

# 2015 Sustainable Forest Incentive Act Enrollment Application

Apply by Sept. 30, 2015, to enroll your land for incentive payment in 2016.

Section 1 — Before You Can Apply

**SECTION 1 — Before you complete or submit this form, the following statements must be true:**

- I have read the separate instructions and have determined that I and the land I wish to enroll meet the requirements to participate in the SFIA program.
- I understand that as a condition of enrolling the land in the SFIA program, I agree not to develop the land for a minimum of eight years and have recorded a covenant showing a recording date prior to the Sept. 30 deadline with each county office in which the land is located. *(The county may require two to three months to process your request to record a covenant.)*
- I certify that the land is not enrolled in Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM), Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), or the Rural Preserve Program, and is not classified as 2c managed forest land, and is not subject to an easement under M.S. section 97A.056 (LSOHC) or a comparable Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Green Acres, Ag Preserves, Rural Preserve Program or 2c Managed Timberland.
- I certify that this land is not subject to a conservation easement funded under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056 (Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council) or a comparable easement conveyed to a governmental or nonprofit entity.
- I understand that before I submit this form, it is my responsibility to have the approved plan writer sign, date and provide his or her SFIA identification number. *(The application will not be accepted without the plan writer's signature and valid SFIA ID number.)*
- I have attached copies of the recorded covenant(s), including Exhibit(s) A and B, for the land I wish to enroll and copies of the Statement of Property Taxes Payable in 2014 for each qualifying parcel. I have also attached a copy of the forest management plan map or eligible acres map that clearly shows which acres are being enrolled and any excluded acres (or an aerial photo and/or map of the vegetation and other natural features of the land clearly indicating the boundaries of the land and of the forest land).

Section 2 — Landowner Information

**SECTION 2 — Landowner information: You must apply in the name of the individual or entity that owns the land. Complete a separate application for individual-owned and entity-owned property.**

The land is owned by *(check one box only)*:  an individual person or multiple people *(complete Part 1 below and skip Part 2)*  
 a business or organization *(complete Part 2 below and skip Part 1)*

**Part 1 — Complete only if the land is owned by an individual person or multiple people (only one name is allowed).**

Landowner's first name and middle initial	Last name	Social Security number	Date of birth
Current address			
City		State	Zip code

**Part 2 — Complete only if the land is owned by a business or organization.**

Name of business or organization	Federal ID or Minnesota tax ID number (required)
Name of authorized representative (first, middle initial and last name)	Title
Current business address of authorized representative	
City	State
	Zip code

Section 3 — Parcel Information

**SECTION 3.** Provide the following information for each parcel of land you wish to enroll. If you fail to provide the required information, including the number of eligible acres for each parcel, your application will be delayed or denied.

A Code for Minnesota County <small>(3-digit code from instructions)</small>	B Covenant Recording Number <small>(attach a copy of the covenant, including Exhibits A and B, for each parcel)</small>	C Property Identification Number (PID) <small>(The PID is not the legal description. Attach a copy of your property tax statement for each parcel)</small>	D Number of Eligible Acres <small>(separately list for each parcel; round to nearest whole acre)</small>

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**Subtotal of acres to be enrolled**  
*(also enter on page 2, Section 3):* . . . . .



## 2015 Form CR-TH1 Instructions

### Sustainable Forest Incentive Act Enrollment Application

*The Sustainable Forest Incentive Act (SFIA) allows annual payments to be made to enrolled owners of forested land as an incentive to practice long-term sustainable forest management.*

#### Who is Eligible?

To enroll in the sustainable forest incentive program, you must meet *all* of the following requirements:

- You own 20 or more contiguous acres of land in Minnesota, of which at least 50 percent is forested.

An owner may include private individuals, corporations and partnerships—both residents and nonresidents of Minnesota. However, there can only be one claimant per parcel of land. If the land is owned by multiple people, the owners must decide who will receive the incentive payment.

