

LANDOWNER FOREST LAND-USE REVALIDATION

Owner(s) _____

Address : _____

Phone No: _____

Number of forested acres for revalidation: _____

Tax Map and Parcel Numbers: _____

Does the property have a Forest Management Plan done by a professional forester?

Yes or No. Is it current and up to date? Yes or No

The owner(s), hereafter called Owner, agrees that during the term of this agreement that:

1. The property being applied for forest land-use, hereafter called Property, shall be maintained and protected for forest land-use by adhering to a planned program of timber management and soil conservation practices:

A. LAND-USE OBJECTIVES (List in order of priority your land-use objectives for this wooded property with "1" being the greatest priority):

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| _____ Timber production | _____ Windbreak |
| _____ Soil/Water Conservation | _____ Hunting |
| _____ Recreation | _____ Wildlife |
| _____ Aesthetics/Beauty | _____ Other _____ |
| | _____ Other _____ |

B. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES: Check activities you have done since the last validation and the planned activities over the next ten years:

	Done since the Validation	Planned for <u>next 10 years</u>
Timber harvest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tree planting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thinning (pulpwood)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife habitat improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation improvements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written Forest Mgt. Plan prepared for property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land surveyed/boundary lines marked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodland road construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soil Conservation practices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildfire protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road improvement/maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access to property controlled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Woodland protection from grazing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Owner shall implement **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES** to reduce or prevent soil erosion on any harvesting or silvicultural activities on the Property.
3. Owner shall comply with the **VIRGINIA SEED TREE LAW**.
4. Owner understands that improper activities that degrade or devalue the woodland such as non-compliance with **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**, grazing woodlands to the detriment of the forest, harvesting timber in a manner where no consideration is given to the future quality of the stand, and not following normally accepted good forest management practices may disqualify all or part of the forested area from forest land-use.
5. Owner shall contact the Department of Forestry prior to conducting harvest activities on properties with forest land-use taxation.
6. If any provision of this agreement is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
7. The provisions of this agreement shall run with the land and be binding upon the parties, their successors, assigns, personal representatives, and heirs.
8. **Notice: When the Forestry use or uses by which the Property qualified for assessment and taxation on the basis of use changes to nonqualifying use or uses, or when the zoning for the Property changes to more intensive use at the request of the owner, the Property, or such portion of the Property which no longer qualifies, shall be subject to roll-back taxes in accordance with 58.1-3237 of the Code of Virginia. The owner shall be subject to all of the obligations and liabilities of said code section.**

I, _____, Owner, agree to conform to the terms of this agreement and do hereby make a commitment to conserve and protect the forest use of my property for the property to be taxed on the basis of use assessment and I submit this form as my written commitment for such taxation to the assessing officer of the County pursuant to 581-3234 of the Code of Virginia and Albemarle County's Land Use Ordinance.

Owner's signature

State of Virginia, City/County of _____ to, wit: The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____ by _____ (Notary Public).

My commission expires: _____

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