



Logger Best Management Practice (BMP) Cost-Share Program

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The Importance of Best Management Practices (BMPs)

The implementation of forestry best management practices (BMPs) during timber harvests is essential to protect water quality in Virginia. BMPs keep sediment movement on site to a minimum with the ultimate goal of keeping sediment associated with the timber harvest from moving to a watercourse.

Cost-Share Program

This program focuses cost-share funding provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia's Water Quality Improvement Fund to the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOP) to assist in those areas of a timber harvest that can potentially deliver sediment to a stream. The Logger BMP Cost-Share Program helps cover the cost of implementing best management practices on stream crossings, including labor, equipment, and material costs on timber harvests in Virginia.

Program funding is available on a first-come-first-serve basis. The program runs from July 1 to June 30 each year.

Program Details

Typical material costs that are eligible for cost-share include:

- ◆ Wooden or steel bridge
- ◆ Gravel
- ◆ Culverts
- ◆ Wooden truck mats
- ◆ Seed
- ◆ Straw or hay mulch



To be eligible, the logging contractor must:

- ◆ Be certified and current on their SHARP Logger training (or equivalent if not in Virginia),
- ◆ Have no outstanding penalties or past due bills owed to VDOP, and
- ◆ Have no water quality issues on any tracts on which they are operating.

The cost-share will provide up to 75% of the actual cost, not to exceed \$6,000, for BMP implementation at the stream crossing and, if the crossing requires the purchase of a portable bridge, the maximum increases to \$12,000. A logger can have two projects per program year, only one of which can be a bridge purchase; total cost-share not to exceed \$18,000 per program year per tax identification entity.



How to Apply

Find your local water quality specialist or engineer in our agency directory to sign up for this program:

www.dof.virginia.gov

For more information about services or programs in your area, contact your local VDOP office:

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