

# **MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR NJ FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLANS**

## **1. Title Page**

1a. Signature of Landowner, preparer and State Forester's representative

1b. Stewardship pledge signed by Landowner

*"As a forest landowner I believe the right to own land also carries the responsibility for stewardship of the natural resource in my care. I have read the attached ten year Forest Stewardship Plan and agree to implement it to the best of my ability."*

1c. Name, address and phone number of landowner and plan preparer

1d. Tax block(s), lot(s) and municipality of parcel

1e. The 10-year period (dates) the plan covers

1f. Date plan was prepared plus any revision dates

1g. Total ownership acres and Stewardship Plan acres

## **2. Landowner's long range goals for the property**

**3. Property overview**, i.e. general location, major forest types, general landforms, relevant description of landscape, and management history.

**4. General discussion** of landowners goals and the expected effects of achieving Stewardship goals with soil, water (freshwater wetlands and flood hazard areas), wildlife, recreation/aesthetics and timber resources. Also include a discussion of any known threatened and endangered species and any known cultural assets, which should be protected or managed.\*

## **5. Stand descriptions and recommendations**

5a. Stand identification keyed to the map

5b. Vegetative Cover type

5c. Size class (sapling, poletimber, sawtimber, etc. basic stock & stand data, and growth are required for stands to be worked in during 10-year period)

5d. Size (acres)

5e. Invasive Plant Species (see NJ Forest Service Invasive Plant Species Guidelines)

5f. Soil characteristics and erodibility (may be covered in a general paragraph if the description is applicable to the whole property)

5g. Stand objective and its relationship to the landowner's goals for the property

5h. Recommendations and a short discussion of the effects of such actions on the soil, water (see Guidelines for Addressing Wetlands and Flood Hazard Areas), wildlife, invasive plant species, recreation/aesthetic, and timber resources.\*\*

**6. Activity schedule** showing all stands and approximate year of recommended actions and FLEP practices (if applicable) for a 10-year period. Include all stands and years, even if no action is recommended. For FLEP, practices 2-11 include practice and component numbers and extent (i.e. acres, feet etc.). Table format is preferred.

**7. Map or aerial photograph** showing the property with stands and physical features delineated and uniquely labeled. Scale: not larger than 1" = 400 or smaller than 1" = 1,320'

**8. Practice plans** should be included, as they are needed.

\* Information regarding the presence of threatened or endangered species which might be affected by proposed activities must be obtained from the US Fish, Game and Wildlife Service, 927 N. Main St., Bldg. D-1, Pleasantville, NJ 08232, 609.646.9310. Alternatively, provide a written statement in the plan that the current federal list of threatened or endangered species provided by county and municipality does not identify any federally protected threatened or endangered species in the municipality in which the is located (specify date of list). It is encouraged statewide that the Natural Heritage Database information also be included and addressed in the plan. \*\* Where applicable, The New Jersey Forestry and Wetlands Best Management Practices Manual, 1995 will be followed. Obtain list from the Office of Natural Land Management, PO Box 404, Trenton, NJ 08626-0404, 609.984.1339. Database search can be done free of charge if request is directed through the Forest Stewardship Program Coordinator, New Jersey Forest Service, PO Box 404, Trenton, NJ 08625-0404, 609.986.3860. NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife (contact Tony Petrongolo at 609.984.1401 provides game and non-game animal species information or guidance for assistance).

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