



Conservation Practice Fact Sheet

Woodland Stewardship Planning

A **Woodland Stewardship Plan** is a woodland management plan prepared by a natural resource professional. The plan provides technical advice and long-range forest management planning to interested landowners. A Carlton SWCD forestry professional will meet with you, conduct a field inventory, assess specific land factors and complete the plan. Plans are designed to meet your goals while maintaining the sustainability of the land.

Why have a plan?

- Plans help you plan for the future condition of your forest.
- Plans outline your goals, the resources on your land and recommend management options such as planting trees, building trails or enhancing wildlife habitat.
- A current plan is needed to be eligible for property tax relief assistance.
- Funding may be available for some projects such as wildlife habitat improvement or



I have my plan; now what?

After your plan is completed your plan preparer can help with implementing your plan's goals and recommendations. You may also apply for a property tax reduction or enroll in an annual payment program (*ask your plan preparer about these programs*).

What are my obligations when I have a plan?

None. And you keep control of what's done and who has access. If you enroll in tax reduction, annual payment or pursue further assistance beyond your stewardship plan there may be requirements to meet.

Updating an Existing Plan

Landowners with plans over 10 years old are encouraged to update their plans to continue eligibility for property tax relief programs. Landowners with woodland stewardship plans are eligible for cost-share and tax reduction programs. Ask your plan preparer for details.

Getting Started Managing your Forest

The first step in getting started is to schedule a free, no obligation site visit with a Carlton SWCD forestry technician to discuss the goals and objectives for your land. Learn more about the various programs available to individual landowners by **calling 218-384-3891, emailing forestry@carltonswcd.org or filling out the "Contact Us" form on our website.**

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