



The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Reforestation/Afforestation Resources



Louisiana Sustainable Forestry Initiative

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In planning for the future, you should consider both reforestation and afforestation as a means of achieving forestry management objectives.

Reforestation is the restocking of a forest after removal of trees through harvesting, wildfire or disease. Reforestation can occur by artificial means or through natural regeneration. Artificial regeneration is the planting of tree seedlings, either by hand planting or by machine. This method results in more uniform control of species and spacing. On the other hand, natural regeneration occurs by natural seeding or sprouting from stumps or roots.

Afforestation is the establishment of a forest in an area where the preceding land use was not forest (e.g., pasture, farmland). Additional information on establishing your forest is available at the following:

[La. Dept of Agriculture and Forestry](#)

Before reforestation or afforestation is begun, you should contact a professional forester. They can assist you in selecting the most appropriate forest planting techniques for achieving your objectives. The following resources can help you find a professional forester.

Consultants

http://lasaf.homestead.com/LA_Foresters_Directory_4_12_10.pdf
[Association of Consulting Foresters](#)

Landowner Assistance Programs

Hunt Forest Products (318)255-2245
Weyerhaeuser Co. – N La (318)843-5017

State Forestry Programs

<http://www.ldaf.state.la.us>

Cost Sharing

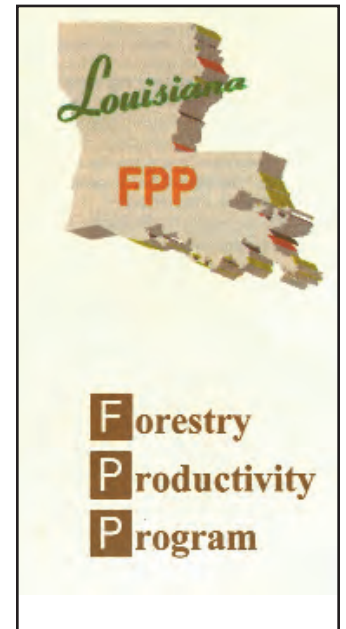
Because of the long term public and economic benefits associated with sound private landowner reforestation and afforestation, there exists private, state and federal cost sharing programs designed to assist small private landowners with the establishment of new forests.

If the landowner has retained a forestry professional, he can initiate public cost share applications. You can also contact the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (see above) or NRCS, <http://www.la.nrcs.usda.gov/> for additional help.

Louisiana Forestry Association can assist with contacting private/industrial firms with cost sharing or landowner assistance programs, <http://www.laforestry.com>



Proper planning prior to reforestation can ensure a healthy and productive forest in the future.



The state Forest Productivity Program offers a 50 percent cost-share to eligible applicants.