

**CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM**

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TO: DNR Private Lands Foresters

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SUBJECT: FY14/FY15 Turkey Stamp Grant Oak Management – Special WFLGP Opportunity

I am pleased to announce a new WFLGP opportunity to fund oak management in 53 counties. The Division of Forestry was awarded a FY14/FY15 Turkey Stamp Grant in the amount of \$82,500 for oak regeneration and management on private lands in southern Wisconsin. The funds will be distributed through WFLGP and must be used to establish and/or regenerate oak, or to maintain/ensure an oak component in a forest stand. Approved applications will be awarded funding on a first in first out basis until funding is gone or the end of the biennium (June 30, 2015) whichever comes first.

**Details for FY14/FY15 TSG Oak Management Grants:**

- 1.) Forest landowners in the eligible counties who will be planting or managing for oak can apply for cost sharing (see list of eligible components attached). Applications must be submitted to the DNR in the county where their land is located for verification of need and approval. During this time, applications will be accepted on a continuous basis and receive immediate awards until the designated funds are used up.
  - 2.) Turkey Stamp funds may only be used for 1) establishing and/or regenerating oak or 2) maintaining/ensuring an oak component in the stand. Eligible practices and components are attached.
  - 3.) All other WFLGP applications, procedures and eligibility requirements apply including the landowner must have a Forest Stewardship Plan. Landowners may be reimbursed up to 50% of their expenses for practices approved by their DNR forester. Awards may not exceed the regular (50%) not-to-exceed (NTE) rates provided in the Private Forestry Handbook Chapter 60.
  - 4.) WFLGP funds may not be used to replant CRP lands or in combination with any other public grants.
  - 5.) It's very important that the forester indicate on the application that it is for a TSG Oak Management Grant
    - Write "**TSG Oak Management**" in big letters on the top of the application.
- There are hundreds of applications at central office (CO) at any one time, it's very important that this be included on the top of the form so they get immediate attention. Practices not eligible for this special funding must be on a separate application.
- 6.) Landowners that have been approved will have the standard twenty-four months in which to complete DNR-approved practices. As with standard WFLGP grants, landowners who are unable to complete their project in the twenty-four months allotted may be granted an extension if the county forester determines that the delay is beyond the landowner's control. Extensions granted should be for the specific amount of time needed but may not exceed 12 months.
  - 7.) Landowner sends in receipts to the approving forester who authorizes reimbursement as usual.

## Eligible Counties

Adams  
 Barron  
 Brown  
 Buffalo  
 Calumet  
 Chippewa  
 Clark  
 Columbia  
 Crawford  
 Dane  
 Dodge  
 Door  
 Dunn  
 Eau Claire  
 Fond du Lac  
 Grant  
 Green  
 Green Lake  
 Iowa  
 Jackson  
 Jefferson  
 Juneau  
 Kenosha  
 Kewaunee  
 La Crosse  
 Lafayette  
 Manitowoc  
 Marathon  
 Marquette  
 Milwaukee  
 Monroe  
 Outagamie  
 Ozaukee  
 Pepin  
 Pierce  
 Polk  
 Portage  
 Racine  
 Richland  
 Rock  
 Saint Croix  
 Sauk  
 Shawano  
 Sheboygan  
 Trempealeau  
 Vernon  
 Walworth  
 Washington  
 Waukesha  
 Waupaca  
 Waushara  
 Winnebago  
 Wood

## Eligible Practices/Components

The **purpose/intent of the work must** include one of the following:

- To establish and/or regenerate oak
- To maintain/ensure an oak component in the stand

Follow WFLGP policies provided in the Private Forestry Handbook and special guidance provided in this document.

### Practice 2 Reforestation/Afforestation

TSG funding guidance

- **At least 50% of the planting must be hardwood and at least 50% of the hardwood planted must be oak species.**
- **No ash will be allowed.**

<i>Component Code</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Technical Component</i>
TAAC	Acre	Site prep - light
TAAD	Acre	Site prep - medium
TAAE	Acre	Site prep – heavy
TAAF	Acre	Site prep - heavy equipment (to be used with TAAE)
TAAJ	Acre	Site prep - prescribed burning
TAAH	Acre	Conifer tree planting –hand
TAAI	Acre	Conifer tree planting - machine
TAAJ	Acre	Hardwood tree planting – hand
TAAC	Acre	Hardwood tree planting - machine
TABU	Acre	Direct tree seeding – broadcast
TABV	Acre	Direct tree seeding – machine
TACC	Acre	Post planting vegetation control - light
TACD	Acre	Post planting vegetation control - medium
TACE	Acre	Post planting vegetation control - heavy
TACF	Acre	Chemical repellent
TACG	Ln Ft	Exclusion fencing
TACH	Acre	Seedling protection
TACI	Acre	Mowing
TACJ	Acre	Invasive plant control - light
TACK	Acre	Invasive plant control - medium
TACL	Acre	Invasive plant control - heavy
TACM	Acre	Invasive plant control - heavy equipment
TACN	Acre	Invasive plant control follow up - light
TACO	Acre	Invasive plant control follow up - medium
TACP	Acre	Invasive plant control follow up - heavy
TACQ	Acre	Invasive plant control follow up - heavy equipment

### Practice 3 Forest Health and Improvement

TSG funding guidance

- **At least 50% of the crop trees must be oak species**

<i>Component Code</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Technical Component</i>
TAAW	Acre	Crop Tree Release (limited to 100 trees/Acre)