



What is the PA Woodland Resilience Enhancement Network?

The PWREN program cost-shares forest practice-plan writing and the implementation of management practices meant to improve the health, resilience, and value of forest land. It is administered jointly by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the PA DCNR, Bureau of Forestry

Who is Eligible:

Any non-industrial landowner in Pennsylvania owning at least 10 acres of contiguous forest and no more than 2,500 acres of land total.

How does the cost-share work?

Landowners are reimbursed between 80-100% of the total cost of forest management practices, up to \$25,000. The percent reimbursement is based on the following:

- **100% for Historically Underserved Landowners*** defined as one of the following:
 - 1) veterans discharged in the last 10 years, 2) owned their woods for less than 10 years,
 - 3) members of a federally-recognized tribe, 4) owners of forestland in a high-poverty area, or
 - 5) those who self-identify as a limited-resource producer (USDA tool used to assess #4 and #5)
- **90% for landowners currently in or who agree to join a Woodland Stewardship Network**
- **80% for individual landowners** who do not meet the criteria above

* For HU Landowners, payments provided directly to the Technical Service Provider performing forest mngt work

What activities does the cost-share cover?

In addition to covering the cost of writing a practice plan, the following broad categories of management practices within or adjacent to existing woodlands are covered**, up to a predetermined set practice rate:

Brush management	Herbaceous weed control	Forest stand improvement
Crop tree release	Invasive pest treatments	Supplemental tree/shrub planting
Forest farming establishment	Herbaceous cover seeding	Agroforestry plantings

****Agroforestry plantings and practices outside existing woodlands are capped at \$5,000 of PWREN funding, and will not be considered as a first practice implemented for reimbursement**

How does the Program work?

First, contact the DCNR Service Forester in your county to set up a visit to your property and to help you prepare your application. If approved, a PWREN project coordinator will contact you to enter a simple landowner agreement and assist with finding an approved Technical Service Provider/Consulting Forester to develop a plan and work on your property. When work is complete, submit your receipts to the PWREN project coordinator to receive a cost reimbursement check. **PROGRAM START DATE: SEPTEMBER 18TH!**

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