

Which Program Is Right for My Land?

Cost-Share and Financial Assistance Programs · Maryland Forest Service · Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Use this matrix to identify which programs may apply to your situation. Many landowners are eligible for more than one program. Programs differ in what they fund, who administers them, and how costs are covered. Contact your local Maryland Forest Service office to confirm current eligibility, rates, and enrollment status before planning a project.

My Situation	WIP	EQIP	CREP	CSP	HFHW	Farm Stew.	Easements
I own forestland							
I want help thinning, pruning, or doing prescribed burning on my existing forest	●	○		○			
I want to control invasive plants in my forest	●	○		○			
I want to plant trees on open land I own	●	○			●		
I want to improve wildlife habitat in my forest	●	●		●			
I want to protect my forestland from future development permanently							●
I own farmland with forest or open land							
I have a stream on my farm and want to establish a forested buffer	○	●	●	○	●	●	
I want to reforest an open field at no cost to me					●	●	
I am already doing conservation and want to build on it		●		●			
I want to convert row crops to rotational grazing with trees		●		●		●	
I want to retire erodible or low-productivity land near water			●		●		

● Strong match — program directly addresses this situation ○ Possible match — program may apply depending on land type, location, or eligibility Empty *not applicable*

WIP Mel Noland Woodland Incentive Program **EQIP** Environmental Quality Incentives Program **CREP** Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program **CSP** Conservation Stewardship Program **HFHW** Healthy Forests Healthy Waters **Farm Stew.** Maryland Farm Stewardship Program **Easements** See *Land Conservation and Easement Programs*

For full program descriptions, cost-share rates, and eligibility details, see the *Cost-Share Programs Comparison* document or visit dnr.maryland.gov/forests.

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