

FOREST OWNER ASSISTANCE SOURCES

(Note: Programs and services change regularly, especially those involving federal funding.)

ACRONYM	NEW NAME	OLD NAME	AFFILIATION	COMMENTS
CD	Conservation Districts	Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)	State/County Locally Governed	On-site information & assistance. Foresters are not hired by all Conservation Districts.
DEQ	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality	Split from Michigan DNR	State	Regulatory and permitting functions.
DNR	Michigan Department of Natural Resources		State	Administers Commercial Forest Act and Forest Stewardship Program
FC	Forestry Consultants		Private	Costs money but offers most complete service. Represents your interests and maximizes timber sale revenues.
FSA	Farm Service Agency	Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service (ASCS)	Federal	Administration of cost-share programs. Part of USDA.
IF	Industrial Foresters		Private	Works with landowners for timber management.
MDA	Michigan Department of Agriculture		State	
MFA	Michigan Forest Association		Private	Private landowner association.
MFRA	Michigan Forest Resource Alliance		Private	Educational alliance sponsored through the forest industry.
MSUE	Michigan State University Extension	Cooperative Extension Service (CES)	State/County	Information transfer responsibility. Educational programming.
NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service	Soil Conservation Service (SCS)	Federal	On-site info & assistance with farm programs, some forestry assistance, admin. of cost-share programs. Part of USDA.
RC & D	Resource Conservation & Development		Federal	Cooperative association of several natural resource groups. Project oriented.
TFP	Tree Farm Program American Forest Foundation		Private	A landowner recognition program for good forest stewardship.
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture		Federal	Oversees NRCS, USFS, FSA, RC&D. Most forestry & agriculture cost-share programs originate from the USDA. Not Nat'l Parks.
USFS	U.S. Forest Service		Federal	Part of USDA.

FOREST ASSISTANCE SERVICES MATRIX FOR THE FOREST OWNER

ACRONYM	NAME OF AGENCY	Literature	Workshops	Field Inspection	Management Plans	Set-up Cost-Shares	Land Surveys	Timber Cruising	Timber Sale Contracting	Mark Timber	Administer Logging	Planting & Seeding Sales	Thinning and TSI	Wildlife Ponds
CD	Conservation Districts	x	X	X	A	x	A	A	A	A	A	X	A	x
DEQ	MI Dept of Environmental Quality	x		x										x
DNR	Mich. Dept. of Natural Resources	X		x	x	x	A		A	A		A	A	
FC	Forestry Consultants			X	X	X	x	X	X	X	X	x	X	x
FSA	Farm Service Agency	x				X								
IF	Industrial Foresters	x		x	x		x	x	X	X	X	X	x	
MDA	Michigan Dept. of Agriculture	x												
MFA	Michigan Forest Association	X	x			A			A			A	A	A
MFRA	Mich. Forest Resource Alliance	X			A				A			A	A	
MSUE	Michigan State Univ. Extension	X	X		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service	x		x	x	X						A	A	X
RC & D	Resource Conservation and Development		x		A									
TFP	Tree Farm Program	x	x		X	x	A	x	X	x	x	x	x	
USFS	U.S. Forest Service	x												

This list of services may be incomplete due to changes in programs within certain agencies.
Also, services rendered from particular agencies may vary by administrative unit and available personnel.

KEY

X – Specialty
x - Some Assistance
A – Advice Only

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