

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY GRANT

Authorization: ss. 20.370(5)(bw) and s. 28.11(5r), Wis. Stats.

Budget: \$200,000 annually from the forestry account of the conservation fund

Objective: Provide funding to promote sustainable forestry projects on County Forest Law lands.

Eligibility: Projects must promote sustainable forestry. They shall be consistent with the County's Comprehensive Forest Land Use plan and be short-term workload items. Counties must be in compliance, or working towards compliance, with DNR audit recommendations.

Level of Assistance: Determined by the DNR after each of the first two application periods (Aug. 15 and Dec. 1). First come – first served after Dec. 2. Grants are for a minimum of \$1000 but may not exceed 25% of the available funds in any one year.

Priorities: First preference is storm-related projects and hiring of temporary staff to address short term sustainable forestry workload items. Remaining qualifying projects are grouped under second priority.

Eligible Types of Projects: Projects must promote sustainable forestry on County Forest Land. Grants are not eligible for land acquisition, permanent staff or benefits, upgrades to existing computer software and hardware or land surveying.

Applications: Sustainable Forestry Grant request deadlines are August 15 for the first application period and December 1 for the second application period. First-come, first-serve thereafter.

History: Initiated in 2002.

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