



# Forestry Programs Webinar

## Tuesday, March 16, 2021



Time	Topic	Speaker	Agency
8:00-8:35	Forest Stewardship Program	Mike Smalligan	DNR Forest
8:35-9:10	Commercial Forest Program	Karen Maidlow	DNR Forest
9:10-9:45	Qualified Forest Program	Kevin VanGieson	MDARD
9:45-10:20	NRCS Forestry – EQIP, CSP et al	Andy Henriksen	NRCS
10:20-10:55	Beech Leaf Disease & Forest Health	Cheryl Nelson	DNR Forest
10:55-11:30	Invasive Species	Ryan Wheeler	DNR Forest & Wildlife
11:30-12:05	Habitat, Wetlands & Birds	Gib King	USFWS
12:05-12:40	American Tree Farm System	Kayti Brinkman	AFF



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# Michigan Forest Stewardship Program

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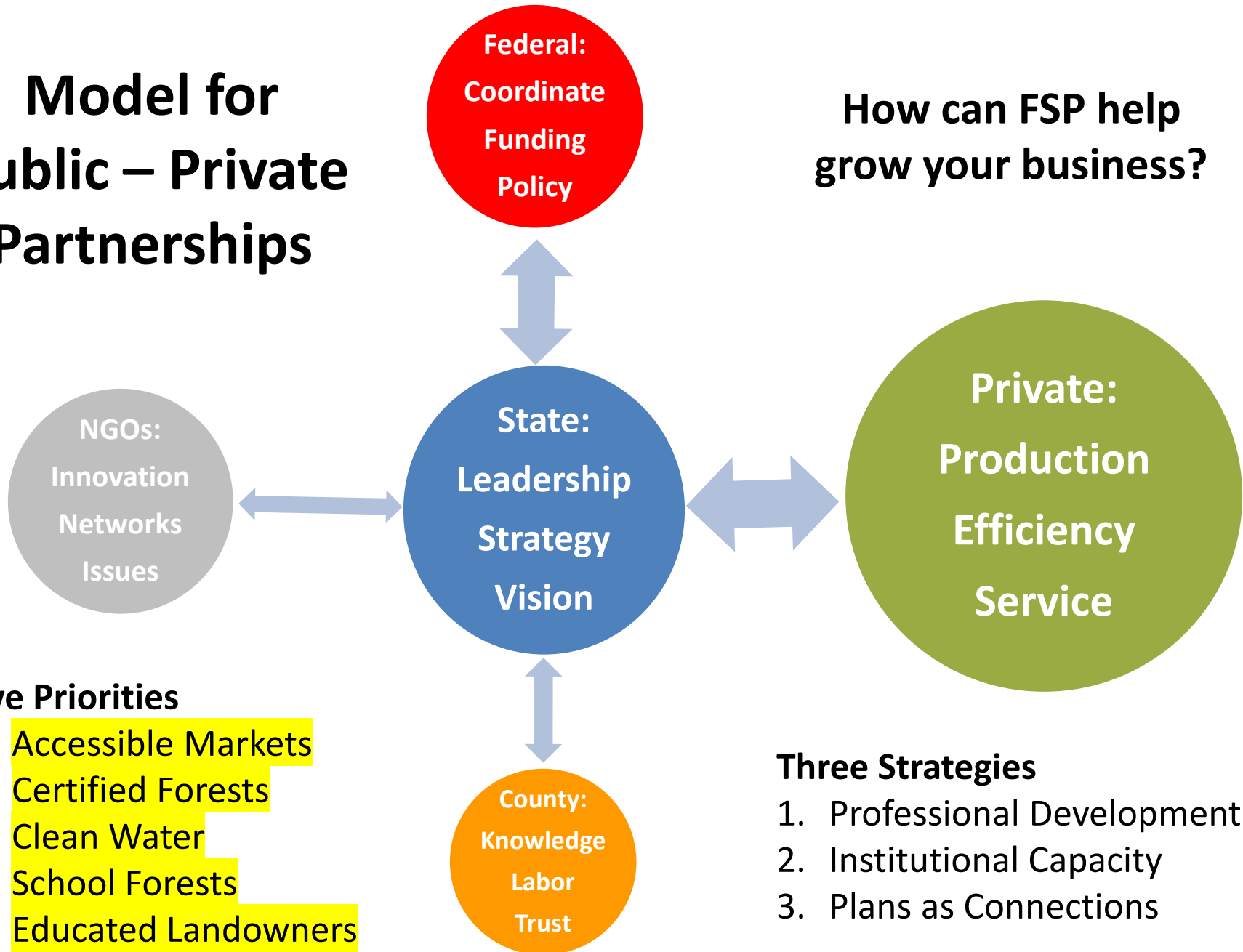
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# Model for Public – Private Partnerships

How can FSP help grow your business?



