

LANDOWNER GOAL ASSESSMENT FORM (long version)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Property Location: _____ Property Size: _____

This form is intended to be used by forest landowners who want to develop a forest stewardship plan. Filling out this form will help clarify your desires for your land and will provide your forester the information needed to develop a long term plan to help you realize your goals. Fill this out before or during a meeting with your forester.

I. WHAT YOU WANT FROM YOUR LAND. Place check-marks in the table below and fill out parts II through IV. Then, for each goal/use that you checked as being of some importance, complete the corresponding sections on the following pages.

Goals/Uses	It's importance to me			
	High	Medium	Low	None
Income				
Recreation				
Scenic Beauty				
Wood Products				
Wildlife				

II. TENURE OF YOUR PROPERTY

- How long have you or your family owned this property? _____ years.
- How much longer do you expect to own it? _____ less than 5 yrs. _____ 5-10 yrs. _____ 10-20 yrs. _____ longer than 20 yrs.
- What are you most likely to eventually do with this property? _____ sell it _____ leave to family _____ give to conservation organization _____ permanently protect from development
other: _____
- Do you live on your property _____ year round _____ part time _____ not at all?
- Do you plan to build on your property _____ within 5 yrs. _____ within 10 yrs. _____ no plans to build?
- Are any public uses of your property restricted? _____ yes _____ no. If yes, explain: _____

III. WHAT YOU EXPECT TO HAVE TO WORK WITH, PER YEAR

- Days of free labor (self, family, friends): _____ days.
- Percent of earnings from your woodland you are willing to put back into non-income producing natural resource improvements: _____ none _____ 10% _____ 20% _____ 30% _____ 40% _____ 50% _____ Other.
- Money you are willing to spend out of pocket, if required, on natural resource improvements: _____ none _____ \$100 _____ \$500 _____ \$1000 _____ Other
- Tools and equipment that you own, can borrow, or rent and can operate:
Tractor. Describe: _____
Tractor implements. List: _____
Truck. Describe: _____
Chain saw: _____ Axe, other woods hand tools. List: _____
Other. List: _____
- Property map, survey notes, air photos, etc. List: _____

IV. WHAT YOU CANNOT OR WILL NOT DO. List any circumstances or opinions toward particular kinds of management that may limit activities on your land _____

COMPLETE THOSE SECTIONS BELOW THAT YOU CHECKED AS BEING OF SOME IMPORTANCE IN SECTION I.

V. INCOME. How much income do you expect or want from your land in the future? _____

What types of activities do you expect will generate this income? (ie. selling wood or gravel; user fees; crop production; etc.) _____

VI. RECREATION. This section directly concerns the time that you, your family and your visitors spend and wish to spend in recreation on your land. It indirectly concerns the recreational resources of your land; water and wildlife for example.

Recreation activity on your land	Importance			Season of the Year			
	High	Low	None	Spring	Sum.	Fall	Winter
Hiking/Casual Walking							
*Trail Riding Activities							
Cross Country Skiing							
Camping							
Picnicking							
*Water Related Activities							
Hunting							
Trapping							
Nature Study/Watching Wildlife							
*Collecting (ie. berries, boughs)							
Other Activities							
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* Explain: _____

VII. SCENIC BEAUTY. This section is to help determine your feelings and concerns as well as recognize opportunities for management of the scenic beauty of your property. Scenic beauty relates to specific features such as views, trees or stands with unique character, canopy effects along a trail or road, or perhaps the ability to view into a stand. Scenic beauty may also relate to the combined effects of different communities, such as open fields, softwood and hardwood stands, and the creation of different age classes or heights in trees.

1. How important was scenic beauty when you originally purchased this property?

___ High ___ Low ___ Not important

2. How important is it to you now? ___ High ___ Low ___ Not important

3. Do you have a preference for treating the residue (slash) created by harvesting?

___ No preference ___ Complete removal ___ Lop and Scatter ___ Chipping

4. What approach do you prefer for maintaining openings and vistas?

___ Mowing ___ Brushing ___ Herbicides

On a map of your property, mark and label (ie. PV1, PV2, etc.) the approximate location of any of the following types of features or views (include arrow direction of view) that are important to you. Briefly describe below what you would like done with each (such as: create or open up view; maintain as is; let it grow; change in some way, etc.)

Mark on the map:

EV - Existing view (on or off property)

PV - Potential views

UV - Undesirable views

SF - Special vegetative features (ie. canopy effects, fall color, open areas, old growth, etc.)

UC - Trees with unique character (ie. majestic, unusual branching, etc.)

CF - Cultural features (ie. stone walls, fences, old buildings, etc.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

VII. WOOD PRODUCTS. This section distinguishes between managing wood products for sale and for your own use. If you want to do both, fill out both parts of this form. Other products include fenceposts, Christmas trees, and maple syrup/sugar.

Managing for sale:	Yes	No	Don't Know
1. Have you ever sold sawlogs, pulp, or firewood?			
2. Do you expect to have these products to sell within 5 years?			
3. If yes, is some of it sawtimber (11+ inch diameter)?			
4. Do you prefer making one large sale? or			
5. Do you prefer making smaller sales periodically?			
*6. Is there any logging practice you will not allow?			
*7. Have you ever sold tree products other than timber?			
8. Do you expect to have such products to sell within 5 yrs?			
9. Have you ever done any precommercial forestry work, such as thinning or pruning?			
10. Are you willing to thin or prune to increase the future value of your woodland?			

* Explain: _____

Product Wanted For Your Own Use	Yes	Amount	When
1. Firewood			
2. Lumber			
3. Other			

IX. WILDLIFE. This section is designed to determine your interest in the wildlife that may live on your land.

	Yes	No	Don't Know
1. Do you feel your land provides important homes (habitat) for wildlife? Any particular species?			
2. Is it important for you to see or hear the wildlife on your land? What animals do you enjoy seeing or hearing?			
3. Would you like to improve opportunities to view wildlife? What animals in particular?			
4. Do you hunt on your property? What animals?			
5. Do you allow others to hunt on your property?			
6. Would you like to improve hunting opportunities on your land?			
7. Do you have favorite hunting locations on your land?			
8. Is trapping allowed? What animals?			
9. Is your land posted? What activities are restricted?			
10. Are there any wildlife species you do not want to encourage? What species?			

11. How often do you walk on your property?
12. When walking do you stay ____ primarily on trails and woods roads, or do you ____ tend to walk at random through the woods?
13. Which habitat management approach do you prefer, ____ providing for the greatest variety of wildlife, or ____ providing for a few wildlife species of particular importance. Name those of particular importance:

Rate your level of interest in encouraging the following wildlife groups on your land:	High	Moderate	Low	None
Hawks and Owls				
Game Birds				
Song Birds				
Waterfowl (ducks)				
Deer/Moose				
Wetlands Wildlife				
Box & Tree Hole Dwelling Wildlife				
Winter Birds				
Black Bear				
Fox/Bobcat/Fisher				
Other:				

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