

# Finding My Comprehensive Forest Management Plan

A forest management plan is a written evaluation of a property that provides a description of the entire property, its condition, and recommendations for applied prescription practices and timelines. Comprehensive management plans qualify you to apply for state and federal cost-share and financial assistance. Below are the two types of comprehensive forest management plans.

## Forest Stewardship Plans

- Follows all the above principles of a comprehensive plan, and provides suggestions to the landowner
- No acreage requirement
- Takes the form of a strategic document written by a forester
- Non-legally binding
- No obligations or requirements, but a tool for a landowner
- Generally, the best plan for most landowners to plan management practices for their property

## Managed Forest Law (MFL)

- Follows all of the above principles of a comprehensive plan, with additional requirements
- *Must* own 20 acres of woodlands
- Takes the form of a strategic document written by a certified plan writer
- Must legally conform to MFL program requirements
- In exchange for sound forest management, the landowner pays reduced property taxes
- MFL is right for some landowners, but is not for everyone

## Interested in Managed Forest Law?

- Get started today! Learn more about MFL [here](#).
- You can start the MFL application process by asking a certified plan writer (CPW) to prepare the management plan application.
  - Find a CPW in your county by selecting your county, cooperating forester, and certified plan writer [here](#).

## Interested in a Forest Stewardship Plan?

- Get started today! Contact your county DNR Forester or Cooperating Forester via the [DNR Forestry Assistance Locator](#) to identify goals for your property.
- Want more assistance?
  - Contact The Wisconsin Young Forest Partnership to learn more about forest stewardship plans at [WISYoungForest@gmail.com](mailto:WISYoungForest@gmail.com)

## Wisconsin Stewardship Plan Project

- This project is grant-funded by the USDA Forest Service, so there is no cost to the landowner to get a Forest Stewardship Plan.
- Applications can be submitted at any time. Funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and dependent on the ability to find a consulting forester in your area. Learn more [here](#).