

The Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), a division of the USDA, provides conservation technical assistance to landowners. Please contact them for additional information on conservation programs they may be able to help you enroll in.

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/technical/

Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

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The Allen County Farm Service Agency (FSA), a division of the USDA, handles various conservation programs for agricultural landowners. Many programs like the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) are voluntary programs for agricultural landowners. Landowners can receive rent payments and cost-sharing assistance to establish long-term conservation practices on their eligible land. In most cases, the land must have been used to produce an agricultural product in the near past. There is also a limited sign up period for some of the programs. Please contact your local FSA office for additional information.

Allen County Farm Service Agency (FSA)

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A list of conservation programs handled by the FSA:

www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=landing

The Indiana Classified Forest and Wildlands program is an agreement between a landowner and the state, to be a good steward of the land and its natural resources. In return, the State of Indiana agrees to the reduction of the assessed value of the land to \$1 per acre. Eligible land must be at least 10 contiguous acres and is placed in the program for 10 years. The land can be withdrawn from the program, but penalties and back taxes will apply. For additional information, the Indiana Classified Forest and Wildlands program is administered by:

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Division of Forestry

402 W Washington St, Room W296

Indianapolis, IN 46204

(317) 232-0142

bhuter@dnr.in.gov

www.in.gov/dnr/forestry

www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-ClassifiedForestBrochure.pdf

District State Foresters are employed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to assist private landowners in the property management and utilization of Indiana's forest land. They also administer all the forestry incentive programs available to forest landowners in Indiana like the Indiana Classified Forest and Wildlands Program. The District State Forester serving Allen County is:

Quentin Beahrs
5400 E Salamonie Forest Rd
Lagro, In 46941
(260) 782-0430
qbeahrs@dnr.in.gov

Consulting foresters are self-employed, contractual based foresters that are hired by landowners to write up timber management plans. They are commonly used when a landowner cannot qualify for a state classified program or does not want the restrictions placed on their property that those programs can sometimes incur.

Additional consulting foresters can be found at: www.findindianaforester.org/find/. The Allen County Assessor's Office does not endorse any forester over another one.

You must enroll in an actual timber management plan, not just submit to our office a bill of sale for your timber. Please contact the Allen County Assessor's Office with any questions.

The nearest consulting foresters serving Allen County are:

Tom Crowe
Crowe Forest Management, LLC
14707 Bobcat Court
Leo, In 46765
(260) 627-0352
toms.trees@hotmail.com

Chris Egolf
3207 N 860 W
Ligonier, In 46767
(260) 856-2345
cjegolf@kcaccess.com

Stewart Turner
Turner Forestry , Inc
8464 S 950 E
Upland, IN 46989
(765) 998-1161
sturner@turnerforestry.com
www.turnerforestry.com

Industrial Foresters are foresters employed by an industry for the procurement of timber and forest land. They can write up timber management plans as well.

Additional industrial foresters can be found at: www.findindianaforester.org/find/. The Allen County Assessor's Office does not endorse any forester over another one.

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The nearest industrial foresters serving Allen County are:

Pike Lumber Company, Inc.
1695 N. Main St.
Auburn, IN 46706
(260) 925-5132
www.pikelumber.com

Erick Nickerson
enickerson@pikelumber.com

Pike Lumber Company, Inc
719 Front St
P.O. Box 247
Akron, IN 46910
(800) 356-4554
www.pikelumber.com

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Thomas J Bauters II (T.J.)
tbauters@pikelumber.com

The Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service is one of the nation's largest providers of information and education concerning agriculture, natural resources and other areas of scientific research. The Cooperative Extension Service educators will assist you in contacting the appropriate person or agency administering the assistance programs best suited to your needs, since programs assisting landowners are implemented by a number of public and private organizations.

<https://extension.purdue.edu/pages/aboutus.aspx>

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The Forestry and Wildlife Management Assistance Available to Indiana Landowners: Providers, Organizations, and Programs document from Purdue University is a wealth of information pertaining to state and conservation resources in Indiana.

www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/FNR/FNR-87.pdf

Acres Land Trust exists to help protect our natural habitats and to teach others the value of keeping natural areas intact. They may be able to help you enroll in various conservation programs.

www.acreslandtrust.org

Acres Land Trust
1802 Chapman Rd
Huntertown, IN 46748
(260) 637-2273

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever is dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public awareness, education and land management policies and programs.

www.pheasantsforever.org

www.quailforever.org

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Spencerville, IN 46788
(260) 238-4344
chp0182@pfofficers.org
www.nein182.org

Sharon Griewank – Northeast Indiana, Chapter 182 President
(800) 496-8775

Quail Forever - Indiana Bobwhite Chapter 3032
Tim Canode
(764) 206-0521
Chp3032@pfofficers.org

The Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owners Association (IFWOA) promotes good stewardship of Indiana woodlands and is an affiliate of the National Woodland Owners Association. They can help landowners that wish to better manage their woodlands.

<http://www.ifwoa.org/>

The Forest Stewardship Council's mission is to promote environmentally sound, socially beneficial and economically prosperous management of the world's forests by helping to meet the current needs for forest products without compromising the health of the world's forests for future generations. They provide an active peer network and certification program.

www.us.fsc.org/index.htm

The American Tree Farm System is a network of professionals and landowners sharing a commitment to sustainable forestry. They offer seminars and workshops to help landowners achieve the goals set for their tree farms.

www.treefarmssystem.org/get-started-american-tree-farm

A Guide for Landowners using Managing Your Woodlands: A Template for Your plans for the Future:

www.treefarmssystem.org/stuff/contentmgr/files/1/811656e8116af1c86571cbbf51851fac/files/guide_for_landowners_for_the_joint_management_plan_template.21feb11.pdf

www.treefarmssystem.org/stuff/contentmgr/files/1/811656e8116af1c86571cbbf51851fac/files/managing_your_woodlands_national_atfs_fs_nrcs_joint_management_plan_template.21feb11.doc

The American Forest Foundation promotes stewardship and protecting our nation's forest heritage. They provide My Land Plan, a website to help map your land, set goals and get professional help.

www.mylandplan.org

The Indiana Forestry Exchange helps to link Indiana's forest industry buyers and sellers.

www.in.gov/forestryexchange/INForestryX/default.aspx

The Allen County Assessor's Office website lists additional information that may be helpful to you:

www.allencountyassessor.org

This is not an exhaustive list of all possible conservation programs offered in Indiana. Please contact other local conservation organizations for other possible programs. Then contact the Allen County Assessor's Office to make sure that any program you enroll in is eligible for a reduction in your assessed value.