

Forest Stewardship Program



He ali'i ka 'āina; he kauwā ke kanaka - The land is a chief; man is its servant



The Program - The Forest Stewardship Program provides technical and financial assistance for private landowners to promote stewardship, enhancement, conservation, restoration, and timber production.



Why is this program important? Forest Stewardship Program provides assistance to forest landowners to help them provide benefits to the public, including clean water, air, and natural beauty. Unlike other landowner assistance programs, Forest Stewardship often leverages more than double the amount of State funds that are used.

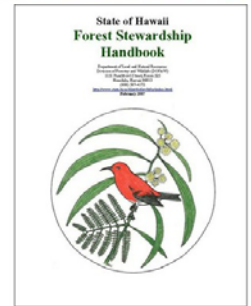
What makes this program special? The FSP started 1992, which makes it one of the oldest landowner assistance programs in the state. It is also unique because the cost-share funding is long term, therefore it has the potential to accomplish the kind of restoration and conservation that is so needed across these islands. There is no other program in Hawaii that supports the wide range of practices that this program offers such as: wildlife habitat restoration, mauka & makai forests, wet & dry areas, watershed protection & fire mitigation, as well as timber production.



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What is the FSP Handbook? This provides all of the details about this program including: eligibility criteria, management practices, how to apply, cost-share details, natural resource concerns, proposal deadlines, etc. It is the document that the public can use to find out more about the program



Who should apply? Private landowners anywhere in the state who own land or have a long term lease on at least 5 acres of land and would like to manage their property for forestry related management.

In 2009,

Three Forest Stewardship projects management plans were approved. The implementation of these project management plans will result in

- the protection of a rare dryland forest,
- conservation of a Hawaiian rainforest, and
- restoration of a degraded agricultural site to a native forest community.

To date 19,315 acres have approved Forest Stewardship management plans and are being managed as a result of this program. Projects range from 5 acres to over 8,000 acres.



Funding for the Forest Stewardship Program is mandated under the Forest Stewardship Special Fund, through the Natural Area Reserve Fund.

More information can be found at:
<http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw/fsp>

OR

by contacting the Cooperative Resource Management Forester at DLNR, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (808) 587-0166

