



Family Forest Carbon Program

Unlocking the Carbon Potential of America's Family
Forests

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The American Forest Foundation is a national conservation non-profit that works to support and empower **family forest owners** to make a meaningful conservation impact.

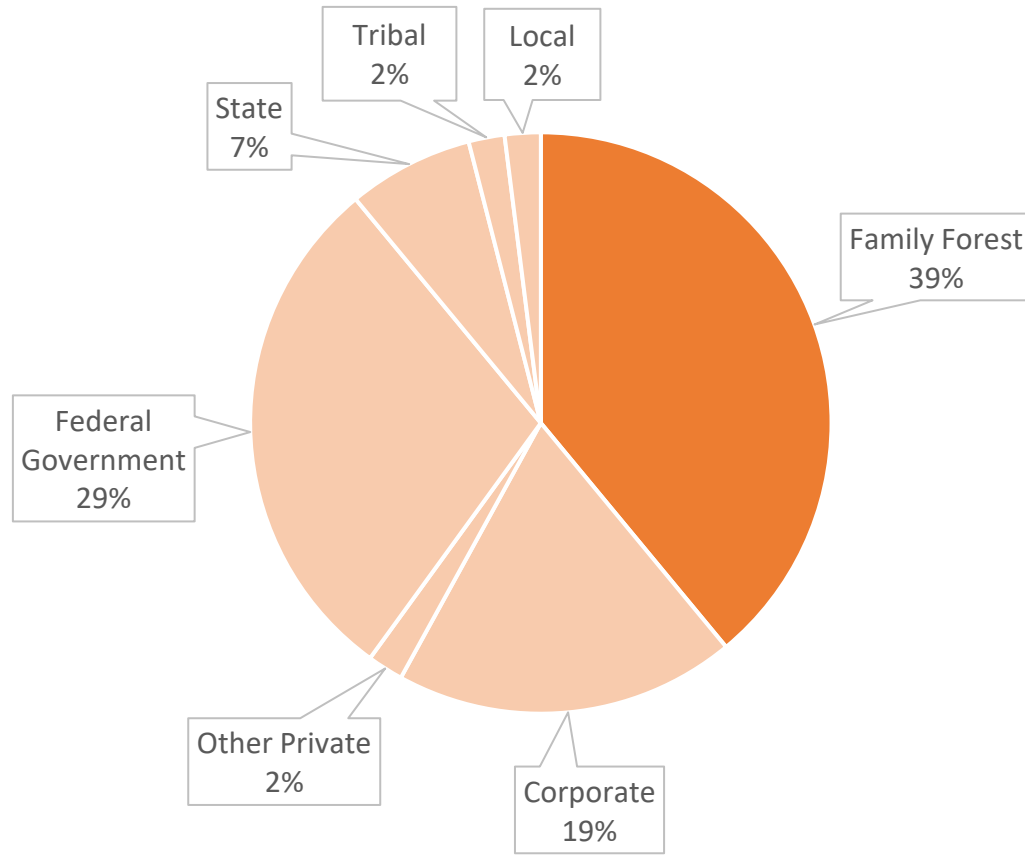


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The Family Forest Carbon Program

Forest carbon program introduced in 2017 by the American Forest Foundation and The Nature Conservancy that supports **family forest owners in improving forest health and addressing climate change** by allowing access to carbon market opportunities.

