

How to apply

On the Web –

Call a listed contact with any questions.
www.forestresourcetrust.oregon.gov

Complete an application –

The application is available on the website and can be downloaded. Mail the completed application, with a map of your property to:

Oregon Department of Forestry
Forest Resource Trust
2600 State Street, Bldg D
Salem, OR 97310

Free site visit –

An Oregon Department of Forestry forester or a forestry consultant will visit your site and determine if your project qualifies.

Qualification letter –

After the site visit, you will receive a letter from the Department of Forestry and more information about the next steps.

Develop a plan –

The Department of Forestry or a forestry consultant will develop a project plan which includes a schedule of practices and the budget to establish your forest.

Review all paperwork –

You will review the project plan, Trust contract and other information. The Department of Forestry will answer any questions you may have.

Sign documents –

Congratulations! Your project gets started and you can begin to enjoy your new forest!

To learn more about the Forest Establishment Program:

VISIT

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or CALL

(503) 945-7493

Oregon's Forest Resource Trust

FOREST ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM



"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

Oregon Department of Forestry
Private Forests Division
2600 State Street • Salem, OR 97310

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Helping landowners turn
brush, grass, orchard, or
pasture land into productive
forestland.

Oregon Department of Forestry

**Promoting and Practicing
Sustainable Forestry**

Consider the following:

No out-of-pocket expenses...

The Trust provides up to 100 percent of forest establishment and seedling protection costs. Contractors are paid directly, based on the actual cost of the work completed.

Detailed project plan...

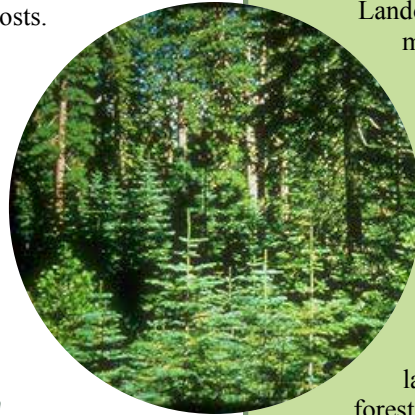
A detailed plan guides each project. The plan sets cost limits and identifies best practices from site preparation to achieving a free-to-grow forest.

Loan payback based only on profits...

If profits are made by harvesting timber from the forest created under the Trust, landowners repay the loan amount to the Trust plus four percent simple interest. Payments apply to principal first.

Long-term contract...

Landowners enter a long-term contract specifying that when the land changes ownership, Trust obligations will be continued from one owner to the next.



Eligibility requirements

Private & local government forestland owner —

Landowners with less than 5,000 acres of medium-to-high site Oregon forestland or less than 15,000 acres of low site Oregon forestland are especially encouraged to apply. State and federal landowners are *not* eligible.

Suitable land —

Project must have at least 10 contiguous acres of suitable land outside an urban growth boundary; land is capable of growing commercial forests but is currently in brush, crops, pasture, orchard or other use not containing a manageable stand of trees or seedlings.

Free of reforestation obligations —

Lands with an obligation to reforest under the Oregon Forest Practices Act are not eligible. Exceptions may be granted in special cases.

Commercial species —

Riparian (streamside) and other woodland restoration projects are welcome when the project's commercial forest area can cover the cost of establishing the non-commercial forest area.

Assignment of carbon offsets —

In exchange for the favorable financing, landowners assign the rights to the carbon dioxide emission offset benefits to the Trust.

An innovative partnership —

You provide the land and the Trust provides financing and technical assistance to establish a healthy forest that is “free-to-grow.”

Professionally managed —

Financing includes costs for a professional forester to manage your project. This helps ensure work is done correctly, on time and within the budget.



Thorough reviews —

All sites are reviewed for their ability to support forest cover and whether the current condition is supporting important environmental values such as oak prairies and savannas that the landowner may wish to maintain or enhance as an alternative.

Favorable financial terms —

Unlike other loans, monies are paid back only when you choose to harvest timber. You can also choose to buy out at any time. Interest is 4 percent simple interest and payments are applied to the principal first.

Risk protection —

If the project area experiences a catastrophic loss or suffers financial impacts from new regulations, the Trust provides risk protection to the landowner. Loan repayment obligations will be reduced, or your forest will be restored to pre-loss conditions at no cost to you.