

FOREST VIBILITY & ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Section II – APPLICATION – Short Form

It is important that you read the Program Description before completing Section II. Key information is contained in the Program Description. Special instructions are in Bold and Italics. Please read carefully and respond to each question completely.

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Please type or print clearly in ballpoint pen.

1. Applicant Information

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Town:	Zip:	Home Phone:
E-Mail:	Other Phone:	

2. Property Description

2a. Please list all properties/parcels included in Forest Viability Application and the owners of record using additional paper as needed.

Property Address:	
Town:	Zip:
Name of person in residence (if any):	
Total Acres to be placed under covenant: (Entire parcel(s) must be placed under covenant)	

2b. Owner(s) of record if different from applicant(s):

1. Name:	2. Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone:	Phone:

Corporate, Trust or Business name, if any.

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2c. Is your land under Forest Taxation (Chapter 61) or Farmland Assessment (Chapter 61A) or Recreation Taxation (Ch. 61B)?

61 Yes No	61 A Yes No	61B Yes No
# of acres	# of acres	# of acres

2d. How many acres of forested land will be placed under covenant? _____ acres

2e. How would you describe recent development (new construction) in your immediate neighborhood? Heavy ___ Moderate___Light___

2f. Is there a current forest management plan for this property? Yes ___ No___
If no, do you have any documentation showing you are in the process of obtaining a management plan such as a work order with a forester, approved cost-share application?

YES _____NO _____

2g. Please complete this land type and usage table, considering the **existing conditions** of the parcel(s) in consideration for the Forest Viability Program

LAND TYPE OR USAGE	ACRES	ACRES TO BE PLACED IN PROGRAM
A. Managed woodland		
B. Non-managed Woodland		
C. Ponds, wetlands		
D. Pasture/fields		
E. Tillable cropland		
F. Nursery – Orchard		
G. Land occupied by farm buildings		
H. Land occupied by commercial buildings or residences		
I. Other		
TOTAL:		

3a. Are you currently a participant in the Farm Viability Program? Yes _____ No _____

If “Yes”, how many years are remaining on your Farm Viability covenant? _____ years remaining

3b. Is there any existing deeded conservation restrictions or easements on the property?

Yes _____ No _____

If “Yes” Please Explain Briefly:

4. Degree of Threat to Forest Land. - ***This is the most important question on the application, please read it carefully and answer completely. Use additional sheets if necessary.***

The Program’s primary goal is to provide landowners with a plan of action to make their forests more viable. We want to know what challenges and opportunities you envision. Some examples include 1) regulations that must be met, 2) development pressures, 3) need to expand, 4) succession issues, 5) need

for new equipment, 6) debt, and/or not making enough money, 7) environmental concerns. Briefly describe your plans to keep the land in forest use.

5. What natural features of the property are important to you and your business (i.e. – wetlands, water bodies, wildlife habitat, vegetation, or geologic features)? Include maps or other documentation as applicable.

6. Please describe the current forest-based business on the property, if any. Include current business practices and products and markets sold to.

Category:	<i>Traditional Forest Products</i>	<i>Non-Traditional Forest Products</i>	<i>Recreation and Wildlife</i>
Business:	Unprocessed logs and roundwood <input type="checkbox"/>	Medicinal and/or nutraceutical plants <input type="checkbox"/>	Skiing or hiking <input type="checkbox"/>
	Lumber <input type="checkbox"/>	Maple syrup and related products <input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife viewing <input type="checkbox"/>
	Processed firewood/biomass products <input type="checkbox"/>	Other food products <input type="checkbox"/>	Camping <input type="checkbox"/>
	Value-added wood products (flooring, dimension stock, posts, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/>	Decorative or handicraft items <input type="checkbox"/>	Hunting/fishing <input type="checkbox"/>
	Finished wood products <input type="checkbox"/>	Rustic furniture <input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental education <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (describe) <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe) <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe) <input type="checkbox"/>

6a. What are your current annual gross revenues from the business? (Circle one)

Less than \$1,000 \$1,001 to \$5,000 \$5,001 to \$20,000
 \$20,001 to \$ 50,000 \$50,001 to \$ 100,000 Over \$100,001

6b. How many people are currently employed full time in the business? _____

6c. How many people are currently employed part time in the business? _____

6d. How many people have you “let go” due to the recent economic situation? _____

7. Please describe your experience and background relative to forestry and/or operating a forest based business.

8. The following **MUST** be in your application:

- Section II, completed and signed
- Locus map (an outline of the property on a USGS topo map)
- Forest stand map

By signing below, you are authorizing a Massachusetts Farm Bureau representative to conduct a field inspection of the land to be considered for inclusion in the Covenant. In addition, those signing below are expressing a willingness to execute a forestry Covenant.

All landowners of record and those who will receive an award must sign this application. Substitutes or signatures initialed by another person will not be accepted. Applicants who are not owners of the land to be restricted must have all owners sign this Section II – Application otherwise DCR will not process it.

Signature

Date _____

Print Name

Signature

Date _____

Print Name

Signature

Date _____

Print Name

Send application to:

KENT LAGE
MASSACHUSETTS FARM BUREAU
249 LAKESIDE AVENUE
MARLBORO, MA 01752

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS OR FACSIMILES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS:

4:00 P.M. EST

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011