

## RIDEM GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

### **Forest Stewardship Plan Requirements for Enrollment in the Farm, Forest and Open Space Program.**

As a condition of enrollment in the Farm, Forest and Open Space Program Forest Stewardship Plans must meet the following minimum specifications.

1. Title Page.

Owner and Preparer Information including contact information  
Property Information including plat and lot number, deed book and page, and acreage enrolled in the program as well as excluded acreage.

2. Signature Page

Signatures of the landowner, plan preparer, and State Forester's representative  
Date the plan was prepared.

3. Property Overview.

A brief discussion of adjacent land uses as well as significant resources and features on the property that may impact management decisions. The discussion may include:

Biodiversity  
Threatened and rare plant and animal species  
Riparian and wetland areas  
Soil and water quality – Watershed Protection  
Forest health  
Wildlife management  
Forest products  
Cultural Resources  
Recreation and aesthetic considerations

4. Management Unit Information

For each management unit (or stand) reference to the property map and description of:

Forest Type  
Acreage to nearest whole acre  
Stand Description, including  
Stocking level  
Basal area  
Average tree diameter  
Trees per acre  
Volume of forest products per acre (optional)  
Site index  
Soil Type  
Landowner's Management Objectives for the area  
Other characteristics important to the management of the area

5. Management Recommendations

Recommended forest management practices to meet the landowners objectives, including activity, acreage involved and year to be accomplished.