



Virginia Century Forest Program

Celebrating and Recognizing Family Dedication to Forestry and Conservation

Forestry Topic FT0029

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Overview

Established in 2016, the Virginia Century Forest Program recognizes those individuals and families who have made a long-term commitment to enhancing the environment and protecting the quality of life for their fellow Virginians through forestry. The Program honors families in the Commonwealth whose property has been in the same family for 100 years or more and includes at least 20 contiguous acres of managed forest.



Criteria for Program Eligibility

- ◆ Have been owned by the same family for at least 100 consecutive years;
- ◆ Includes at least 20 contiguous acres of forest;
- ◆ Be lived on, or actually managed by, a descendant of the original owners; and
- ◆ Have a documented history of timber harvests or forest management activities.

Application Process

The Century Forest designation is intended to be an honorary recognition for landowners of qualifying properties. The application form and process provide landowners an opportunity to demonstrate how their family property meets the program criteria and attest that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.

- ◆ Submit a properly completed and notarized Form 10.3 Century Forest Program Application to the attention of the Century Forest Program at the Virginia Department of Forestry Headquarters.


- ◆ Landowners are required to provide:
 - **Proof of Ownership** (Source Deed) – A copy of the current legal description to verify current ownership, property size and physical location;
 - **Ownership History** – The chain of family ownership going back at least 100 years;
 - **Proof of Timber Harvests or Forest Management Activities** – Any reasonable proof, such as copies of the most recent forest stewardship management plan or equivalent, or a signed statement from a VDOF forester or a private forestry consultant attesting to their personal knowledge and familiarity with the forest management practices on the property;
 - **Map of Property** – Hard copy map; and
 - **Supporting Information** – Any additional information or history about the property.

Application Review and Approval

- ◆ Applications will be accepted continually and processed on a quarterly basis.
- ◆ Upon approval by the State Forester, the owner of the qualifying property shall receive a certificate signed by the Governor and State Forester and a recognition letter from the State Forester. VDOF will provide one Century Forest sign to post on the Century Forest property.

Submit application and supporting documentation to:
Virginia Department of Forestry - Century Forest Program
900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Questions please contact: (434) 220-9021
CenturyForests@dof.virginia.gov



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