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PROGRAMS & RESOURCES FOR LANDOWNERS

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BUILDING WILDFIRE RESILIENCY IN WISCONSIN'S FORESTS

**SUSTAIN
AND
RESTORE
YOUR
FOREST.**

**INCREASE
YOUR
WILDFIRE
RESILIENCY.**

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Connect communities facing wildfire risk and climate change impacts, as well as historically underserved, rural, and low-income communities, to USDA & Forest Service funding and partnership opportunities.

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The Wisconsin DNR (WDNR) offers several land management programs to Wisconsin landowners. Each program is intended to help landowners achieve a desired outcome. Which program is right for you depends on what your priorities as a landowner are. Read about several programs the WDNR offers below to select the appropriate program for your property!

➤➤➤ **LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (LIP)**

The Landowner Incentive program provides Wisconsin Landowners in the Wisconsin Driftless Region Technical assistance to better manage their property.

➤➤➤ **WISCONSIN FOREST LANDOWNER GRANT PROGRAM (WFLGP)**

The Wisconsin Forest Landowner Grant Program is a cost share program designed to assist woodland owners in protecting and enhancing their woodlands. Landowners must own between 10 and 500 acres of land in Wisconsin and have a forest stewardship plan in place or be applying for a forest stewardship plan with the WFLGP. This program reimburses woodland owners up to 50% of the cost of eligible, noncommercial practices.

➤➤➤ **MANAGED FOREST LAW (MFL)**

MFL incentivizes Wisconsin landowners to practice sustainable forestry practices on their property by reducing property tax.

The Wisconsin DNR provides a tool to landowners called the "Forestry Assistance Locator". This tool allows landowners to identify Foresters and DNR tax law specialists with specific certifications or specializations of interest to the landowner. The tool allows the landowner to select their Wisconsin county of interest so that they can find qualified professionals in their area to provide guidance on desired outcomes.

<https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/fal/>



PRESCRIBED FIRE

Prescribed fire can be an extremely effective tool for land management. Prior to development and modernization of Wisconsin forest land, natural forest regenerative processes could take place free of obstructions such as wildfire. Today, we must extinguish wildfire to protect our critical infrastructure and communities. However, with the absence of wildfire, it is our duty to mimic this natural process in a safe and productive way.

WISCONSIN PRESCRIBED FIRE COUNCIL

The mission of the WPFC is to promote safe and effective use of prescribed fire in Wisconsin. The WPFC works cooperatively with government agencies, for profit and non profit businesses and individuals to effectively manage Wisconsin lands with prescribed fire.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

The WPFC offers several training opportunities throughout Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest. While the WPFC website hosts an assortment of educational materials, periodic webinars are also available to enhance knowledge of prescribed fire.

BURNING

The WPFC website provides a list of several member organizations who offer a variety of services to landowners. Services include prescribed fire, fuels reduction, controlled burn, fire break installation and cost-share assistance and or fire training services.

WISCONSIN'S FORESTS: THE PRIVATE LANDOWNER'S HANDBOOK

dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/ForestLandowners/WisconsinLandownersManual.pdf

WILDLIFE AND FOREST MANAGEMENT RESOURCES FOR PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

forestandwildlifeecology.wisc.edu/coverts/wildlife-forest-management-resources-for-private-landowners/



NRCS helps private landowners improve the health of their operations while protecting our natural resources for the future. We are working to ensure the long-term sustainability of American agriculture.