# Who can help land conservancies with forest certification?

- Foresters (professional with SAF-accredited degree)
  - Four Types: Government, research, industry & consulting
  - Multiple Credentials:
    - Society of American Foresters – Certified Forester
    - Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF)
      - Rigorous ethical standards to work only for their client
    - MI Registered Forester (includes all 4 types and many industry)
    - Programs: ATFS Inspector, FSP Plan Writer, NRCS-TSP, MDARD-QF
    - Forest Steward Guild (17 in MI but only 2 for hire)



- Loggers (highly-skilled trades)
  - 1,400 SFI-trained Qualified Logging Professionals
    - <https://sfimi.org/login> User: sfi Password: training
  - Michigan Association of Timbermen
    - 79 Certified Master Loggers
  - GLTPA & ALC



# Accessible Markets

- Invest in foresters
  - \$15,000 grant to MACF
    - \$2.5k marketing supplies
    - \$5k marketing to land conservancies
    - \$7.5k ACF labor for O&E
  - SAF meetings
    - April 15-16 online & regional field days
    - Sep 30 – Oct 1 in Escanaba
  - Trainings
    - Forestry Programs webinar March 16
    - Tree Farm inspectors
      - March 1 and March 5 with AFF
      - April 16 webinar with Kayti
      - [www.ATFSdatabase.org](http://www.ATFSdatabase.org)
    - Becoming a TSP Workshop??
- Invest in loggers
  - *Only 29% of MI landowners use a forester for timber sale*
  - \$17.5k partnership grant to MITREE (MAT) for the Master Logger Certification
  - \$25k to SFI for logger trainings and BMP photos (Little Bridges grant)
    - MSUE's Desire to Learn online learning management system



# Certified Forests

- Sustainable Forestry Initiative
  - SFI trains 1,400 loggers every year
  - \$25k for training & BMP photos
- Forest Stewardship Council
  - \$15k to SRI for Master Logger CoC
  - \$17.5k to MAT for Master Loggers
  - **\$25k to TNC for landowners?**
- American Tree Farm System
  - \$15k partnership grant for admin
  - \$55k for inspections
  - 2021 to 2025 Standards of Sustainability
    - **Update in Standard One – do we update FSP plans??**
      - “Conversion: Removal of natural or historical vegetative cover to convert land use from forest to non-forest, or non-forest to forest.”
    - **Standard 4 – Record of Pesticide Use in the FSP Appendix**



# Clean Water

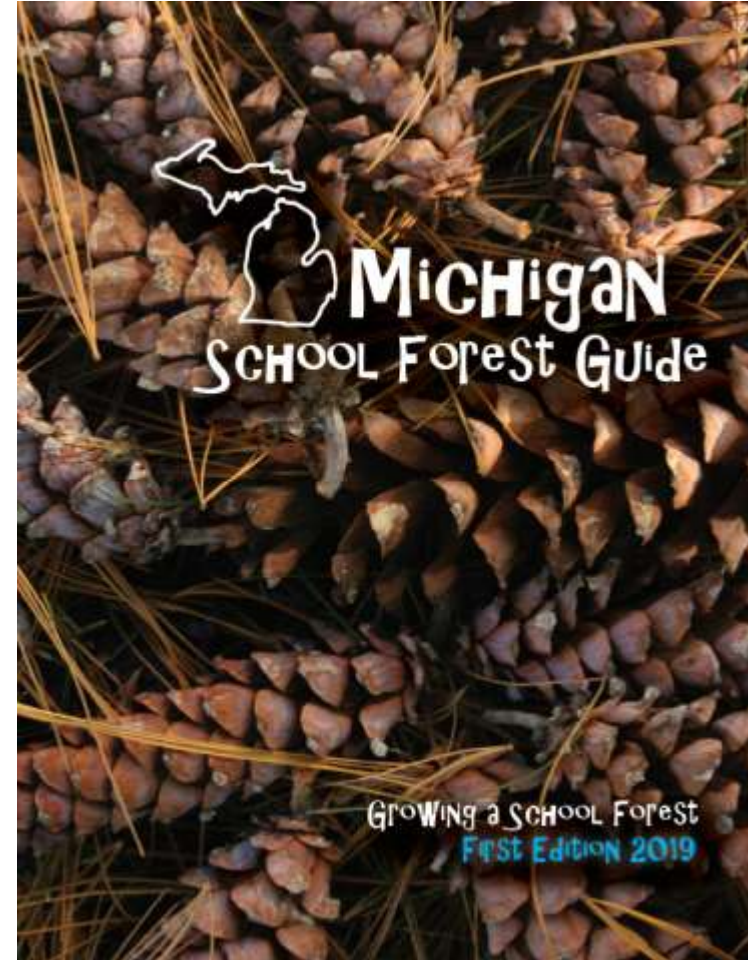


- Forests for Fish
  - Resources at [www.ForestsForFish.org](http://www.ForestsForFish.org)
  - [www.facebook.com/ForestsForFish](https://www.facebook.com/ForestsForFish)
- Little Bridges of Michigan Counties
  - Crane mats for MAT loggers - \$130k
  - FSC - \$40k, SFI - \$25k, Tree Farm - \$55k
  - DNR workshops - \$20k
- GLRI Tree Planting
  - Trees for School Forests
    - \$254k USFS and \$50k Arbor Day
    - 7 foresters, 10 schools, 111k trees
  - 10 more schools in 2021???



