WOODLAND DATA FORM

Forestry Number: _____
(If unknown, DEP will assign)

For Use With Woodland Management and/or NJ Forest Stewardship
Submit With Application for Farmland Assessment
(See filing information)
Type or Print *(File in each municipality where woodland is situated)*

COUNTY_____ MUNICIPALITY_____ TAX YEAR_____

Block(s) and Lot(s)_____

SECTION I: IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

if changed since prior WD-1, please check: ☐

Owner Name:_____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ _____

Email: _____ _____

Amount of Woodland Acres in Plan: _____ Location of Property: *(Nearest Road, etc.)*

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If portions of the property's woodland are in more than one municipality, name the other municipalities: _____

SECTION II: PLAN INFORMATION

Type of Plan: ☐ Woodland Management Plan (WMP) ☐ NJ Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) ***Effective beginning Tax Year 2019***

Plan Period: Start Date_____ End Date_____

Status of Plan: ☐ New plan ☐ Revisions to an existing plan Date of Change:_____
☐ Plan previously filed remains valid and continues to be followed

SECTION III: FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE

- *Describe all practices completed or to be completed during the current tax year (January through December).*
- *Submit a scaled activity map with this form showing the location(s) on the property of the activities.*

			(if applicable)		
Practice/Activity	**Type** *(see back for filling information)*	**Extent** *(in Acres/ft.)*	**Product** *(in cords/board ft./etc.)*	**Income** *($ of gross sales, received or to be received)*	**Expenses**
Forest Stand Improvement (FSI)					
Harvest					
Reforestation					
Weed/Brush Control					
Insect/Disease Control					
Site Preparation					
Prescribed Burning (RxB)					
Invasive Species Control					
Wildlife Habitat Improvement					
Forestry Infrastructure					
Other					

Were any practices funded in whole or in part through a soil conservation program administered by a federal agency? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** **Amount $**_____

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SECTION IV: CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS *(Owner and Forester must sign)*

I certify that the woodland is actively devoted to agricultural use, that the above reported activities and practices reported are those specified for the pre-tax year in the filed plan and are being carried out in compliance with the plan, and that the information provided on this form is true and correct. For woodland management plans, I additionally certify that the income reported on the form as received or anticipated to be received from the sale of forest products is valid and true and that, if any activities and practices reported on the form have not been completed at the time of form submission, they will be completed within the pre-tax year.

Signature (Owner or Co-owner) _____ Date _____

OR

Signature (Corporate Officer) _____ Corporate Name _____ Date _____

I certify that the woodland is actively devoted to agricultural use, that the above reported activities and practices reported are those specified for the pre-tax year in the filed plan and are being carried out in compliance with the plan, and that the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Approved Forester's Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Approved Foresters most recent on-site inspection date _____

File this form and your Farmland Assessment Application with the Local Tax Assessor. Also file this form, Activity Map, and FA-1 Form with the New Jersey Forest Service Regional Office that serves your county.

(*See addresses for New Jersey Forest Service offices in the filing information*)

FILING INFORMATION

(See addresses for State Forest Service offices in the filing information)

WHO IS REQUIRED TO FILE THIS FORM?

An owner seeking approval for woodland that can qualify as non-appurtenant woodland to be valued, for local property tax purposes, under farmland assessment must include this form with the annually-filed Application for Farmland Assessment for the property. However, an assessor will not approve an application that requests such tax status for non-appurtenant woodland unless the owner has either a woodland management plan approved by the State Forester as satisfying the criteria at N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.10 or a NJ forest stewardship plan approved by the State Forester as satisfying the criteria at N.J.A.C. 7:3-5; and the owner has managed the woodland in compliance with an approved plan for at least the two successive years immediately preceding the tax year for which valuation, assessment, and taxation under farmland assessment is requested.

(Refer to N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.7(d))

IS THERE OTHER INFORMATION THAT I MUST FILE WITH THIS FORM?

Yes. This form must accompany an Application for Farmland Assessment for a property that includes non-appurtenant woodland. When a WD-1 form is submitted, a property map that shows the location(s) of forest management activity in the pre-tax year must also be filed. This map must be prepared in accordance with the applicable mapping standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 18:15-2.10 or N.J.A.C. 7:3-5.8. Also with a WD-1 form, a copy of the approved plan must be submitted, unless that assessor already has the plan on file. However, if any revisions have been made to the plan on file, the revisions must be submitted to the assessor. ***(Please check appropriate box under Status of Plan in Section II of this form.)***

WHEN AND WHERE DO I FILE?

An Application for Farmland Assessment must be filed annually, on or before August 1, with the local assessor in each taxing district in which the property is located. If a WD-1 form is included with the application, a copy of the FA-1 form, the WD-1 form, and activity map must be submitted to the Regional Office of the New Jersey Forest Service that serves the county in which the property is situated:

Regional Offices of the New Jersey Forest Service

Northern Region
240 Main Street
Andover, NJ 07821

Counties served:
Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren

Central Region
PO Box 239
New Lisbon, NJ 08064

Counties served:
Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, Union

Southern Region
5555 Atlantic Avenue
Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Counties served:
Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem

HOW WILL COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPROVED PLAN BE DETERMINED?

Both the owner and the Approved Forester must certify on the WD-1 that the forest management activities and practices are being carried out in compliance with the plan. Furthermore, the property is subject to inspection by a forester from the New Jersey Forest Service pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18-15-2.13 to verify compliance with the plan. If non-compliance is found, the New Jersey Forest Service will transmit a notice of non-compliance to the local assessor stating the reasons for the finding.

HOW CAN I FIND AN APPROVED FORESTER?

The Department maintains the List of Approved Foresters online at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/ACF.pdf. Upon request, the New Jersey Forest Service will provide a print out of this list.

VARIOUS TYPES OF FOREST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:

Practice/Activity	Examples
Forest Stand Improvement (FSI)	Thinning, crop tree release, pruning, weeding, sanitation
Harvest	Single-tree selection, clearcut, seed tree, group selection, shelterwood
Reforestation	Natural or artificial means
Weed/Brush Control	Mechanical, chemical, hand, animal (e.g. goats)
Insect/Disease Control	Aerial, backpack, integrated pest management (IPM)
Site Preparation	Mowing, drum chop, scarification, chemical treatment
Invasive Species Control	Hand pulling, goats, integrated pest management
Wildlife Habitat Improvement	Practices to enhance or create habitat
Forestry Infrastructure	Access roads, boundary marking, trail improvements, deer fencing
Other	Non-traditional forest products

TERMS USED IN THIS FORM:

- ***Pre-tax year*** means the calendar year immediately preceding the ***tax year***.
- ***Tax year*** means the calendar year in which the local property tax is due and payable.
- ***Non-appurtenant woodland*** means woodland that qualifies for farmland assessment by being in compliance with a WMP or FSP.

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