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Education & Assistance Programs for Michigan's Forest Landowners

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INTRODUCTION

Forest landowners have access to several sources of information to assist them in understanding and managing their forest properties. These include both public agencies and private firms. Whatever your situation as a forest landowner there is probably an organization that can help.

Public organizations that provide information and assistance relating to forestry include the Cooperative Extension Service, the Forest Management Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Soil Conservation Service and local county Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Limited financial assistance for some forestry practices is available through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Assistance from private resources is provided by forest industries and individual forestry consultants.

This publication provides a brief description and explanation of each of these information sources, including current addresses and telephone numbers. For more detailed information, contact your local county Cooperative Extension Service office or the respective organization. County Extension agents also have easy access to the specialists located on the Michigan State University campus.

Information & Educational Programs in Forestry

Michigan State University
Cooperative Extension Service

The Cooperative Extension Service (CES) is a partnership of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Michigan State University and county governments. Its purpose is to provide up-to-date and understandable information related to a wide variety of subjects in the agriculture and natural resource areas. CES plans and conducts educational programs related to agriculture and natural resources and makes available no cost or low cost publications related to many aspects of these same two areas. Each county in the state has an Extension office that you can contact for information on upcoming educational programs and a listing of available publications. County Extension agents also have ready access to the specialists located on the Michigan State University campus.

Forestry Extension typically offers educational programs relating to woodlot management, wood production, Christmas tree management and timber business-taxation considerations. The Cooperative Extension Service also offers a wide range of publications that provide information on forest management, forest insect and disease problems, tree planting, herbicide use, species selections for Christmas tree plantations and similar topics.

For further information on the Cooperative Extension Service or forestry related topics contact your local Cooperative Extension Service office.

County Cooperative Extension Service Offices

Alcona County

County Bldg.
Harrisville, MI 48740
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Alger County

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Munising, MI 49862
(906) 387-2530

Allegan County

County Bldg. Annex
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Allegan, MI 49010
(616) 673-8471

Alpena County

County Bldg.
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Alpena, MI 49707
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Antrim County

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Bellaire, MI 49615
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Bay City, MI 48708
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(616) 882-9671

Berrien County

County Bldg.
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Branch County

Courthouse
Coldwater, MI 49036
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Marshall, MI 49068
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Cassopolis, MI 49031
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49783
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Harrison, MI 48625
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St. Johns, MI 48879
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Escanaba, MI 49829
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Community Services
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Iron Mountain, MI 49801
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126 N. Bostwick
Charlotte, MI 48813
(517) 543-2310

Emmet County

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Gladwin, MI 48624
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Hillsdale, MI 49242
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Houghton County

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Hancock, MI 49930
(906) 482-5830

Huron County

County Bldg.
Bad Axe, MI 48413
(517) 269-9949

Ingham County

127 E. Maple St.
Mason, MI 48854
(517) 676-0212

Ionia County

108-110 E. Washington
St.
Ionia, MI 48846
(616) 527-1400

Iosco County

County Bldg. Annex
P.O. Box 599
Tawas City, MI 48673
(517) 362-3449

Iron County

2 S. 6th St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920
(906) 875-6642

Isabella County

County Bldg.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
(517) 772-0911

Jackson County

412 Erie St.
Jackson MI 49202
(517) 788-4292

Kalamazoo County

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Room 302
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(616) 383-8830

Kalkaska County

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Kalkaska, MI 49646
(616) 258-5074

Kent County

836 Fuller Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI
49503
(616) 774-3265

Keweenaw County

1500 Birch St.
Hancock, MI 49930
(906) 482-5830

Lake County

Rt. 3, P.O. Box 1035
Baldwin, MI 49304
(616) 745-2721

Lapeer County

1575 Suncrest Dr.
Lapeer, MI 48446
(313) 667-0341

Leelanau County

Rt. 1, 116 Phillips
Lake Leelanau, MI
49653
(616) 256-9888

Lenawee County

County Extension Center
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Adrian, MI 49221
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Livingston County

