



Lake of the Woods Watershed
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Forest Stewardship Plan Cost Share Instruction Sheet

Lake of the Woods and Roseau Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) are teaming up to deliver a Forest Stewardship Plan Cost Share Program through the Lake of the Woods Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

The primary goal of this cost share program is to encourage participants to actively manage their forested lands for water quality benefits. The secondary goal is to increase land protection efforts in the watershed by supporting enrollment into the Sustainable Forest Incentives Program.

Eligible applicants must have land within the boundaries of the Lake of the Woods watershed, and must meet eligibility requirements for plan writing. This program is delivered on a first come, first serve basis. In the instance of requests exceeding available funds, applications will be scored and ranked using the included scoresheet.

Cost share will cover up to 75% of \$300 + \$10 per planned acre not to exceed 320 acres, or 75% of the total plan cost, whichever is less.

To request an application packet or to have any questions answered about the program, call 218/634-1842 x4.

To participate, follow the instructions below:

1. **Fill out an application and submit it** to Lake of the Woods SWCD, PO Box 217, 119 1st Ave NW, Baudette, MN 56623.
2. **Once you have an approved application**, notify your certified Forest Stewardship plan writer that they may begin to write your plan. Inform them that you have received cost share funding through the Lake of the Woods One Watershed One Plan, and make them aware of your contract end date.
3. **Once your plan is complete**, fill out and return the Payment Voucher along with all required documents listed on the voucher to Lake of the Woods SWCD.

I, as the landowner, am asking for a stewardship plan and agree to pay the fee for the creation and delivery of the stewardship plan.

Contract end date, unless amended, _____.

Applicant Signature	Date
SWCD Signature	Date

* Eligible parcels must be wooded and total at least 20 contiguous acres.

Payment Voucher

To receive payment, return this signed form along with the following attachments:

- Copy of invoice from plan writer with total planned acres
- Copy of DNR Certification form

"I certify that all costs submitted are accurate and true, and that I have completed all required items"

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Scoring Questions:

It may be necessary to rank and score applications in the event that more applications come in than funds available. These questions may be used for scoring, but the JPB reserves the right to deviate from this scoring based on landowner willingness, ability to complete the practice, or other factors.

To answer these questions, you will need a map of all parcels, location in the watershed and acreages. A site visit may be necessary to verify forested acreage.

Criteria	Yes	No
1. Is there a minimum of 20 acres, 50% which is forested acreage, that scores between a 5-10 on the RAQ scoring (within the LOW watershed)? *Note: RAQ scoring only ranks 20+ acre/parcel.	5	0
2. Are there at least 20 acres of land with no structures resembling development (house, barn, septic, etc...)?	0	ineligible
3. Is the land currently enrolled in SFIA?	0	5
4. If the land is not currently enrolled in SFIA, is the landowner interested in enrolling the land in SFIA?	5	0
5. Does the landowner have a current forest management plan on the acres being applied for?	0	5
6. If there is a current forest management plan, is it between 8-10 years old? Plan completion date: _____	0	ineligible
7. Is a portion of the land being applied for located in a priority area (HUC 10 for Bostic, Zippel or Warroad)?	5	0
7a. If you answered no to #7, is the land immediately adjacent to a public water or public drainage ditch? (RAQ Riparian score of 3 or map review if it's a public drainage ditch)	5	0
7b. If you answered no to #7, is the land immediately adjacent to public lands? (RAQ Adjacency score of 3)	5	0
TOTAL SCORE =		

Forest Stewardship Plan Plan Writers

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/foreststewardship/plan-writers.html>

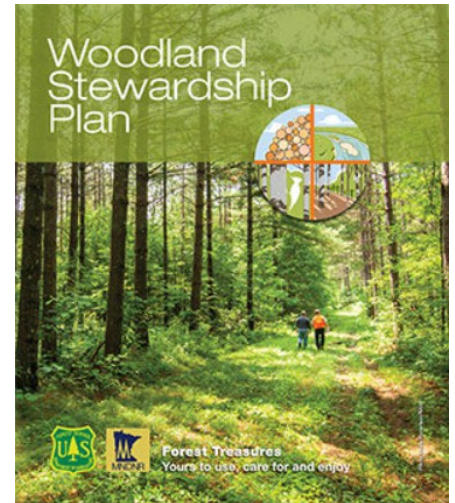
Any DNR certified plan writer may be chosen to write your plan. Below is a list of private consultants within the LOW and Roseau county area.

Name: Tom Crumpton

Company: Woods and Wildlife Forestry Services
Address: 1632 County Road 85, Birchdale, MN 56623
Phone: (218) 434-0793
Email: reforest@wiktel.com
County(s): Lake of the Woods, Roseau

Name: Ethan Erdmann

Holzfaller LLC
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(715) 451-6323
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Online Resources

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/foreststewardship/index.html>

<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/sustainable-forest-incentive-act>