UNDERSERVED LANDOWNERS PROGRAM

INVEST IN YOUR WOODS

Cost-share support can help Maryland landowners restore healthier, more resilient forests.

UP TO 100% OF ELIGIBLE COSTS

Funding depends on your eligibility, your property, the proposed work, and available funds

COULD YOU QUALIFY?*

- **New and beginning landowners**
  Owned or operated forest land in Maryland for 10 years or less
- **Landowners in high-poverty areas**
  Eligibility is determined using USDA mapping
- **Limited-resource landowners**
  Eligibility is determined using a USDA self-assessment
- **Qualifying veterans**
  Recent veteran status or forest landownership of 10 years or less

** You may qualify under any one of the categories above. Other forest landowners may also qualify in designated focus areas, including neighboring properties working toward shared woodland goals.*

WHAT THE PROGRAM FUNDS

- **Improve forest structure**
  Reduce overcrowding and retain habitat features
- **Control invasive plants**
  Chemical, mechanical, or combined treatment
- **Build storm resilience**
  Restore damaged stands and establish new trees
- **Use prescribed fire**
  Prepare firebreaks and complete approved burns
- **Establish white oak**
  Prepare sites and plant hardwood seedlings

More than 1 million acres of Maryland forest land may qualify.

Contact your county forester to find out whether your property is eligible.

HOW IT WORKS

1. **Contact your county forester**
   Share your property location and woodland goals.
2. **Confirm eligibility**
   Your forester will review the focus area, practice, and available funding.
3. **Plan the work**
   An approved professional forester develops the treatment plan.
4. **Complete the project**
   A licensed contractor carries out the approved forest practice.

Find your county forester.

Scan the code or visit dnr.maryland.gov/forests

Need more help? Reach out to UMD Extension-Forestry: 301-266-7844 or 301-226-7566

Funding is provided through USDA Forest Service Inflation Reduction Act grants. Funding must be approved before work begins. Some partner-administered payments may be taxable. Landowners should consult a tax professional about their circumstances.