

# COUNTY FOREST ACREAGE PAYMENTS

**Authorization:** ss. 20.370(5)(bv) and 28.11(8)(a), Wis. Stats.

**Budget:** Fiscal Year = \$709,000

**Objective:** To provide financial assistance to towns with lands enrolled under the County Forest Law, in lieu of local tax revenue.

**Eligibility:** Towns in counties having lands enrolled under the County Forest Law.

**Level of Assistance:** Towns receive \$.30 per acre payments based on acreage in the town enrolled under the County Forest Law.

**Priorities:** Each town determines how payment will be used.

**Eligible Types of Projects:** Statute places no restrictions.

**Applications:** None required

**History:** Payments have been made since the inception of the County Forest program in 1929 to compensate the Towns for the lost tax base. The acreage payment was \$.10/acre from 1929 through 1961, with further increases to \$.15/acre in 1962, \$.20/acre in 1972 and \$.30/acre in 1989.

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