

COUNTY FOREST PROJECT LOANS

Authorization: ss. 20.370(5)(bq) and (bs), 28.11(8)(b), 28.11(9), Wis. Stats.; s. NR 47.70, Wis. Admin. Code.

Budget: \$400,000 plus \$1,000,000 (est.) in project loan severance share funds from the forestry account of the Conservation Fund.

Objective: Provide interest-free loans to counties with lands enrolled under the County Forest Law.

Eligibility: Counties having lands enrolled under the County Forest Law.

Level of Assistance: Determined by the DNR, based on an application and approved county board resolution requesting the loan.

Priorities:

- Land acquisition within the county forest boundary for lands to be entered
- under the County Forest Law
- Forestry land management activities
- ◆ Forestry land information
- ◆ Forest capitol improvements

Eligible Types of Projects: Meritorious and economically productive forestry projects in county forests. No wildlife or recreation projects are eligible.

Applications: County board resolution and other application materials outlining the project.

History: The project loans were originally approved in 1978 although there was no funding in 1988 and 1990. The current system of a revolving loan fund was approved in 1992 and has been in existence ever since.

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