

MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR NJ FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLANS

1. Title Page

1a. Signature of Landowner, preparer and State Forester's representative

1b. Stewardship pledge signed by Landowner

"As a forest landowner I believe the right to own land also carries the responsibility for stewardship of the natural resource in my care. I have read the attached ten year Forest Stewardship Plan and agree to implement it to the best of my ability."

1c. Name, address and phone number of landowner and plan preparer

1d. Tax block(s), lot(s) and municipality of parcel

1e. The 10-year period (dates) the plan covers e.g. January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2025.

1f. Date plan was prepared plus any revision dates e.g. January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2025.

1g. Total ownership acres and Stewardship Plan acres

1h. If the plan is also being prepared for the FLA Program indicate on the title page that it is also a Woodland Management Plan.

2. Landowner's long range goals for the property

3. Property overview, i.e. general location, major forest types, general landforms, relevant description of landscape, and management history.

4. General discussion of landowners goals and the expected effects of achieving Stewardship goals with soil, water (freshwater wetlands and flood hazard areas**), wildlife, recreation/aesthetics and timber resources. Also include a discussion of any known threatened and endangered species and any known cultural assets, which should be protected or managed.*

5. Stand descriptions and recommendations

5a. Stand identification keyed to the map

5b. Vegetative Cover type

5c. Size class (sapling, poletimber, sawtimber, etc.) stock & stand data, and growth rates are required for stands to be worked in during 10-year period

5d. Acres in size

5e. Invasive Plant Species. See State Forest Service's Invasive Plant Species Guidelines

5f. Soil characteristics and erodibility (may be covered in a general paragraph if the description is applicable to the whole property)

5g. Stand objective and its relationship to the landowner's goals for the property

5h. Recommendations and a short discussion of the effects of such actions on the soil, water (see Guidelines for Addressing Wetlands and Flood Hazard Areas), wildlife, invasive plant species, recreation/aesthetic, and timber resources**

5i. Describe how your management activities will assist in carbon sequestration. See State Forest Service's Carbon Management Guidelines

5j. Describe how the potential of wildfire will be mitigated

6. Activity schedule showing all stands and approximate year of recommended actions for a 10-year period. Include all stands and years, even if no action is recommended.

7. Map or aerial photograph showing the property with stands and physical features delineated and uniquely labeled. Scale: not larger than 1" = 200 or smaller than 1" = 1,500'

8. Practice plans should be submitted, as they are needed.

* Information regarding the presence of federal threatened or endangered species which might be affected by proposed activities must be obtained from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. This information can be obtained from the USF&WS IPaC web application. Alternatively, a letter can be requested from the USF&WS NJ Field office at: Atlantic Professional Park, 4 East Jimmy Leeds Road, Galloway, NJ 08205, 609.646.9310. The Natural Heritage Database (NHD) information also needs to be included and addressed in the plan. Obtain the NHD from the Office of Natural Land Management, PO Box 404, Trenton, NJ 08625, Telephone: 609.984.1339. ** The New Jersey Forestry and Wetlands Best Management Practices Manual, 1995 will be followed.

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