

# Southeast Arkansas Hardwood Reforestation Program

## Project Plan and Application for 2025 Funding for Hardwood Reforestation

Funding associated with USDA Forest Service grant: 25-DG11083105-531



FORESTRY DIVISION

Landowner(s):		Award Year:	
County:		Department Personnel:	

The purpose of the program is to assist landowners with pine plantations that are struggling with health and declining because of various factors. Over concerns of possible long-term impacts to the forest resource, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Forestry Division (Forestry Division) aims to address this issue with a cost share program to reforest declining pine plantations with native hardwoods. The funding will assist with site preparation, planting of hardwood species, and proper disposal of standing dead pine timber.

Thank you for allowing the department to assist in the management of your property. The Forestry Division must review the program information below with the Southeast Arkansas Hardwood Reforestation Program (SAHRP) applicant.

**Both parties understand and agree that:**

1. Participants in the SAHRP projects must:
  - a. Be eligible landowners— non-industrial private landowners, groups, small corporations, part-time forest product manufacturers;
  - b. Have at least 10 acres of pine-dominated forest; and
  - c. Property to be reforested must have a forest management plan approved by the department, or willing to work with a resource professional to obtain a new or revised management plan within 3 months after enrollment.
2. Any work done prior to approval of an SAHRP Application will **not** be eligible for cost share.
3. In the event the U.S. Forest Service or Congress fail to appropriate adequate funds for the continuance of this program, this agreement and all the responsibilities of the Forestry Division herein shall cease.

**Department Obligations**

1. Ensure that this **SAHRP Application** is properly completed, understand and signed by all parties.
2. Ensure landowner registers as a vendor for the state of Arkansas through <https://vendor.ark.org/>.
3. Determine payment division/percentage if there is more than one landowner involved, such as family co-owners. If more than one payment is to be made, ensure that all intended recipients have registered as vendors for the state of Arkansas.
4. **Visit the property upon completion of the project to conduct a final assessment and to finish this SAHRP Project Plan.** After the site visit, this completed SAHRP Project Plan, the SAHRP Application, and any paperwork that documents project expenses (such as invoices) will be sent to the SAHRP Program Manager, Chandler Barton, in Little Rock. When received and processed, payment will be made via direct deposit according to vendors payment information.
5. If landowners wish to receive a cost share payment for the completion of approved practices, prior to finishing the project. Then the Forestry Division must conduct a site visit to determine eligibility for payment.

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### Applicant Landowner Information

*Full Name:*

<i>Address:</i>		<i>Apartment/Unit#</i>	
		:	
<i>City:</i>	<i>State:</i>		<i>Zip</i>
<i>Phone:</i>		<i>Email:</i>	
<i>County:</i>		<i>GPS Location (in decimal degrees)</i>	

### Applicant Landowner Obligations

1. Provide advance notice to the Forestry Division of expected project start date and agree to complete all approved practices within 2 years of application approval date. Cost share payments may be requested after each approved practice is completed. After this deadline, the department reserves the right to cancel the project's cost share allocation.
2. All money provided under this agreement shall be subject to repayment to the Forestry Division if the Forestry Division should determine the purpose of the cost share or the uses of the money provided there by not within the purposes, intents, and requirements of this agreement. This includes failing to complete all practices.
3. Notify the Forestry Division of progress on this project, including scheduled harvesting activities and practice completion.
4. Must be the legal owner or have the power of attorney for the property where practices will be performed and must assume responsibility for boundaries of the parcel where service work is to be performed.
5. Give the Forestry Division the right to enter the property for inspection before and after completion of the project.
6. Provide documentation requested by the Forestry Division, e.g. invoices, cancelled checks, or mill receipts.

I have read and comply with the above conditions:

*Landowner Signature*

### Allocation Approval

The above project is approved and, if properly carried out according to the SAHRP Guidelines, will qualify for cost share payments offered by the Forestry Division through the program.

<i>Department:</i>		<i>SAHRP Program Manager:</i>	
<i>Date:</i>		<i>Date:</i>	

### Applicant Landowner Property Description

1. Are you a: **(Include definitions in a separate document describing landowner types)**
  - Beginning farmer, rancher, or forest landowner
  - Farmer, rancher, or forest landowner living in high poverty area
  - Federally recognized tribe
  - Limited resource producer
  - Veteran

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2. How many forested acres do you own?
3. Do you own less than 2500 acres total (all landcover types)?  
 Yes  No
4. Have you observed pine trees dying on your property? If so, can you describe how much has died?
  - a. Percentage of dead trees on property:  0-24% Slight  25-49% moderate  50-100% Severe
5. Have you observed pine trees that appear brown and shed needles? And did the trees recover to a greener appearance? This could be a sign of a disease known as brown spot needle blight
6. Have you recently cleared a pine plantation or in the process of harvesting? If so, when?
7. Do you have a schedule to clearcut for this pine plantation?
8. Have you performed any site preparation work for replanting after the harvest?  
 Yes  No
9. Are there any cultural sites that have been identified on site? (Ex. Indian burial sites, historic landmarks, or archeological sites)
  - a. A cultural resources assessment will be conducted if any cultural sites are on property.
10. Are you working with a consulting forester to create a management plan?
  - b. If so, name of forester or firm?
  - c. What's the time frame for management plan completion?
11. Are you working with a department forester to create a management plan?
  - a. If so, the name of forester assisting, you?

### Cost Share Allocation (To Be Completed Only by the Department)

The following is the practice and cost share requested by the department (See SAHRP Guidelines for rates):

<i>Practice:</i>	<i>Requested Acres:</i>	<i>Incentive Rate (or NTE Rate):</i>	<i>Cost Share Requested:</i>
<i>Prescribed Burning</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$55.62/AC	
<i>Woody Residue Treatment</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$348.58/AC	
<i>Firebreak – Light Slope</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.16/FT	
<i>Firebreak – Med. Slope</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1.74/FT	
<i>Heavy Mechanical Ripping/Chopping</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$131.19/AC	
<i>Mechanical Heavy Shearing &amp; Windrowing</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$289.99/AC	
<i>Mechanical Dragging</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$87.52/AC	
<i>Broadcast Herbicide - Aerial</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$82.77/AC	
<i>Broadcast Herbicide - Ground</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$140.74/AC	
<i>Band Spraying</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$31.66/AC	
<i>Tree Establishment Bareroot Hardwood</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$205.70/AC	