

Technical Assistance

Talk to a consulting forester about climate

Developing a Forest Stewardship Climate Plan: a process overview

www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship

- Decide if a Forest Stewardship Climate plan is right for you
- Consider your goals for your land
- Meet with your state Service Forester to answer questions and clarify your goals
- Review your eligibility and submit a cost-share application
- Hire a private Consulting Forester to create your plan with you
- Submit your plan
- Once your plan is approved, you can begin implementing management practices with the help of your forester

Your experience with the program is essential to its development. Anonymous input will be requested upon plan submission. Your participation is appreciated.

Find your district's Service Forester
mass.gov/dcr/service-forestry

Thinking about your stewardship goals while considering climate impacts can take time. DCR Technical Assistance cost-share program is available to landowners to help.

Cost-Share funds up to **4 hours** of technical assistance from a private consulting forester **prior** to the writing of a Forest Stewardship Climate Plan. This time may be used to review landowners' long-term stewardship goals so that their plan reflects their needs.

Assistance with a consulting forester is also available to **review** the finalized Stewardship Plan. The Cost-Share program funds up to **2 hours** to extend to landowners the opportunity to ask final questions regarding the management expectations written into the plan for their land.

Before meeting with your forester, consider the following:

- Why do you own your land?
- What do you cherish about your woods? What makes your property special?
- Is there a specific part of your property you have questions about?
- What questions do you have about the impacts of climate change on your land?
- Do you have any plans for your woods in the next 12 years?
- What do you want your land to look like in five years? 50 years?

Sample questions to ask your consulting forester:

- How do you expect my woods to respond to climate change during the next several decades?
- Are there conditions that make my land vulnerable to specific impacts?
- How much disturbance is normal? When should I be concerned?
- Under what circumstances should I intervene, versus letting nature take its course?
- Are there tree species I should plant or favor to help my woods cope with climate change?
- Are there any opportunities for funding for carbon benefits, invasive plant management and other related management?

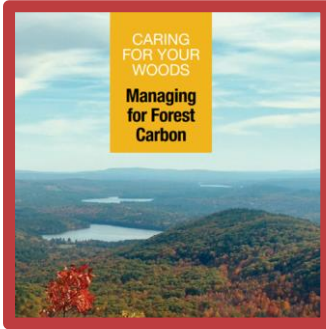


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Topics covered: Why Manage Forests for Carbon?, Forest Carbon Slows Climate Change, but Climate Change Impacts Forest Carbon, Decide How and Where to Manage Your Forest for Carbon and Taking Action for Forest Carbon



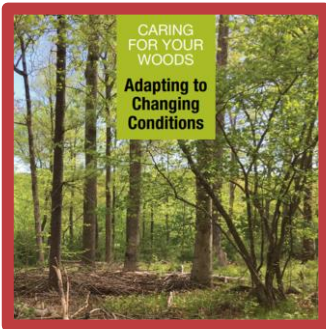
Managing Forests for Climate Change in Massachusetts

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



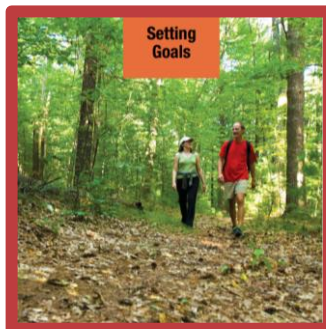
Keep Forests Healthy: Forest Scorecard

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