Family forest owners are key

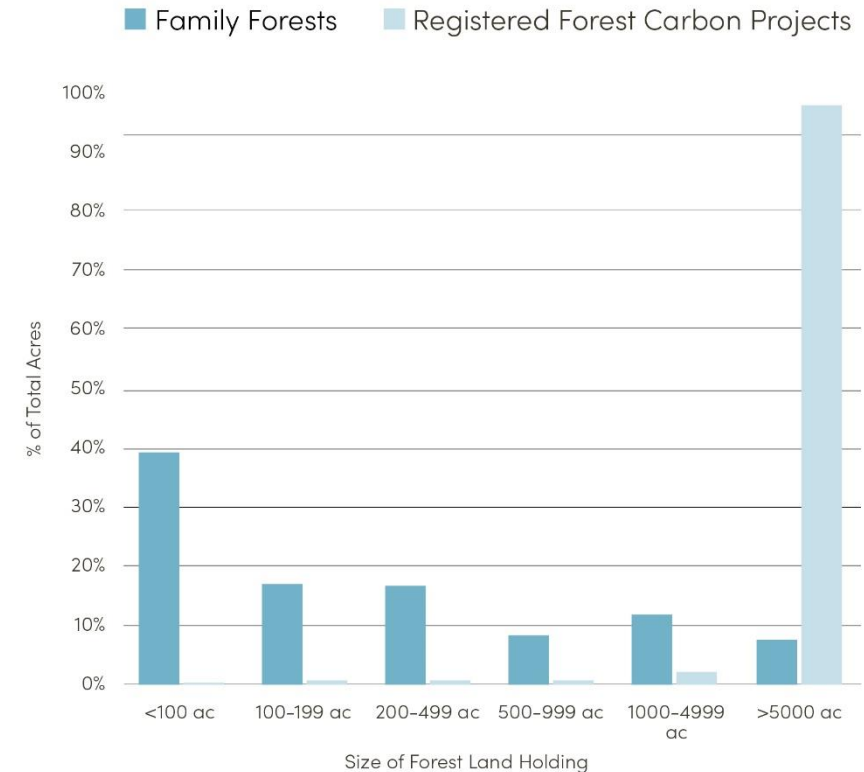


Forest Ownership in the US

- Families and individuals own the largest portion of U.S. forests
- Landowners care about stewarding their land but may lack the funding and know-how to do so.

Overcoming Barriers to Market Access

- Markets create value in keeping forests as forests and keeping them healthy
- Yet, forest ownerships of less than 1,000 acres account for 80% of the private acres but represent less than 1% of forest carbon projects
- Why? Due to complexity, high cost to participate, 100-year contracts



For Landowners



Funding

Provides incentives to implement specific forest management practices that have been scientifically enhance carbon sequestration.



