

Southeast Arkansas Hardwood Reforestation Program



Project Plan and Application for 2026 Funding for Hardwood Reforestation

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

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

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 (The Department) 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 Department must review the program information below with the Southeast Arkansas Hardwood Reforestation Program (SAHRP) applicant.

Both parties understand and agree that:

- Participants in the SAHRP projects must:
 - Be eligible landowners— non-industrial private landowners, groups, small corporations, part-time forest product manufacturers.
 - Have at least 10 acres of pine-dominated forest
 - 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.
 - There's a \$100,000 limit per landowner for cost share amongst all properties enrolled in the program.
- Any work done prior to approval of an SAHRP Application will **not** be eligible for cost share.
- In the event the U.S. Forest Service or Congress shall fail to appropriate adequate funds for the continuance of this program, the agreement and all the responsibilities of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division herein shall cease.

Department Obligations

- Ensure that this **SAHRP Application** is properly completed, understand and signed by all parties.
- Ensure landowner registers as a vendor for the state of Arkansas through <https://vendor.ark.org/>.
- 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.
- 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 in Little Rock. When received and processed, payment will be made via direct deposit according to vendors payment information.
- If landowners wish to receive a cost share payment for the completion of approved practices, prior to finishing the project. Then the department 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 Conditions

1. Inform the department when each approved practice starts and agrees to complete all approved practices **within 2 years of approval date of application**. 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 department if the department 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 department 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 department the right to enter the property for inspection before and after completion of the project.
6. Provide documentation requested by the department, e.g. invoices, cancelled checks, or mill receipts.

I have read and comply with the above conditions:

Landowner Signature

Applicant Landowner Property Description

1. Are you a: **(Include definitions in a separate document describing landowner types)**
 - ☐ Beginning farmer, rancher, or forest landowner
 - ☐ farmers, ranchers, or forest landowners living in high poverty areas
 - ☐ Federally recognized tribes
 - ☐ Limited resource producers
 - ☐ 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. Indigenous 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) This portion should be completed by a Departments forester or consulting forester before submitting::

Practice:	Requested Acres:	Incentive Rate (or NTE Rate):	Cost Share Requested:
Prescribed Burning	☐	\$55.62/AC	
Woody Residue Treatment	☐	\$348.58/AC	
Heavy Mechanical Ripping/Chopping	☐	\$131.19/AC	
Mechanical Heavy Shearing & Windrowing	☐	\$289.99/AC	
Mechanical Dragging	☐	\$87.52/AC	
Broadcast Herbicide - Aerial	☐	\$82.77/AC	
Broadcast Herbicide - Ground	☐	\$140.74/AC	
Band Spraying	☐	\$31.66/AC	
Tree Establishment Bareroot Hardwood	☐	\$205.70/AC	

Allocation Approval

The above project is approved and, if properly carried out according to the SPBPP Project Plan, will qualify for cost share payments offered by the department through the program.

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Department: _____

Date: _____

SAHRP Program
Manager: _____

Date: _____