

## How do I enroll a Tree Farm in the N.C. Tree Farm Program?

- Confirm that the property meets the following eligibility requirements:
  - Individual owner, small business owner or public entity (except state government)
  - Contiguous parcels that comprise a minimum of 10 forested acres to a maximum of 10,000 total acres. A non-contiguous parcel of 10 or more acres must be certified as a separate Tree Farm.
- Landowner must:
  - Conform to American Tree Farm System® Standards of Sustainability.
  - Agree to participate in assessments, if selected.
  - Have a qualifying forest management plan. Learn about management plan requirements [here](#).
  - Pay the certification fee.
- Once eligibility is confirmed, email the forest management plan to the N.C. Tree Farm Program (NCTFP) to review for alignment with the Standards of Sustainability. The NCTFP will provide feedback on any required elements that are inadequately addressed.
- Once a qualifying management plan is in place and the certification fee is paid, the NCTFP will assign a Tree Farm Inspector.
- Tree Farm inspector:
  - Reviews the forest management plan for alignment with conditions on the ground and as a resource for completing the inspection record.
  - Interviews the landowner.
  - Walks the property to confirm that conditions on the ground meet the Standards of Sustainability requirements and align with the management plan and maps.
  - Completes inspection report.
  - Submits the inspection report and property shape file to the NCTFP.
- NCTFP
  - Certifies the Tree Farm.
  - Assigns a Tree Farm number.
  - Sends confirmation of certification to the inspector.
  - Mails a new member packet and a copy of the inspection record to the landowner.

## How much is the fee?

\$350. This fee is not an annual fee. It is due prior to initial certification and every five years prior to recertification.

## Are any discounts available?

Yes. Landowners who enroll multiple Tree Farms in the program are eligible for a multi-Tree Farm discount. The first Tree Farm (primary) certifies and recertifies at the \$350 rate. Additional properties (secondary) under the same ownership certify and recertify for \$100 each as long as the primary Tree Farm remains certified.