Support

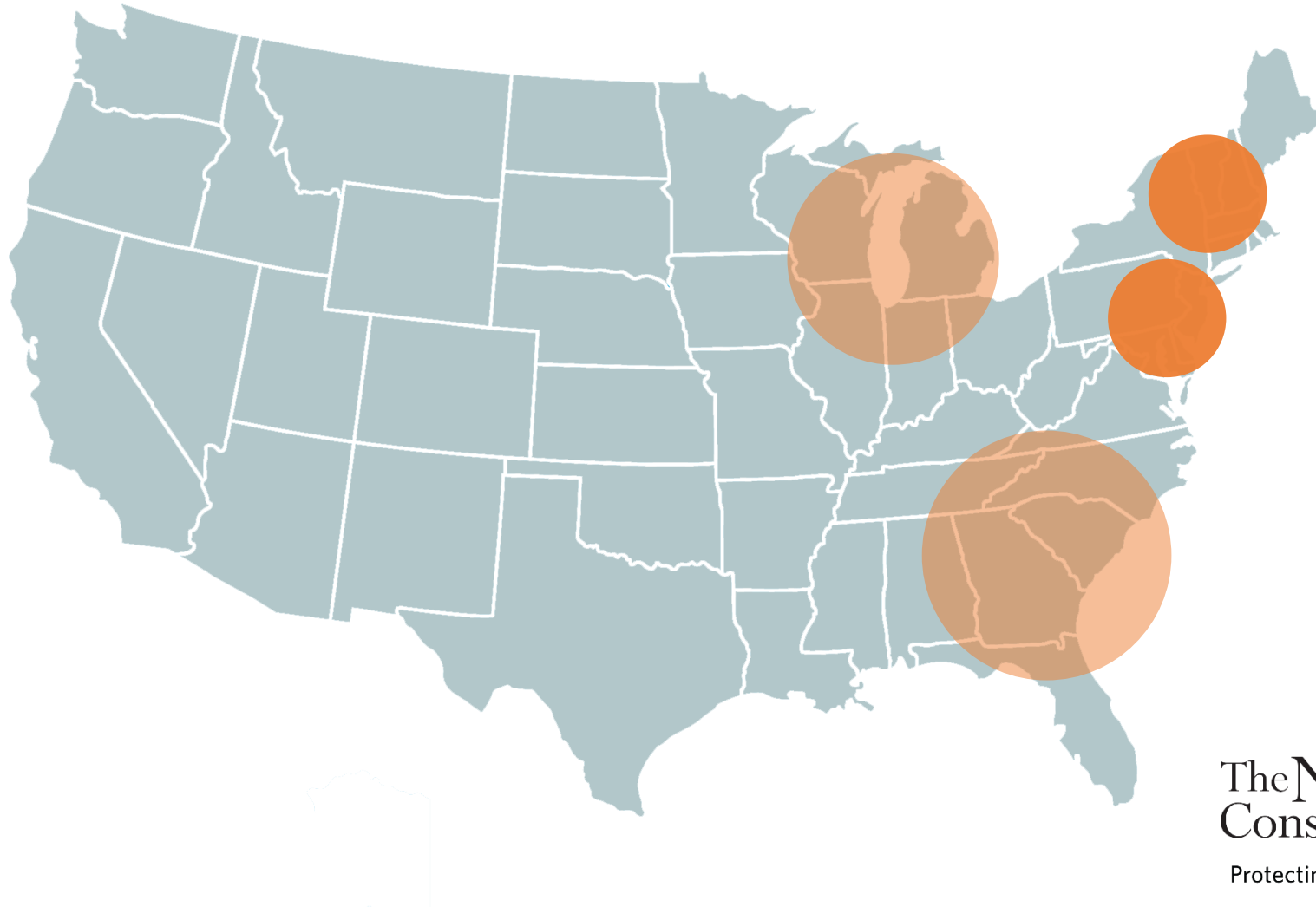
Connects enrollees with natural resources professionals to provide technical assistance during site visits and through forest management plans.



Sustainability

Balances multiple benefits of forest management including timber production, enhancing wildlife habitat, and protecting water resources.

