Adapted Species and Structural Diversity

This practice may be applied to all applicants with an existing, approved Climate Stewardship Plan when the management practices section of the plan specifically identifies that management intervention(s) will improve or enhance future adapted species and structural diversity under C-SIP 3.

C-SIP 4 Invasive Plant Control

This practice may be applied to eligible forest land with an approved "long-term" designated Forest Cutting Plan. Eligible applicants with a Forest Management Plan must have in the management practices section of the plan techniques specific to controlling "Invasive Species."



C-SIP 5 Climate Smart BMP for Forest Operators

This practice is relevant to all newly approved Forest Cutting Plans designated as 'Long-Term,' if equipment has not been moved to the site or harvesting activities have not yet commenced.

Climate-smart forestry Best Management Practices (BMPs) must be applied and sustained both during and after the harvest to be eligible for C-SIP cost-share reimbursement approval.

Components:

- 5.1: Log-reinforced water bars
- 5.2: Soil stabilization product(s)
- 5.3: Seeding disturbing soils
- 5.4: Climate-Smart BMP Kit

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