**North Dakota Forest Service**

 **Forest Restoration/Windbreak Renovation Grant Program**

**2015 Program Overview**

**PURPOSE**

Forest Restoration Grant Program will provide financial assistance to private landowners to restore, protect and enhance planted or native forest.

**ELIGIBLITY**

An assessment of existing forest resources and Forest Restoration Plan are required. Forest Restoration Plan practices eligible for financial assistance may include:

* Coppicing
* Thinning
* Row removal
* Tree/ shrub pruning
* Site preparation
* Tree/ shrub machine-planting
* Tree/ shrub hand-planting
* Weed barrier installation
* Chemical or mechanical weed control
* Tree tubes
* Exclusion fencing for wildlife or livestock
* Erosion control measures

**FUNDS AVAILABILITY**

Grant Funds totaling **50% of the actual cost** to implement the Forest Restoration/Windbreak Renovation Plan will be distributed to the landowner on a reimbursement basis. Documentation of inspection of the completed project by the North Dakota Forest Service or authorized representative and documentation of qualified cash expenditures must be submitted for reimbursement. Restoration practices undertaken directly by the landowner are not reimbursable but may be used as in-kind match. Reimbursement is limited to the total qualified cash expenditures up to a maximum of **$10,000.**

**DEADLINE**

Submit the completed 2015 Forest Restoration Grant Application (on reverse) and Forest Restoration/Windbreak Renovation Plan by August 31, 2015.

**PROJECT COMPLETION**

On or before December 31, 2017.

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*and improving our*

*forest resources for*

*present and future generations.”*

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**2015 Grant Application**

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| **LANDOWNER INFORMATION** |
| **Landowner Name:**  | **Phone:** |
| **Mailing Address:**  | **City:** | **State:**  | **Zip:**  |
| **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**  |
| **County: QTR: SEC: TWP: RNG:**  |
| **ESTIMATED PROJECT COST (Practices and Units from Forest Restoration Plan)** |
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| Practice Description | Units (acres, feet, etc.) | Estimated Cost (\*Attach vendor estimate(s)) | Who will perform this practice? (Vendor or Landowner) | When will this practice be completed? |
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| **ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST** |  |  |

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| **PROJECT MATCH INFORMATION** |
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| Forest Restoration CreditAcres of Forest Restored X 5-year average per acre rental rate for Non-Irrigated Cropland in this county1 X 10 Years\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ X 10 = Acres Rental Rate  |  |
| Value of Practices Above Completed by Landowner2Describe practices to be completed by landowner: |  |
| Landowner Cash3 |  |
| **TOTAL PROJECT MATCH (50% OF TOTAL PROJECT COST)** |  |

1. See current County Rents and Values for North Dakota, available from the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands: http://www.land.nd.gov/surface/RentSurvey.aspx. 2. Landowner effort may be used as match but are not reimbursable expenses. Documentation of effort is required.3. Receipts must be retained and submitted for reimbursement.**IMPORTANT: Total Reimbursement is limited to 50% of the total project cost, not to exceed the total qualified cash expenditures up to a maximum of $10,000.** |
| **LANDOWNER CERTIFICATION** |
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| **Submit this Application and Complete Forest Restoration/Windbreak Renovation Plan & attachments to:**liz.smith@ndsu.edu or North Dakota Forest Service 300 2nd Ave. NE, Suite 208A Jamestown, ND 58401**Application Deadline:**  **August 31, 2015** |