

# COUNTY FOREST VARIABLE ACREAGE SHARE LOANS

**Authorization: Variable Acreage Loans:** ss. 20.370(5)(bq)(bs) and 28.11(8)(b), Wis. Stats.

**Budget:**

\$616,000 annually from the Forestry Account of the Conservation Fund.

**Objective:** Provide interest-free loans to counties for forestry operations on lands under the County Forest Law.

**Eligibility:** Counties having land enrolled under the County Forest Law.

**Level of Assistance:**

Determined by the DNR Forestry after December 31 each year based on dollar amounts requested. A county may request up to \$.50/acre of eligible county forest lands. Requests in excess of available funds will be prorated.

**Priorities:**

County determines project priority.

**Eligible Types of Projects:**

Forestry projects on land enrolled under the County Forest Law.

**Applications:**

Requests must be submitted to the DNR via county board resolution by December 31 of each year.

**Date of Payments:**

Payments made on or before March 31 of each year.

**History:**

These loans have been available since 1980 for use in acquiring, developing, preserving or maintaining county forest lands. Annually, \$350,000 - \$600,000 is distributed. Loans are repaid through a 20% severance tax on forest products harvested off of County Forest lands.

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None at this time.