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Howell, MI 48843
(517) 346-3950

Luce County

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W. Court St.
Newberry, MI 49868
(906) 293-3203

Mackinac County

Courthouse
St. Ignace, MI 49781
(906) 643-7307

Macomb County

County Bldg., 11th Floor
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
(313) 469-5180

Manistee County

6433 8 Mile Rd.
Bear Lake, MI 49614
(616) 889-4277

Marquette County

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Negaunee, MI 49866
(906) 475-7808

Mason County

Office Center
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Scottville, MI 49454
(616) 757-4789

Mecosta County

County Bldg.
Big Rapids, MI 49037
(616) 592-0792

Menominee County

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Stephenson, MI 49887
(906) 753-2209

Midland County

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Midland, MI 48640
(517) 832-6640

Missaukee County

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Lake City, MI 49651
(616) 839-4667

Monroe County

963 S. Raisenville Rd.
Monroe, MI 48161
(313) 243-7113

Montcalm County

617 State Rd., Office C
Stanton, MI 48888
(517) 831-5226

Montmorency

Courthouse Annex
E. Annex—M-32
Atlanta, MI 49709
(517) 785-4177

Muskegon County

635 Ottawa St.
Muskegon, MI 49442
(616) 724-6361

Newaygo County

6907 W. 48th. St.
Fremont, MI 49412
(616) 924-0500

Oakland County

1200 N. Telegraph Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48053
(313) 858-0880

Oceana County

210 Johnson St.
Hart, MI 49420
(616) 873-2129

Ogemaw County

County Bldg.
806 W. Houghton Ave.
West Branch, MI 48661
(517) 345-0692

Ontonagon County

725 Greenland Rd.
Ontonagon, MI 49953
(906) 884-4386

Osceola County

Courthouse
Reed City, MI 49677
(616) 832-2161

Oscoda County

Courthouse
Mio, MI 48647
(517) 826-3241

Otsego County

200 Livingston Blvd.
Gaylord, MI 49735
(517) 732-6484

Ottawa County

County Bldg.
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 846-8250

Presque Isle County

123 S. 3rd
Rogers City, MI 49779
(517) 734-2168

Roscommon County

Courthouse Annex
P.O. Box 507
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-5043

Saginaw County

Courthouse
Saginaw, MI 48602
(517) 790-5191

Sanilac County

37 Austin
Sandusky, MI 48471
(313) 648-2515

Schoolcraft County

County Courthouse,
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Manistique, MI 49854
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Shiawassee County

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Corunna, MI 48817
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St. Clair County

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Courthouse Annex
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420 Court St.
Caro, MI 48723
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226 E. Michigan Ave.
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(616) 657-5564

Washtenaw County

P.O. Box 8645
4133 Washtenaw Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
(313) 973-9510

Wayne County

P.O. Box 550
5454 Venoy Rd.
Wayne, MI 48184
(313) 721-6550

Wexford County

Courthouse
P.O. Box 158
Cadillac, MI 49601
(616) 779-9480

Technical Assistance Programs Available from Public Agencies

Forest Management Division
Department of Natural Resources

The Forest Management Division of the Department of Natural Resources offers limited free technical assistance to forest landowners. Recommendations for harvesting and timberstand improvement and the writing of forest management plans are the two major activities emphasized by the Cooperative Forest Management (CFM) program of the DNR. A management plan lists the landowner's objectives and outlines the steps necessary to meet these objectives.

Although the implementation of the forest management plan is beyond the scope of the CFM program, the DNR forester is a good source of information on where to look for assistance for implementation. Assistance in selecting trees for harvest and in marketing forest crops is also provided.

For more information on the CFM program contact the DNR District Office that is closest to your landholdings.

