



# Virginia's State and Federal Cost-Share Programs

*An Overview of Landowner Programs*

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The following provides an overview of cost-share programs. Cost-share programs and the funding available change frequently, contact your local Virginia Department of Forestry staff for the most current information.

## Administered By Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)

### Reforestation of Timberlands (RT)

**Eligibility:** Private landowners, forest industry and large companies

**Practices:**

- ◆ Planting pine seedlings
- ◆ Site preparation and planting pine seedlings
- ◆ Aerial and ground herbicide release application

### Tomorrow Woods (TW)

**Eligibility:** Private landowners, farmers and non-profit organizations within the counties of Dinwiddie, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Albemarle, Fluvanna, Goochland, Louisa and the City of Suffolk.

Albemarle, Fluvanna, Goochland and Louisa are eligible only for open land tree planting.

**Practices:**

- ◆ Open land tree planting
- ◆ Forest stand improvement
- ◆ Assistance with conservation easements

### Pine Bark Beetle Prevention Program (PBBPP)

**Eligibility:** Private landowners

**Practices:**

- ◆ Pre-commercial pine thinning



## Administered By Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)

### Agricultural Best Management Practices (AG BMP)

**Eligibility:** Private landowners

**Practices:**

- ◆ Establishing woodland buffer filter areas along waterways
- ◆ Stabilizing eroding woodland roads
- ◆ Planting trees on erodible crop and pastureland

## Administered By The Farm Service Agency (FSA)

### Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) / Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

**Eligibility:** Private landowners

**Practices:**

- ◆ Fencing livestock from waterways
- ◆ Installing livestock watering systems
- ◆ Planting trees along waterways
- ◆ Open land tree planting

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## Administered By Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

### Environmental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP)

**Eligibility:** Private landowners engaged in agricultural/forestry operations

**Practices:**

- ◆ Forest management plan development
- ◆ Site preparation and tree establishment
- ◆ Forest stand improvement
- ◆ Critical area stabilization
- ◆ Fencing livestock from woodlands
- ◆ Brush management
- ◆ Firebreak construction and prescribed burning

### Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative (CBWI) / Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)

**Eligibility:** Private landowners engaged in agricultural/forestry operations in counties within the York and Rappahannock Watersheds.

**Practices:**

- ◆ Site preparation and tree establishment
- ◆ Forest stand improvement
- ◆ Critical area stabilization
- ◆ Fencing livestock from woodlands
- ◆ Brush management
- ◆ Firebreak construction and prescribed burning

### Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

**Eligibility:** Private landowners actively managing forest and agricultural lands (annual payment/reward for practicing good land management)

**Practices:**


- ◆ Creating forest openings for hardwood regeneration
- ◆ Non-chemical control of brush, weeds and invasive species



- ◆ Create or renovate shallow water habitat for wildlife
- ◆ Creating conditions to grow non-timber forest plants

### Websites:

- ◆ [www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov)
- ◆ <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/va/programs/financial/>
- ◆ [www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=va&area=home&subject=prog&topic=landing](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=va&area=home&subject=prog&topic=landing)
- ◆ [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/water\\_quality/costshar.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/water_quality/costshar.shtml)

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