➤➤➤ **WISCONSIN LOCAL WORKING GROUPS (LWG)**

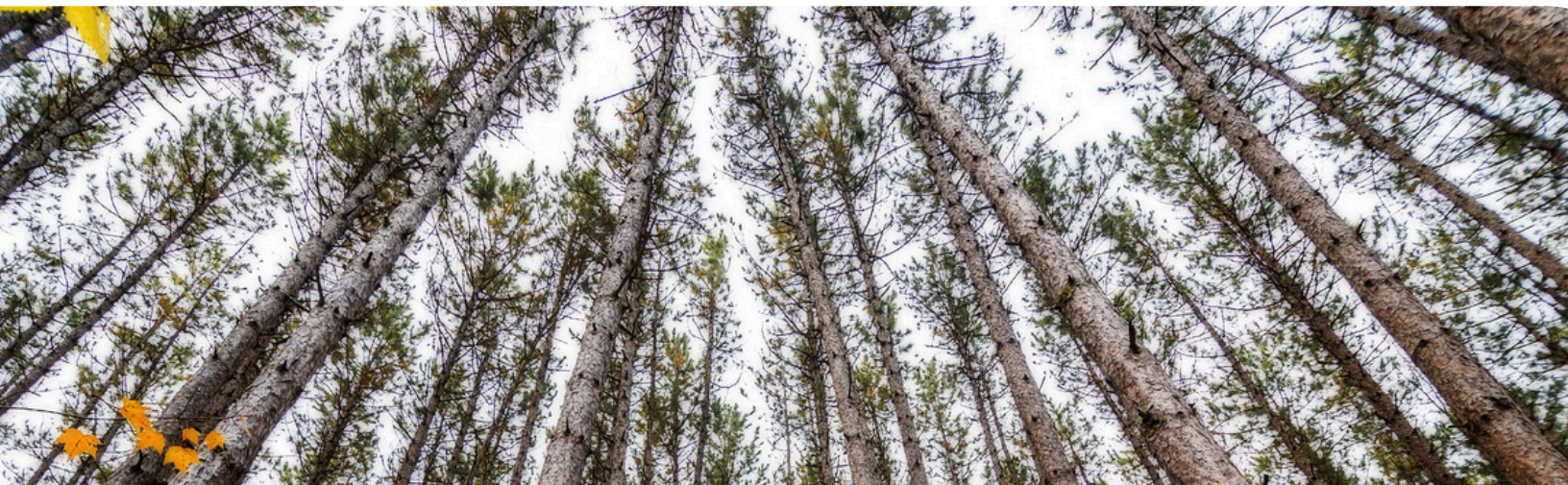
Local working groups (LWG) consist of individuals with agricultural and natural resource interests. These individuals come from a variety of backgrounds and work together to inform decisions and activities related to agriculture and natural resources. These groups can provide recommendations and LWG meetings are open to the public.

➤➤➤ **HEALTHY FORESTS RESERVE PROGRAM (HFRP)**

The objective of the HFRP is to promote recovery of threatened and endangered species, improve plant and animal biodiversity and enhance carbon sequestration. The HFRP helps landowners restore, enhance and protect forestland resources on private and tribal lands through easements and financial assistance. HFRP provides landowners with 10-year restoration agreements and 30-year or permanent easements for specific conservation actions. The HFRP provides financial assistance in the form of easement payments and cost-share for specific conservation actions completed by the landowner.

➤➤➤ **JOINT CHIEFS' LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP**

This partnership works to improve health and resilience of forest landscapes across the National Forest System, state, tribal and private lands. The projects aims to protect water quality, improve wildlife habitat and reduce wildfire threats to communities. Private landowners have an opportunity to collaborate with the NRCS and Forest Service partners. Proposals are evaluated to determine if they meet the necessary criteria.



The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and Firewise USA provides a wealth of information to increase community awareness and resilience from wildfire. Firewise offers an assortment of mitigation strategies to homeowners and landowners to better protect their property. View the FIREWISE website for further details on how to protect your home from wildfire!

[Firewise USA® resources](#)

EMERGENCY FORESTRY RESTORATION PROGRAM

The Emergency Forestry Restoration Program (EFRP) is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and helps nonindustrial private landowners recover from natural disasters. The EFRP can provide funding and technical assistance to forestland owners who have experienced a qualifying disaster. Disasters include but are not limited to tornadoes, wildfires, windstorms, ice storms, and floods. Forestland owners can apply to EFRP at their local FSA office. Eligible participants can receive cost-share assistance up to 75% of the cost approved conservation practice.