DNR District Offices

CFM Forester
DNR District Office
N. US 41, Box 440
Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-6651

CFM Forester
DNR District Office
Box 445, 309 W. McMillan
Newberry, MI 49868
(906) 293-5131

CFM Forester
DNR District Office
Box 667, 1732 W. M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735
(517) 732-3541

CFM Forester
DNR District Office
M-33 N., Box 146
Mio, MI 48647
(517) 826-3211

CFM Forester
DNR District Office
Box 355, 621 N. 10th St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
(616) 685-6851

CFM Forester
DNR District Office
3335 Lansing Ave.
Jackson, MI 49202
(517) 784-3188

CFM Forester
DNR District Office
Box 495, 1126 N. Lincoln Rd.
Escanaba, MI 49829
(906) 786-2341

CFM Forester
DNR Baldwin Field Office
Rt. 2, Box 2810
Baldwin, MI 49304
(616) 745-4651

CFM Forester
DNR District Office
Rt 1, 8015 S. 131 Rd.
Cadillac, MI 49601
(616) 775-9727

CFM Forester
DNR Rose Lake Field Office
Rt. 1, 8562 E. Stoll Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 641-6000

Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) have been established throughout the state to assist Michigan landowners in land-use planning. In the past this has been associated largely with agriculture; however, several conservation districts in Michigan employ professional foresters. The SWCD foresters provide, upon request, information and services related to both tree planting and woodlot management to landowners in their district. A staff forester with the Department of Natural Resources provides technical assistance to SWCD foresters when required.

For more information, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District.

Antrim County SCD

See Kalkaska County

Cass County SCD

110 Spencer Rd.
Cassopolis, MI 49031
(616) 445-8643

Crawford County SCD

See Roscommon County

Kalkaska County SCD

605 N. Birch St.
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(616) 258-2411

Leelanau County SCD

Old M-204, Bunek Bldg.
Box 205
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
(616) 256-9783

Mecosta County SCD

18715 Chippewa Lake Rd.
Rt. 4, Box 18A
Big Rapids, MI 49307
(616) 796-2650

Missaukee County SCD

6180 W. Sanborn Rd.
Room 126
Lake City, MI 49651
(616) 839-7193

Newaygo County SCD

940 W. Rex St.
P.O. Box 67
Fremont, MI 49412
(616) 924-2060

Otsego County SCD

202 Livingston, Bldg. B
Center Apt.
Gaylord, MI 49735
(517) 732-6526

Ottawa County SCD

17230 Robbins Rd.
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-5869

Roscommon County SCD

409 Lake St.
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-5231

St. Clair County SCD

5120 Lapeer Rd.
Port Huron, MI 48060
(313) 984-3866

St. Joseph County SCD

610 W. Burr Oak St.
Centreville, MI 49032
(616) 467-6088

Wexford County SCD

3060 W. 13th St.
Cadillac, MI 49601
(616) 775-7422

Financial Assistance from Public Sources

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS)

The ASCS administers two cost-sharing programs designed to encourage the conservation of forestland resources and assure future productivity. The Forest Incentives Program (FIP) and Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) can offset up to 75 percent of the landowner's total costs for tree planting or timber stand improvement.

The local ASCS committee determines which of these forestry practices are to be funded and is responsible for distributing funds. Applications are necessary prior to initiating any work. A forester from the Department of Natural Resources will visit the site to certify that the work is necessary and to estimate the cost of completing the projects.

All Michigan counties are eligible for ACP cost-share program funds, and 42 counties are eligible for FIP cost-share program funds. Contact the ASCS office in your county for more information.

Counties Eligible For ACP and FIP Program Funds

Alcona County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
215 S. 2nd St., P.O. Box 69
Lincoln, MI 48742
(517) 736-8245

Alger County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
Box 166 Main St.
Chatham, MI 49816
(906) 439-5119

Alpena County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
815 W. Miller, St., Box 484
Alpena, MI 49707
(517) 356-0522

Antrim County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
110 Grove St., P.O. Box 301
Bellaire, MI 49615
(616) 533-8542

Baraga County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
American Legion Bldg.
L'Anse, MI 49946
(906) 524-6065

Benzie County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
207 Benzie Blvd., Box 386
Beulah, MI 49617
(616) 882-7281