- There are no delinquent property taxes owed on the land prior to enrolling, and the taxes remain current while enrolled in the program.
- The land must have an active forest management plan in place that was prepared by an approved plan writer within the past 10 years. The plan writer must be approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

All management activities prescribed in the plan must meet the recommended timber harvesting and forest management guidelines created by the Minnesota Forest Resources Council. A complete copy of the plan must be made available to the Department of Revenue upon request.

- The land cannot be enrolled in Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM), Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Green Acres, Ag Preserves, the Rural Preserve Program, or classified as 2c managed forest land. The land cannot be subject to a conservation easement funded under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056 (Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council) or a comparable

permanent easement conveyed to a governmental or nonprofit entity after May 30, 2014.

- The enrolled acres of land cannot be used for residential or agricultural purposes.
- You agree to be enrolled in the program for a minimum of eight years.

If you meet all of the qualifications, you must then record a covenant with the county recorder's office (or registrar for registered land) in which your land is located pledging not to develop the land. Covenant forms are available at the county recorder's office. Allow the county recorder two to three months to process your request.

After you receive a covenant recording number, complete Form CR-TH1, *Sustainable Forest Incentive Act Enrollment Application*, to enroll in the program.

#### Use of Information

Form CR-TH1 is not required by law to be filed. However, to enroll in the SFIA program, you must file this form. All information on this form, including your Social Security number, is required by M.S. 290C.04 to properly identify you and determine if you qualify to receive an incentive payment. If all the information, other than your phone number, is not provided, your application may be delayed or denied. If you provide a phone number where you can be reached during the day, the department can save time if questions arise.

Your Social Security number is private information and cannot be disclosed to others without your consent. Your federal ID number and date of birth are also private or nonpublic information, but can be disclosed to county assessors for tax administration purposes and to county treasurers for purposes of Revenue Recapture. All other information is public.

#### Required Attachments

You must attach the following to your application:

- a copy of the recorded covenant, along with Exhibits A and B, for each parcel of land you wish to enroll;

- a copy of the 2014 property tax statement for each parcel of land you wish to enroll; and
- a copy of the forest management plan map, or eligible acres map, that clearly shows which acres are being enrolled and any excluded acres (or an aerial photo and/or map of the vegetation and other natural features of the land clearly indicating the boundaries of the land and of the forest land).

Be sure to keep a copy of your application and all attachments for your records. You will need to refer to the parcel information in future years when you complete and sign your annual certification letter. The department will not be able to provide you with a copy.

#### Due Date

Your application and all required attachments must be postmarked no later than Sept. 30, 2015, to receive an incentive payment in 2016.

Applications mailed after Sept. 30 will be denied for that year. If all the required information is not provided, your application will be delayed or denied.

The department will send an approval or a denial letter within 90 days after receiving your application.

#### Instructions for Completing Form CR-TH1

##### Section 1 – Before You Can Apply

Before completing your application, all statements in Section 1 must be true. To avoid problems processing your application, be sure that you can answer “yes” to all the statements before filing Form CR-TH1.

##### Section 2 – Landowner Information

Check one box to indicate if the land is owned by an individual person (or multiple people) or a business, and complete Part 1 or Part 2, whichever applies to you. Complete a separate application for individual-owned and entity-owned property.

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If the land is owned by multiple people, including married couples, the owners must decide who will receive the incentive payment. Only one owner can apply.

If the land is owned by a business or organization, the entity must appoint one authorized representative to enroll in the program and to receive incentive payments on behalf of the entity. However, the authorized representative must apply in the name of the entity that owns the land.

The current mailing address will be used to mail any correspondence, including incentive payments. If you change your address, you must notify the department of the change by calling 651-556-6088.

**Section 3 – Parcel Information**

For each parcel of land you wish to enroll, you must provide the requested information. If all the information is not provided for each parcel, including the number of eligible acres, your application will be delayed or denied.

**Column A — Code for Minnesota County.** Using the chart below, find the county in which each parcel is located and enter the corresponding three-digit number in Column A of Section 3.

