As of May 2014 over 41,000 acres are enrolled in the Forest Stewardship Tax Law. Authorized by North Dakota Century Code Chapter 57-57 and administered by the State Forester, the law allows private forest landowners in participating counties to pay a property tax of .50 cents per acre annually on forested lands. Current participating counties are Benson, Cavalier, Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, Ramsey, Walsh and Wells.