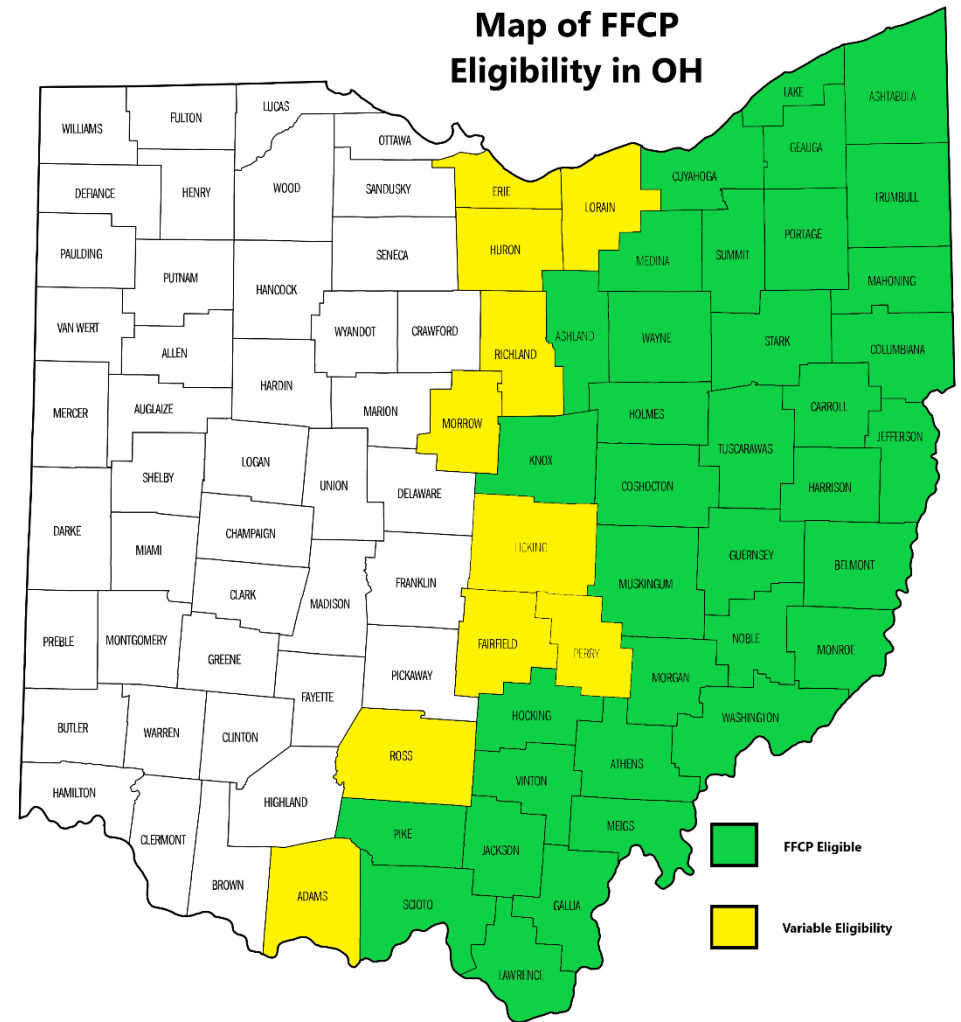
Regional Enrollment Open



- Enrollment open in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and western Maryland
- 34,928 acres enrolled in CA. 217 landowners have joined us in our mission.
- Just opened in Vermont, western Massachusetts, and upstate New York
- Coming this fall to North Woods of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan
- Opportunities coming soon in the Southeast and beyond

Enrollment Eligibility in Ohio

- Expected to roll out in early 2023
- Area is based on similar forest and ecosystem composition to other Central Appalachian regions
- Still working on modeling, not final!



Landowner Eligibility

- Private landowners with at least 30+ contiguous forested acres within an eligible county
- Forests originating from natural regeneration (plantations are ineligible)
- No existing restrictions on timber harvest activity (local ordinances, conservation easement, designated no harvest areas)