**Column B — Covenant Recording Number.** Enter the covenant recording number for each parcel of land you wish to enroll. The recording number is issued by the county at the time your covenant is recorded and is found on the covenant.

Attach a copy of the covenant recorded for each parcel of land you wish to enroll in the program. Be sure to also include copies of Exhibits A and B.

**Column C — Property Identification Number (PID).** Enter the PID for each parcel of land you wish to enroll. You can find the PID on the property tax statement for that parcel.

Attach a copy of the property tax statement for each parcel of land you wish to enroll in the program.

**Column D — Number of Eligible Acres.** For each parcel, you must *separately* list the number of eligible acres you wish to enroll. Round the amount of acres for each parcel to the nearest whole acre.

If you do not provide the number of acres for each parcel, processing your application will be delayed.

**Section 4 – Signatures**

After you complete Sections 1 through 3, the DNR-approved plan writer must sign the application and provide his or her SFIA identification number.

By signing the application, the approved plan writer:

- certifies that the forest management plan on the land listed in Section 3 was developed within the last 10 years; and
- claims that the number of eligible acres for each parcel is correct.

After the DNR-approved plan writer has signed the application, you must also sign in Section 4.

By signing the application, you are:

- declaring that the form is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge;

- certifying that you are the owner or authorized representative of the entity that owns the land;
- agreeing to follow the land’s forest management plan and all provisions of the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act (M.S. 290C.01 to M.S. 290C.12); and
- certifying that no delinquent property taxes are due on the land you wish to enroll.

Both your signature and the plan writer’s signature are required. An unsigned application is considered incomplete.

Making false statements on this application is against the law. Criminal and/or civil penalties may apply for filing a false or fraudulent application.

**If You’re Approved**

Once you’re approved and enrolled in the program, the department will send you an annual certification letter every July, beginning July 1, 2016. If you properly complete the certification and return it by the due date as instructed, you can expect to receive your first incentive payment on or before Oct. 1, 2016.

If you fail to return the certification letter as required, you will not receive an incentive payment for that year.

**Questions? Need Forms?**

Website: [www.revenue.state.mn.us](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us)  
Phone: 651-556-6088

**Codes for Minnesota Counties (for use in Section 3, Column A, of Form TH1)**

County	Code	County	Code	County	Code	County	Code	County	Code	County	Code
Aitkin	001	Cook	031	Isanti	059	McLeod	085	Pine	115	Stearns	145
Anoka	003	Cottonwood	033	Itasca	061	Mahnomen	087	Pipestone	117	Steele	147
Becker	005	Crow Wing	035	Jackson	063	Marshall	089	Polk	119	Stevens	149
Beltrami	007	Dakota	037	Kanabec	065	Martin	091	Pope	121	Swift	151
Benton	009	Dodge	039	Kandiyohi	067	Meeker	093	Ramsey	123	Todd	153
Big Stone	011	Douglas	041	Kittson	069	Mille Lacs	095	Red Lake	125	Traverse	155
Blue Earth	013	Faribault	043	Koochiching	071	Morrison	097	Redwood	127	Wabasha	157
Brown	015	Fillmore	045	Lac qui Parle	073	Mower	099	Renville	129	Wadena	159
Carlton	017	Freeborn	047	Lake	075	Murray	101	Rice	131	Waseca	161
Carver	019	Goodhue	049	Lake of the		Nicollet	103	Rock	133	Washington	163
Cass	021	Grant	051	Woods	077	Nobles	105	Roseau	135	Watsonwan	165
Chippewa	023	Hennepin	053	LeSueur	079	Norman	107	St. Louis	137	Wilken	167
Chisago	025	Houston	055	Lincoln	081	Olmsted	109	Scott	139	Winona	169
Clay	027	Hubbard	057	Lyon	083	Otter Tail	111	Sherburne	141	Wright	171
Clearwater	029					Pennington	113	Sibley	143	Yellow Medicine	173