

Michigan Forest Stewardship Program

Management Plan Survey



Please return in the enclosed, stamped envelope by end of July 2014.

If you don't have the return envelope, please mail to Cecilia Danks at the address below.

In doing so, you will help improve support programs for forest landowners.

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Please circle, check, and/or fill in your answers below. Feel free to write in additional comments.

All answers will be kept confidential and reported anonymously.

I. Background Information

1. How many acres of forest land do you own? _____
2. Is your primary residence on your forest land? Yes No
 - a. If no, approximately how many miles apart are they? _____
3. Who wrote your Forest Stewardship Plan? _____
4. What are the **most important management goals** for your forest land? (You may check more than one.)
 - ☐ For beauty, scenery, aesthetic values
 - ☐ For non-timber forest products (e.g. berries, mushrooms, sugaring)
 - ☐ For firewood or biofuels
 - ☐ For sawlogs, pulpwood or other timber products
 - ☐ For hunting or fishing
 - ☐ For recreation other than hunting or fishing
 - ☐ For investment
 - ☐ For wildlife habitat or biological diversity
 - ☐ Other(s) _____
5. What is your gross annual income range? Please circle your best estimate.
0-\$25,000 \$25,000-\$49,999 \$50,000-\$99,999 \$100,000-\$199,999 \$200,000+
6. Are you a member of the American Tree Farm System forest certification program?
Yes No Unsure
7. Did you have a management plan of any kind before participation in the Forest Stewardship Program?
Yes No Unsure
8. Have any of the following practices been conducted on your forest land in the last 10 years?

Harvest of firewood or biomass	Yes	No	Unsure
Harvest of timber	Yes	No	Unsure
Silvicultural treatments to enhance forest health	Yes	No	Unsure
Management activities to enhance biodiversity or wildlife habitat	Yes	No	Unsure
Livestock grazing	Yes	No	Unsure
Harvest of nontimber forest products	Yes	No	Unsure
Construction, maintenance or use of trails for recreation	Yes	No	Unsure
Soil erosion control measures	Yes	No	Unsure
Any other management activities? Specify here:			

II. Forest Stewardship Plan

9. What were your **reasons** for having a Forest Stewardship Plan written?

10. Please rate your **overall level of satisfaction** with the Forest Stewardship Program?

Very satisfied Satisfied Not satisfied Neutral

11. How satisfied were you with the **forester** who assisted you with writing the plan?

Very satisfied Satisfied Not satisfied Neutral

12. How satisfied were you the **cost** of creating the management plan?

Very satisfied Satisfied Not satisfied Neutral

13. To what extent has participation in the Forest Stewardship Program improved your **knowledge and/or practice** of forest management?

A lot Some A little None at all I don't know

14. How has your forest management **changed** as a result of participating in the Forest Stewardship Program?

15. Are you participating in the **Commercial Forest Program** to lower your property taxes?

Yes No Unsure

16. Are you participating in the **Qualified Forest Program** to lower your property taxes?

Yes No Unsure

17. Do you intend to apply to the **Natural Resources Conservation Service** for financial assistance to implement your plan?

Yes No Unsure

18. What aspects of the Forest Stewardship Program or your stewardship plan were **most valuable** to you?

19. What **could be improved** or changed about your plan?

III. Ecosystem Services and Carbon Sequestration Section of Forest Plan

Your Forest Stewardship Plan contains a section entitled Ecosystem Services and Carbon Sequestration in Forests, which gives a brief description of ecosystem services, carbon sequestration in trees and soil, and forestry practices that increase carbon levels sequestered by forests.

20. Are you **familiar** with the information about carbon sequestration in your Forest Stewardship Plan?

Very familiar Somewhat familiar Vaguely aware it is there I didn't know about that section

Other: _____

21. To what extent has the section on Ecosystem Services and Carbon Sequestration carbon **improved your knowledge** of the role of forests in ecosystem services or climate change?

A lot Some A little None at all I don't know

22. To what extent has this section **changed your management** objectives or practices?

A lot Some A little None at all I don't know

23. How interested might you be in **selling forest carbon credits** if the market were fairly easy to access and revenue were net positive?

A lot Some A little None at all I don't know

24. Do you think **climate change** or global warming is happening?

Yes No Undecided

a. If yes, do you think climate change is primarily **a result of human activities** (such as greenhouse gas emissions)?

Yes No Undecided

b. Any additional comments on climate change?

25. Are there any **additional comments** you would like to make about your Forest Stewardship Plan or any of the questions above?

Thank you for your time!

Check www.uvm.edu/forestcarbon/statesupport in a few months for the survey results.