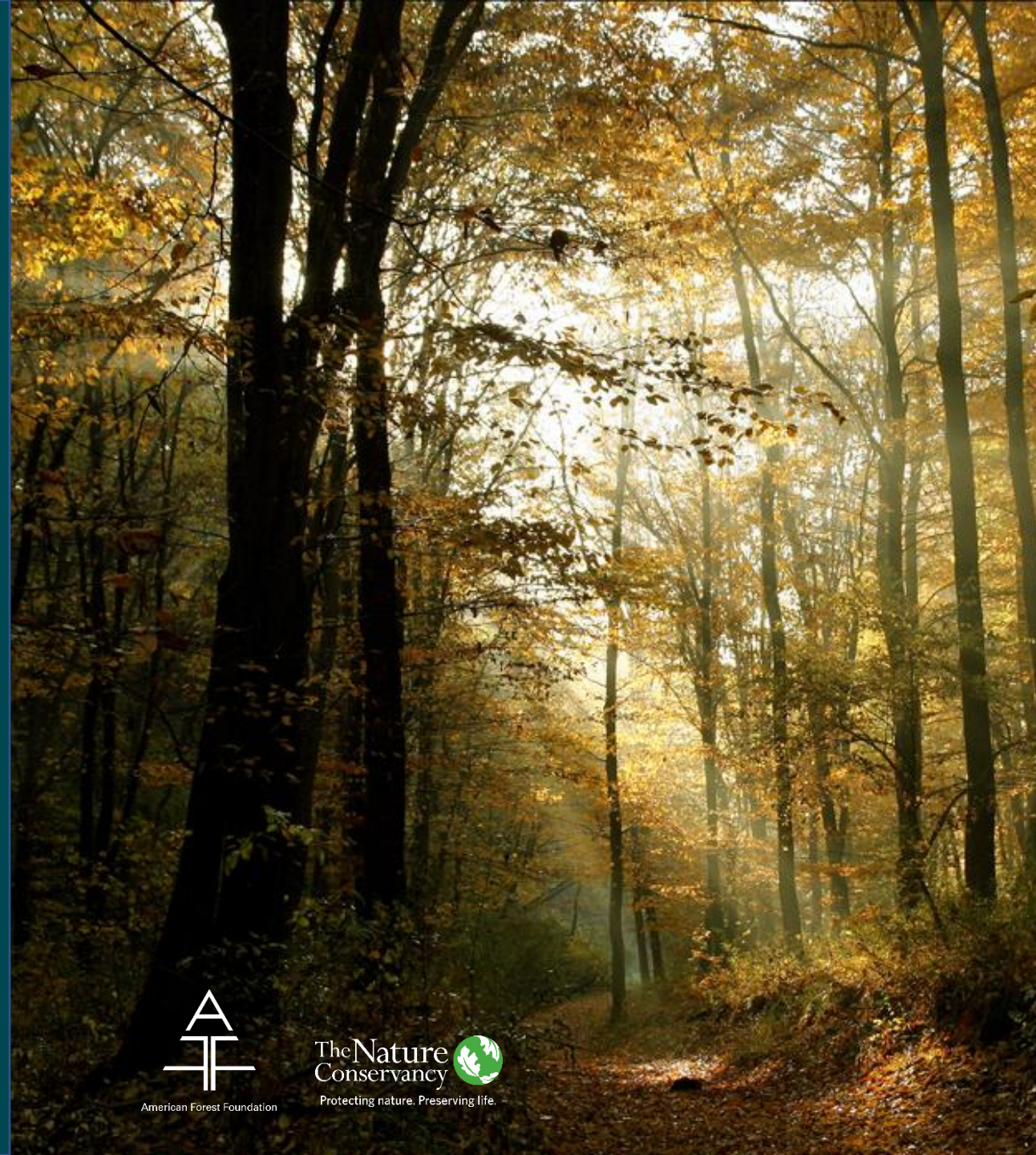


Growing Mature Forests

- Allow forest stand to mature by retaining highest quality trees
- Limited harvest or thinning allowed within sustainable guidelines
- Results in more valuable timber and improved habitat after 20 years

Growing Mature Forests (GMF)

- Project area must have operable timber harvest conditions; >2,000 board feet/acre (International ¼ inch).
- 20-year contract
- A forest management plan is required
 - Simple FMP's now available at no cost to LO written by staff foresters or approved foresters (FFCP pays forester to write FMP using AFF FFCP template)
- Stipulations on allowed timber harvests
 - Remove no more than 25% of the basal area
 - No high-grading (reduction in average stand diameter by more than 10%)
 - No harvesting within 50 feet of water sources
 - Can be waived in salvage situations



Enhancing Future Forests

- Coming soon in Central Apps
- Regenerate new forest stands
- Control invasive and/or competing plants that are suppressing new tree seedlings



Landowner Agreement Terms

- Payments made throughout the agreement period according to a set schedule
- The landowner will complete reporting requirements using a form and keep FFCP updated on major changes in the woodland, including ownership transfer
- The FFCP will own the rights to the carbon in the project area
- We may visit your property periodically to conduct monitoring