DNR HANDBOOKS AND OTHER MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE

PRIVATE FORESTRY HANDBOOK

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/ForestManagement/24705.pdf>

TIMBER SALE HANDBOOK

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/TimberSales/2461.pdf>

WISCONSIN SILVICULTURE GUIDE

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/ForestManagement/wisconsinSilvicultureGuide.pdf>

PUBLIC FOREST LANDS HANDBOOK

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/ForestManagement/24605.pdf>

ECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPES HANDBOOK

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/lands/EcologicalLandscapes>

FOREST MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestmanagement/guidelines>

NATIONAL HERITAGE INVENTORY MAPS

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/NHI/Data>

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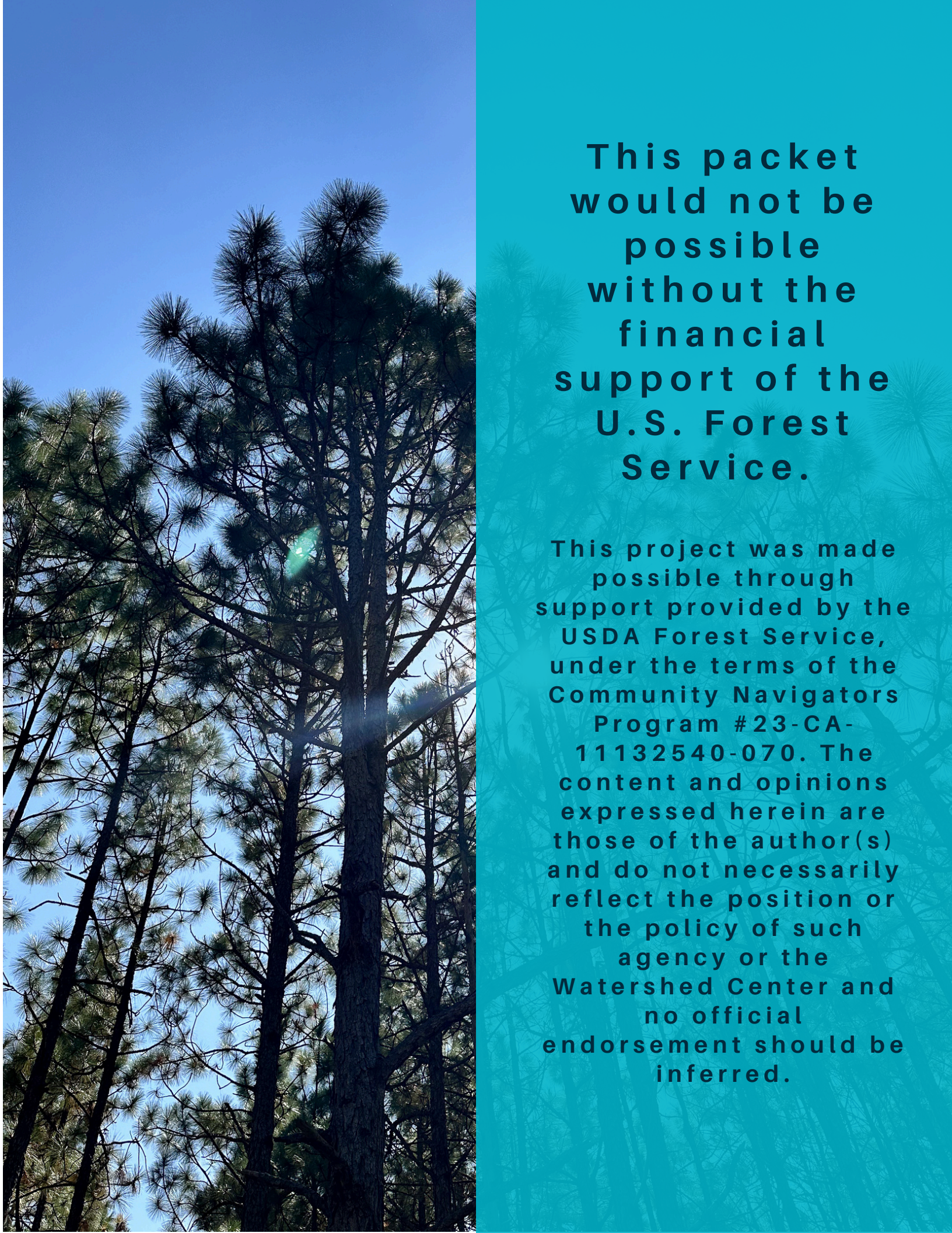
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