Charlevoix County ASCS Office

See Emmet County

Cheboygan County ASCS Office

See Presque Isle County

Chippewa County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
2901 I-75 Business Spur
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-8901

Clare County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
Room 140, County Bldg.
Harrison, MI 48625
(517) 539-7892

Crawford County ASCS Office

See Missaukee County

Delta County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
2805 N. Lincoln Rd., Box 680
Escanaba, MI 49829
(906) 786-8211

Dickinson County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
639 Industrial Park Dr.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-2392

Emmet County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
441 Bay St.
Petoskey, MI 49770
(616) 347-2133

Gladwin County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
742 W. Cedar St., Box 448
Gladwin, MI 48624
(517) 426-9461

Gogebic County ASCS Office

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Grand Traverse County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
1222 Rennie St.
Traverse City, MI 49684
(616) 941-0951

Houghton County ASCS Office

See Baraga County

Iosco County ASCS Office

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East Tawas, MI 48730
(517) 362-3842

Iron County ASCS Office

See Dickinson County

Kalkaska County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
605 N. Birch St., Box 78
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(616) 258-9154

Lake County ASCS Office

See Osceola County

Leelanau County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
P.O. Box 205
Lake Leelanau, MI 49653
(616) 256-9791

Luce County ASCS Office

See Mackinac County

Mackinac County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
P.O. Box 127, Melville St.
Engadine, MI 49827
(906) 477-6461

Manistee County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
6433 8 Mile Rd.
Bear Lake, MI 49614
(616) 889-4454

Marquette County ASCS Office

See Alger County

Mason County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
862 W. US 10, P.O. Box 175
Scottville, MI 49454
(616) 757-3707

Mecosta County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
18720 Chippewa Lake Rd.
Big Rapids, MI 49307
(616) 796-2659

Menominee County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
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Stephenson, MI 49887
(906) 753-6921

Missaukee County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
2170 S. Morey Rd.
Lake City, MI 49651
(616) 839-2069

Montmorency County ASCS Office

See Alpena County

Newaygo County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
940 W. Rex St.
Fremont, MI 49412
(616) 924-2230

Oceana County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
20 S. Oceana Dr., Box 170
Shelby, MI 49455
(616) 861-5600

Ogemaw County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
240 W. Wright St.
West Branch, MI 48661
(517) 345-5472

Ontonagon County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
Box 137, Cedar St.
Ewen, MI 49925
(906) 988-2530

Osceola County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
7700 S. Patterson Rd., Box 64
Reed City, MI 49677
(616) 832-5341

Oscoda County ASCS Office

See Ogemaw County

Otsego County ASCS Office

See Antrim County

Presque Isle County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
South M-33
Onaway, MI 49765
(517) 733-8323

Schoolcraft County ASCS Office

See Mackinac County

Wexford County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
3060 W. 13th St.
Cadillac, MI 49601
(616) 775-7681

Counties Eligible For ACP Program Funds Only

Allegan County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
M-40 S., 545 Jenner Dr.
Allegan, MI 49010
(616) 673-6940

Arenac County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
806 W. Cedar St., Box 748
Standish, MI 48658
(517) 846-4565

Barry County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
535 W. Woodlawn Ave.
Hastings, MI 49058
(616) 948-8037

Bay County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
3949 S. 3 Mile Rd.
Bay City, MI 48706
(517) 686-0430

Berrien County ASCS Office

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3830 S. M-139
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(616) 429-5634

Branch County ASCS Office

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1110 W. Chicago Rd.
Coldwater, MI 49036
(517) 278-2725

Calhoun County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
120 West Dr. N.
Marshall, MI 49068
(616) 781-4263

Cass County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
Eastgate Office Bldg.
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Cassopolis, MI 49031
(616) 445-8641

Clinton County ASCS Office

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St. Johns, MI 48879
(517) 224-3720

Eaton County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
200 N. Bostwick Ave.
Charlotte, MI 48813
(517) 543-1512

Genesee County ASCS Office

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3505 W. Coldwater Rd.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458
(313) 787-5111

