

# Technical Assistance

## Cost-Share For Forest Stewardship Climate Planning

**DCR Technical Assistance cost-share program is available to landowners to help fund assistance from a private consulting forester so that landowners can better define climate-oriented stewardship goals.**

Cost-Share funds up to **4 hours** of technical assistance **prior** to the writing of a Forest Stewardship Climate Plan. This time is intended for the comprehensive review of a landowners' stewardship goals with climate in mind.

Assistance is also available to **review** the finalized Forest Stewardship Climate Plan. The Cost-Share program funds up to **2 hours** for a thorough plan review, offering landowners the opportunity to ask questions regarding the management expectations written into the plan for their land.

### How should I prepare to talk to a landowner about climate-oriented stewardship?

- Review the resources that have been recommended to the landowner. Please see the second page of this document.
- Consider breaking down basic climate concepts to explain to the landowner:
  - Climate strategies such as resistance, resilience, transition
  - Sequestration vs. storage
  - Tradeoffs between potentially competing goals like early successional habitat or carbon storage

### Expectations for Cost-Share Funding

- Pre-Planning: **Spend time talking and walking.** After meeting, landowners should have a defined list of property goals and basic understanding of potential climate impacts.
- Post-Planning: Landowners should understand the main points of their Forest Stewardship Climate plan and know what the steps are for its implementation.

### Sample questions to guide the development of a plan

- Consider the five magic words of Brett Butler: “Tell me about your land.”
- Why do you own your land?
- What is something special to you about your land?
- What concerns do you have about your land?
- What do you want your land to look like in five years?
- What do you hope your land will look like in 50 years?

### Note to Foresters when speaking about goals:

According to the Caring for Your Woods: Setting Goals publication, landowners who are primarily interested in climate best fit into the category of Nature's Ally. This category's objectives include: increasing forest resiliency, minimizing damage from forest pests, protecting water quality, and suppressing or eradicating invasive plants



To help inform program direction, anonymous participation in a survey will be requested from landowners.

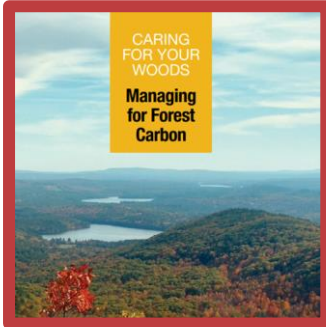


## Check out our curated selection of publications recommended to landowners across the state

You can click on the publication's title or use your device's camera to scan the QR code

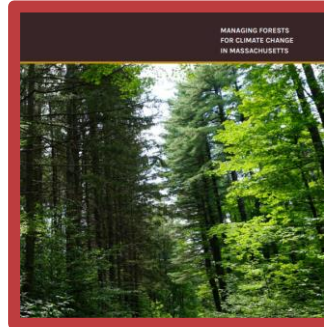
### Caring For Your Woods: Managing for Forest Carbon

Topics covered: Why Manage Forests for Carbon?, Forest Carbon Slows Climate Change, but Climate Change Impacts Forest Carbon, Decide How and Where to Manage Your Forest for Carbon and Taking Action for Forest Carbon



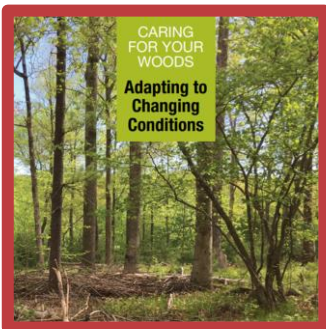
### Managing Forests for Climate Change in Massachusetts

Topics covered: Climate Change in Massachusetts Forests, Addressing Climate Change in Forest Management



### Caring for Your Woods: Adapting to Changing Conditions

Topics covered: How Climate Change Affects Forests, Call to Action, Actions to Protect Ecosystem Functions, Actions to Reduce Stressors, Actions to Build Resilience, and Actions to Promote Change



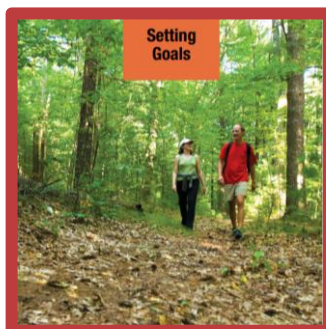
### Keep Forests Healthy: Forest Scorecard

The Keep Forests Healthy scorecard can help you assess how resilient your forest may be to changing climate conditions.



### Caring For Your Woods: Setting Goals

Topics covered: Charting a Path, First Steps, Choosing Your Way



### Keep Forests Healthy: A Tool to Assess Resilience, Health & Productivity

Topics covered: Forest Health and Resilience Principles, Assess the Condition of Your Forest, Take Action to Improve Resilience

