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Before beginning your silvicultural work!

See your forest consultant to specify the type of silvicultural work to be carried out on your woodlot. The consultant will then prepare a silvicultural prescription and have it approved by the Agency. Afterwards, you will either carry out the work yourself or have someone else do it for you. Your forest consultant will help you make the best decision.

Once work has been completed...

Your forest consultant must prepare a completion report. This document allows the Agency to ensure that the conditions of the program have been met before providing a financial assistance.

Financial assistance...

Each year, the Agency determines which treatments are admissible under the program as well as the financial assistance provided for each one of them. Payments can cover up to 80% of the costs related to the management of your forest land, including the preparation of the forest management plan and the silvicultural prescription, as well as the carrying out of the work itself and the writing of the completion report. The Agency or the Regional offices of the Department can provide you with a list of admissible work and the amounts allocated for each one.

For further information

on the *Financial Assistance Program for the Development of Private Woodlots*, get in touch with the Agency, an accredited forest consultant or the local registry office.



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Do you own a woodlot?



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Do you own a woodlot of at least 4 hectares (10 acres) ?

Do you want to improve it ?

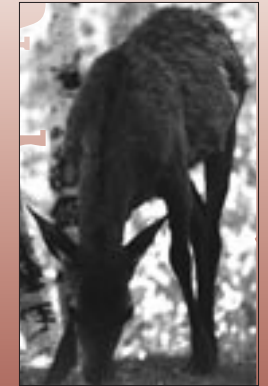
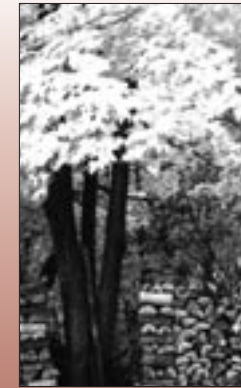
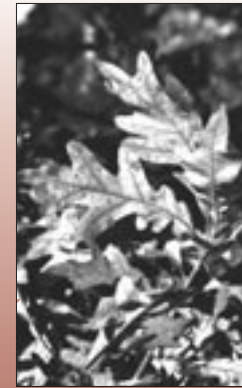
Would you like to obtain seedlings to reforest it ?

Did you know

that through its **Financial Assistance Program for the Development of Private Woodlots** the “Agence régionale de mise en valeur des forêts privées outaouaises” offers financial assistance to woodlot owners who wish to improve their forest land ?

The financial assistance could amount to as much as 80% of the value of certain silvicultural work up to a total of \$20,000 per year. Here are few examples of admissible work : planting, plantation maintenance, thinning, selective cutting and forest road construction.

Furthermore, under this program you can obtain from the Quebec government the reimbursement of 85% of the property taxes paid on your woodlot.



Are you interested?

Would you like to join the many forest producers already registered in the program?

Here's what you have to do :

- △ You must contact an accredited forest consultant who will prepare a forest management plan for your woodlot. This plan will describe your forest land and list the various silvicultural work that should be carried out on it, according to your objectives. Part of the cost of preparing your plan may be reimbursed through the **Financial Assistance Program for the Development of Private Woodlots**.
- △ Fill out a registration form, available at the registry office, your accredited forest consultant or the Agency, to obtain the forest producer status ;

To obtain the list of accredited forest consultants, contact the Agency or the local registry office closest to your woodlot (see the list on the reverse side) the minister of Natural Resources office or our web site : www.afpo.ca.

What is an accredited forest consultant ?

An accredited forest consultant is a forest engineer who works for a firm certified by the Agency to implement the **Financial Assistance Program for the Development of Private Woodlots**.

There are two categories of forest consultants :

- △ The first one groups forest engineers working for a joint management organization (these organizations are also known as “groupements forestiers” or “sociétés sylvicoles”). These organizations can manage all work to be conducted on your woodlot or carry out specific operations.
- △ The second category is made up of forest engineers employed by consulting engineering firms or wood marketing boards. These organizations can only carry out specific operations.



What is the Agency?

The Agency is a non-profit organization. Its objectives are to guide and promote the development of the private forest within its territory in order to foster sustainability, in particular through :

- the preparation of a protection and development plan ;
- the provision of financial and technical support for protection or development through the **Financial Assistance Program for the Development of Private Woodlots**.

The board of directors is composed of representatives of :

- the ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune du Québec ;
- the municipalities ;
- the forest producers organizations ;
- the wood processing plants.