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# FAMILY FOREST CARBON PROGRAM

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Family Forest Carbon Program (FFCP), created by the American Forest Foundation and The Nature Conservancy, is uniquely designed to expand access to carbon markets for family forest owners with as little as 30 acres of land, empowering them to capture and store carbon to improve their forests' health and address climate change. A new carbon accounting methodology developed by the program's creators ensures the climate impact of enrolled landowners' improved forest management practices is additional and permanent.

## OBJECTIVES

- Provide opportunities for small family forest owners to access carbon markets by providing partnership opportunities and forest management planning assistance.
- Families own 39% of forest land in the U.S. The program's goal is to engage 20% of family-owned forest owners in climate-smart forest management by 2030, with the goal of sequestering 50 million metric tonnes of additional carbon dioxide a year.

## SUCCESSES AS OF JANUARY 4, 2023



A new dynamic baseline carbon accounting methodology developed by project partners and approved by Verra to ensure additionality of FFCP projects.



43,069 acres and 280 contracts enrolled. 172,000 acres and 1,000+ landowners have had site visits from professional foresters. 800,000+ acres have pre-qualified to join the program.



964,000+ additional tons of carbon dioxide stored on enrolled lands through the life of their contracts—equivalent to the annual emissions of 207,000+ cars.

## LOCATIONS

Open for enrollment in Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, with expansions in Kentucky, New Hampshire, Maine, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia likely in 2023.

## FUNDING AMOUNT

\$63.5 million to date

## PROGRAM PARTNERS

The Nature Conservancy, American Forest Foundation, in collaboration with local land trusts, conservation organizations, and woodland associations.

## PATHWAYS FOR SCALING



\$450 million in new funding from the Inflation Reduction Act is available to help small and underserved forest owners access carbon markets through programs like the Family Forest Carbon Program.



By offering high-integrity carbon credits, FFCP provides an opportunity for more companies to finance climate action and make their supply chains more resilient.

For more information about this and other innovative and scalable projects implementing Natural Climate Solutions in the U.S., please visit [www.usnature4climate.org/building-ambition/](http://www.usnature4climate.org/building-ambition/).