

STATEMENT OF WORK
Forest Management Plan
Michigan

These deliverables apply to this individual plan. For other planning or practice deliverables, refer to those specific Statements of Work.

PLANNING

NOTE: NRCS retains responsibility for all decision-making, findings, and consultation required of Federal agencies related to compliance with several resources protection laws, including, but not limited to, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Technical Service Providers shall work with the program participants to ensure that all approvals, authorities, rights, permits, and easements necessary for conduct of this planning have been obtained prior to implementation of the work.

Deliverables to Landowner/Client:

1. Cover page including name, address, and phone number of client and TSP; total acres in the plan, signature blocks for the TSP and client, and a signature block for the NRCS acceptance.
2. Soils map and appropriate soil descriptions.
3. Resource assessment results.
4. For management practices, the planned practices and the site-specific specifications on how each practice will be applied, when the practice will be applied, and the extent (acres, feet, or number) that will be applied.
5. Documentation that addresses all applicable elements in the current "Forest Management Plan Criteria and Checklist" found at the website: <http://www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/forestry.html>.

Deliverables to NRCS:

1. Complete hardcopy and electronic copy of the client's plan (Microsoft Word document). Optional: if a Conservation Plug-in version is provided to NRCS, a hardcopy of the plan, conservation plan map, and soils map is not required.
2. Digital conservation plan map (JPEG, PDF, etc.) with fields, features, and structural practices located.
3. Digital Soils Map (JPEG, PDF, etc.).
4. Documentation of resource concerns, such as a completed Exhibit MI2 or the Resource Considerations Field Inventory Guide Sheet of the CPA-52, and any other applicable worksheets.
5. Documentation that addresses all applicable elements in the current "Forest Management Plan Criteria and Checklist" found at the website: <http://www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/forestry.html>.

NOTE: NRCS policy requires that technical assistance provided for conservation planning follow the guidance and processes in the NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH). For the purposes of providing conservation planning technical assistance, Technical Service Providers are to complete the actions required in the first seven Steps of the NPPH planning process. All deliverables below are based on that requirement. For detailed guidance, planners should refer to the appropriate section of the NRCS NPPH.

Planning Process Deliverables:

1. Identify Problems and Opportunities.
2. Determine Client Objectives.
3. Inventory Resources.
Detailed resource inventories of the conservation management units, as well as related off-site information; use forest inventory/sampling techniques detailed in the NRCS National Forestry Handbook at (consider using MI technical Note #26, Forestland Planning Worksheet), SAF Forestry Handbook (Wenger, 1984), or other generally accepted inventory protocol.
4. Analyze Resource Data.
5. Formulate Alternatives.
Management options discussed with landowner that comply with generally accepted silvicultural standards such as those detailed in the "Manager's Handbook for [forest type] in the North Central States," (U.S. Forest Service, 1977 & 1984), "Silvics of North America, Volume I and II," (US Forest

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Service, 1990), SAF Forestry Handbook (Wenger, 1984), etc., and comply with all applicable MI NRCS conservation practice standards.

6. Evaluate Alternatives.
7. Make Decisions.

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- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook, <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> (handbooks, Title 190)
- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook, <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> (handbooks, Title 190)
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook, <http://soils.usda.gov/technical/nfhandbook/>
- NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook, <http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/> (handbooks, Title 180)
- Society of American Foresters. 1984. Forestry Handbook. 2nd ed. Pub. No. SAF 84-01. Wenger, Karl F. (editor) John Wiley & Sons, New York, NY.
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