

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.