Jackson County ASCS Office

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211 W. Ganson St.
Jackson, MI 49201
(517) 789-7716

Gratiot County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
125 S. Maple St.
Ithaca, MI 48847
(517) 439-3900

Kalamazoo County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
6127 Sprinkle Rd.
Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(616) 327-0940

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3251 Beck Rd.
Hillsdale, MI 49242
(517) 439-1496

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Grand Rapids, MI 49505
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Huron County ASCS Office

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Isabella County ASCS Office

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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
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Livingston County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
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Howell, MI 48843
(517) 548-1552

Macomb County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
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Richmond, MI 48062
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County Executive Director
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Midland, MI 48640
(517) 832-3651

Monroe County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
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Monroe, MI 48161
(313) 241-8540

Montcalm County ASCS Office

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Stanton, MI 48888
(517) 831-4212

Muskegon County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
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Muskegon, MI 49442
(616) 788-4488

Oakland County ASCS Office

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Pontiac, MI 48054
(313) 666-2212

Ottawa County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
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Grand Haven, MI 49417
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Roscommon County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
409 Lake St., Box 156
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-5231

Saginaw County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
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Saginaw, MI 48603
(517) 781-1720

Sanilac County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
75 Dawson St.
Sandusky, MI 48471
(313) 648-2998

Shiawassee County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
1767 S. M-52
Owosso, MI 48867
(517) 723-8263

St. Clair County ASCS Office

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5120 Lapeer Rd.
Port Huron, MI 48060
(313) 984-3865

St. Joseph County ASCS Office

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610 W. Burr Oak St.
Centreville, MI 49032
(616) 467-6336

Tuscola County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
852 S. Hooper St.
Caro, MI 48723
(517) 673-8173

Van Buren County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
816 E. Michigan Ave.
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(616) 657-4095

Washtenaw County ASCS Office

County Executive Director
6101 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
(313) 662-3900

Wayne County ASCS Office

See Washtenaw County

Private Forestry Assistance Programs

Consulting Foresters

Consulting foresters offer a wide range of forest management services to individual forest landowners on a fee basis. Consultants are therefore able to provide more in-depth and comprehensive services than those provided by the Department of Natural Resources or Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The consultant works for you and therefore should provide you with a clear understanding of the services you will receive and the cost of these services before you make any commitments. The consultant's reputation is his best calling card, so they work hard to satisfy their clients' needs. However, when selecting a consulting forester require and check references before hiring one.

Consulting Forester Listings

The Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service publishes a list of consulting foresters practicing in Michigan. You can obtain a copy from your county CES office or by requesting it from:

Forestry Extension Office
126 Natural Resources Bldg.,
MSU
East Lansing, MI 48824
(517) 355-0094

A directory is available from the Michigan Association of Consulting Foresters at the following address:

Secretary-Treasurer
Michigan Association of
Consulting Foresters
Route 2, Box 306
Suttons Bay, WI 49682

The Association of Consulting Foresters has a membership directory available to the general public. A forester is required to meet certain educational and experience requirements before membership in the association is granted. For further information or to obtain a copy of the directory, contact:

The Association of Consulting
Foresters
5410 Grosvenor Ln., Suite 120
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 530-6795

The Society of American Foresters also publishes a directory of consulting foresters. To obtain a copy of the directory, contact:

Society of American Foresters
5400 Grosvenor Ln.
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 897-8720

Industrial Forestry Programs

Some forest product companies in Michigan provide technical assistance to landowners interested in managing their woodlots. The type of programs available vary among the companies, but most offer forest management planning at no direct cost to the landowner. The only payback requirement in many of the programs is that the company requests to be notified when the decision to sell the timber is made. Some programs require the landowner to provide the company with the right of first refusal.

Other forest products companies operating in Michigan do not have a formal assistance program but employ professional foresters who may be able to provide recommendations concerning woodlot management. It may be wise to visit with landowners who have had previous experience with such companies.

