

Unlocking carbon markets for family forest owners in the PNW

A NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

Introduction to the RCPP:

Unlocking Carbon Markets for Family Forest Landowners in the Pacific Northwest provides opportunities for family forest landowners in Oregon (Columbia, Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas Counties) and Washington (King, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Mason, Kitsap, Clark, Cowlitz, and Grays Harbor Counties) to participate in carbon markets. This can improve forest health, generate income, and maintain your family's forestland legacy.

Participants receive financial or technical assistance to overcome transaction costs and related barriers that currently prevent family forest landowners from participating in carbon markets and/or benefiting from other related forest conservation incentives. This information will also be useful when planning the future of your forest.



Here are the steps to doing a carbon project...

1. Give us a call- We'll do an initial assessment to let you know if a carbon project would be viable, project requirements, and what expected income might be.

2. Still interested? Sign up for a program called Forest Carbon Works to get additional information. (www.forest-carbonworks.org)

3. Everything seem okay? Do an inventory using the Forest Carbon Works program. You can do this yourself or we can provide a forester to help you.

4. Do you still need a management plan? Contact your local NRCS officer and apply for funding to do an NRCS code 106 management plan.

What we can provide:



Initial Carbon Assessment:

Conducted by a partner organization at the landowner's request, this assessment will provide the information on carbon market feasibility for your property, rough revenue estimates, and next steps in developing a project. A limited number will be provided cost-free to landowners.



Forest Inventories:

We can help you to measure the trees in your forest, creating an inventory that would be used in developing a forest carbon project in either the voluntary or compliance (California) market. A forest inventory can also help with forest management and estate planning.



Management Planning Assistance:

There is NRCS Cost-Share assistance funding allocated to develop new management plans or to update existing plans. These funds are awarded through the NRCS and are applied for through your local office using the management plan code 106.

Want to get started?

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