

## APPENDIX A. Alternative Forest Use Challenge Grant Application

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) is offering Challenge Grants to encourage the establishment of alternative forest based businesses in Rhode Island Forests.

**Eligible applicants:** Private individuals, non-government groups or association that own more than 5 acres of forestland in Rhode Island are eligible to apply for a grant.

**Funding available:** Grants will range from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 each, but may be larger for appropriate and or worthy projects as determined by the Committee.

**Use of funds:** Grants must be used to offset expenses directly related to the startup of an alternative forest based business. Eligible project categories are listed in the fact sheet.

<b>Grant Requirements:</b> 1) Only costs outlined in the project plan, and approved by the Committee, are eligible for reimbursement. 2) Grant awards will not exceed 50 percent of eligible costs as determined by the Committee. 3) To receive reimbursement, landowners must submit documentation of expenses and a completed reporting form. 4) Tax reporting is the responsibility of the grant recipient.		<b>Grant Award Process:</b> 1) The grant application must be received by March 22, 2005. 2) All applications are reviewed for eligibility. 3) A grant review committee ranks applications and allocates funds to projects that are likely to succeed and fulfill the goals of the project. 4) The project must be completed and reimbursement request received by November 18, 2005.	
Applicant's Name:		Is there a written forest management plan for the property?	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Street Address:		Is there a written marketing plan for the property?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		Is the property actively managed?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		Do you have past success with forest based business activities?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		Is the property available for use as a demonstration site?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
City, State and Zip Code:		Location of project (if different from mailing address):	
Telephone: ( )		Grant Amount Requested: \$	
Email :			
Project Plan: (Briefly describe on a separate sheet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The crop and production process.</li> <li>• Physical resources available (equipment).</li> <li>• Management resources (time, special expertise).</li> <li>• How the products will be marketed.</li> <li>• Budget and timeline.</li> <li>• Describe what you feel is the likelihood of success of the project.</li> </ul>			
Is the project consistent with local zoning? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decision Pending			
Applicant's Signature _____		Date _____	
Submit completed application by March 22, 2005 to: <div style="text-align: center;">           RI DEM, Sustainable Watersheds Office            235 Promenade Street, Suite 330            Providence, RI 02908         </div>			
Please attach a map showing the location of the property and approximate boundaries (a copy of a topographic map would be ideal).			