Industrial Forestry Programs for Michigan Landowners

Abitibi-Price Corp.

P.O. Box 425
Alpena, MI 49707
(517) 354-2121

AJD Forest Products

4 Mile Rd., P.O. Box 629
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5412

Champion International Corp.

P.O. Box 2294
Kingsford, MI 48901
(906) 774-9200

Dow-Corning Corp.

Supervisor
Natural Resources Department
P.O. Box 995
Midland, MI 48640
(517) 496-5656

Mead Corp.

Publishing Paper Division
P.O. Box 1008
Esanaba, MI 49829
(906) 786-1600

Menesha Corp.

Paperboard Division
P.O. Box 155
Otsego, MI 49078
(616) 692-6141

Packaging Corporation of America

P.O. Box 316
Manistee, MI 49660
(616) 723-9951

S. D. Warren

Div. of Scott Paper Co.
2400 Lakeshore Dr.
Muskegon, MI 49443
(616) 759-5242

U.S. Plywood

2212 Dickerson Rd.
Gaylord, MI 49735
(517) 783-5151

Weyerhaeuser Co.

P.O. Box 436
4111 E. 4 Mile Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-2881

Tree Farm Program

The Tree Farm Program is an activity sponsored by the American Forest Institute, a trade association of the forest products industries. The stated objective is to encourage the management of private forest land. Certified Tree Farmers receive free publications and have their lands inspected and recertified by professional foresters every five years. Unmanaged woodlands are acceptable as prospective tree farms, provided the owner has a written forest management plan prepared by a forester and he fully intends to implement the plan. These "Pioneer Tree Farms" are inspected and certified at no cost by a volunteer forester representing the Tree Farm Program.

For more information on the Tree Farm Program, contact either the State Committee Chairman or Regional Tree Farm Forester nearest you.

Michigan Tree Farms, Region 1

Watt Arnold
Champion Timberlands
P.O. Box 547
Iron River, MI 49935
(906) 265-9484

Michigan Tree Farms, Region 4

Randy Kuipers
Menasha Corp.
P.O. Box 155
Otsego, MI 49078
(616) 692-6141

Michigan Tree Farms, Region 2

Jack Thomas III
Mead Paper
P.O. Box 215
Trout Lake, MI 49793
(906) 569-3315

Michigan Tree Farms, Region 5

Roger Hoeksema
Department of Natural Resources
8562 E. Stoll Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 641-6000

Michigan Tree Farms, Region 3

Peter Buehler
P.O. Box 43
Cadillac, MI 49601
(616) 775-6734

**Michigan Tree Farms
Committee**

Karin VanDyke, Chairman
Mead Paper
P.O. Box 1008
Escanaba, MI 49829
(906) 786-1660

Forestry and Christmas Tree Growers Associations

Michigan Forest Association

The Michigan Forest Association membership is concerned with the wise use and management of private forest lands in Michigan. The Association promotes the wise use of all forest resources. For further information, or information on membership, contact:

The Michigan Forest Association
P.O. Box 2130
Indian River, MI 49749
(616) 238-8282

Michigan Christmas Tree Growers Association

The Michigan Christmas Tree Growers Association was formed to provide an opportunity to growers to share ideas and discuss common problems. Annual meetings are held to provide information on items of interest to the growers. Exhibits featuring machinery and supplies are also part of the annual meeting. Members receive a quarterly magazine and marketing information. For more information contact:

Michigan Christmas Tree Growers Association
343 South Union St.
Sparta, MI 49345
(616) 887-9008

Michigan Maple Syrup Producers Association

The association was formed to provide the opportunity for Maple Syrup producers in the state to share information on common problems. For more information contact:

Michigan Maple Syrup Producers Association
Rt. 1, Baatz Rd.
Maple City, MI 49664
(616) 228-5835

American Forestry Association

This is a national independent and non-political conservation organization. Its stated purpose is to advance the wise management and use of our forest, soil, water, and wildlife resources. For further information on the association, write to:

The American Forestry Association
1319 18th St., NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 467-5810



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