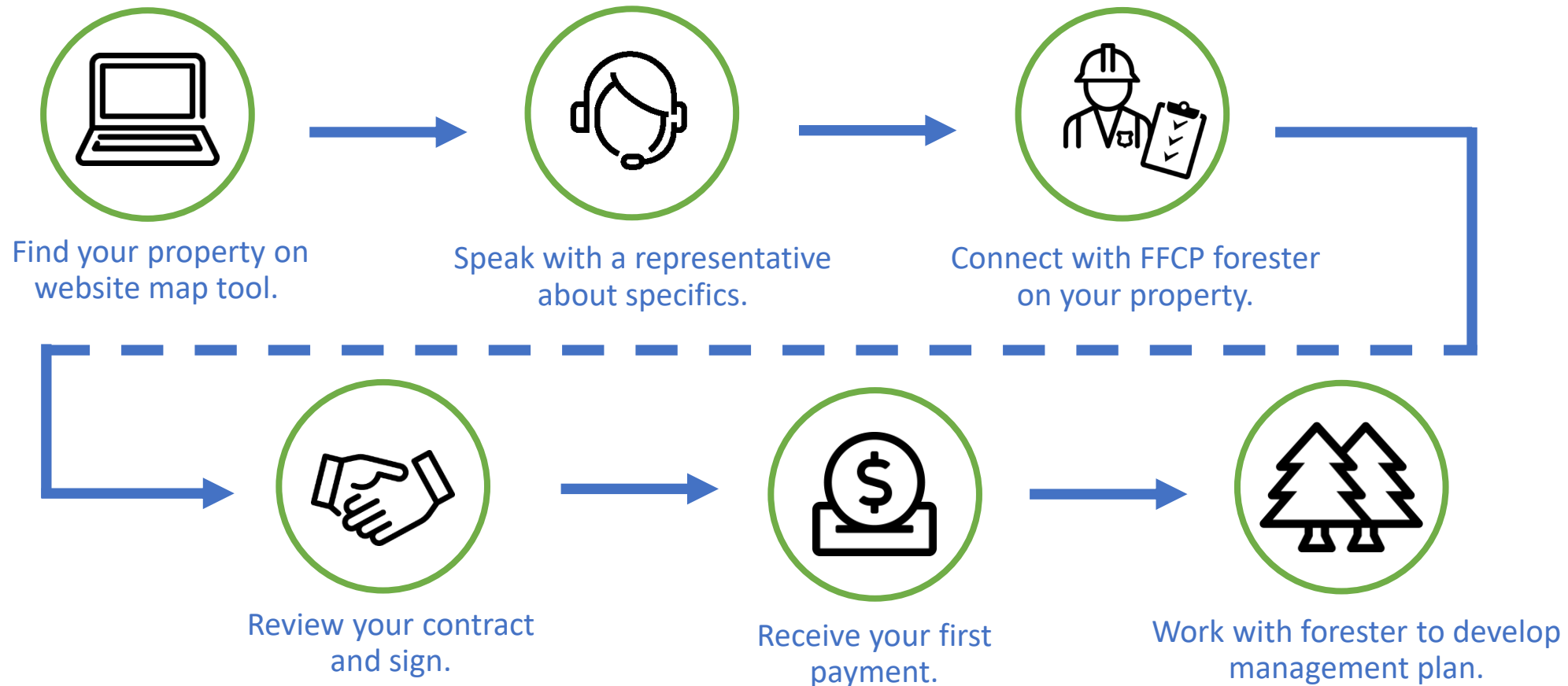


Technical Support from Forest Professionals

- Discuss landowner goals, current site conditions, professional recommendations, work together to delineate project area
- Forest management plans tailored to landowner's goals
- Guidance for forest health improvement
- Extended education from partners such as American Tree Farm System, Audubon Society and others
 - Wildlife habitat improvements
 - Wetland protection



How to Enroll



Get started at www.familyforestcarbon.org

— Become an FFCP Consulting Forester

- Grow your business, improve forest health, help address climate change and support your local community. We are currently looking for consulting foresters in the Central Appalachians
- Once you become an FFCP-approved consulting forester, your eligible clients can enroll, you can connect with new clients, and we will fund both your work with the program and the landowner's implementation of the practices.
- Visit payments range from \$500-\$2100 depending on acreage
 - FMP template writing payments range from \$600-1300
- Visit familyforestcarbon.org to learn more and get started!

Questions?

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