# School Forests

- Wheels to Woods
  - 2,820 students, 208 parents, 124 teachers
  - \$30k from GLRI Trees for School Forests
  - 37,470 students in 5 years at \$3.64/student
- *Michigan School Forest Guide*
  - Bridge between forestry and education
- FSP Plans for Schools
  - \$16k to spend in FY2021
  - \$1,400 plus \$2.50 per acre up to \$3,000
- GLRI tree planting in 2022-23??

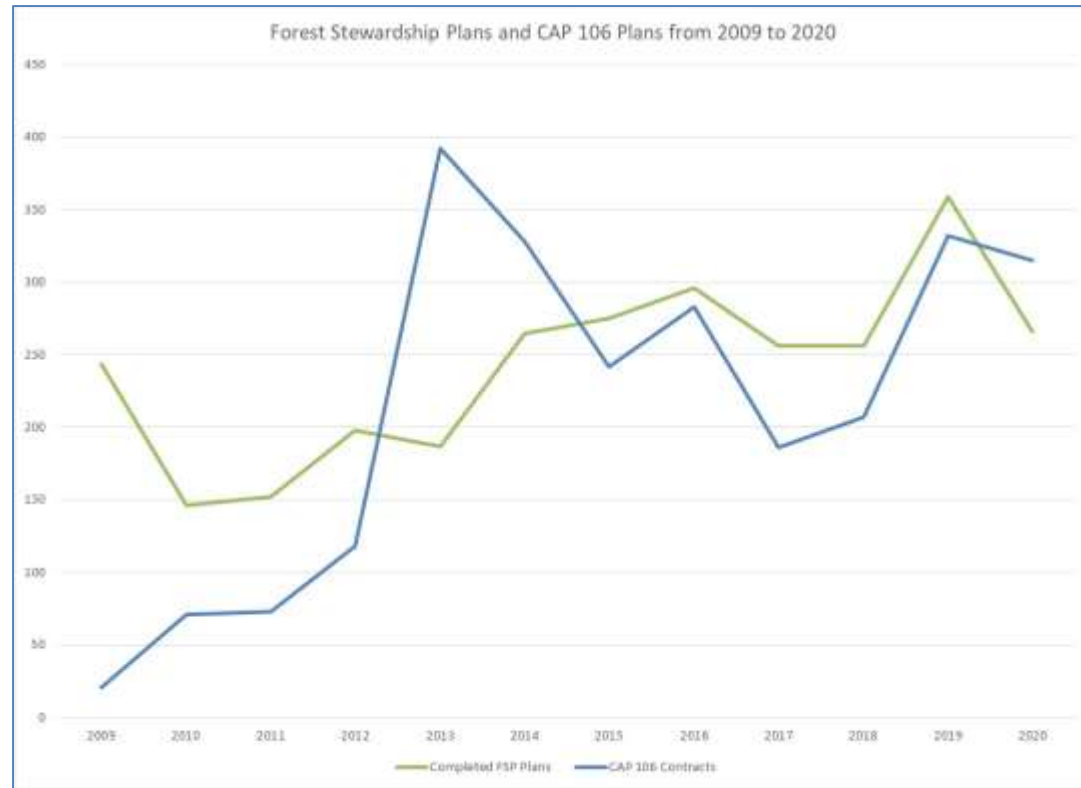




# Educated Landowners

- Forest Stewardship Plans - \$80k

- 315 CAP 106 plans at \$1,825
- 266 FSP plans at \$316
- 432 plans for QFP
- Application Form (Nov 2019)
  - \$200 plus \$0.50 per acre
  - \$100 for Tree Farm and free MFA
- USFS “Modernization”
  - *Federal 50% Priority Areas*
  - *Report and monitor other plans*
  - *Modify funding formula*



- Partnership Grants - \$67k

- \$15,000 to MI Tree Farm Committee for admin & IMG audits
- \$15,000 to MI ACF for marketing to land conservancies
- \$17,500 to MAT for Master Logger
- \$5,000 to MFA for new members
- \$15,000 (x2) to MSUE for online Master Woodland Stewards class

# Forest Stewardship Plans

- Executive Summary
  - Put your best info up front
- Goals and Objectives
  - Specific to the landowner, NOT general to the forester
- Forest Cover Type
  - What is the desired future condition?
- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Stacy Tchorzynski (LEO) [TchorzynskiS@michigan.gov](mailto:TchorzynskiS@michigan.gov)
- Update checklist
  - include optional items of “conversion” & “pesticide records”

# 2021 Stewardship Forester

## *Dean Francis of Upper Michigan Land Management*

UMLM has done 577 FSP plans since 1992, second only to Grossman Forestry!  
Plus 111 NRCS CAP-106 plans. Average parcel size is 140 acres for both.



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Dean & Tim



Dean & John Willis

A photograph of three tree trunks in a snowy forest. The tree on the left has dark, deeply textured bark. The middle tree has smooth, light-colored bark. The tree on the right has light-colored bark with horizontal lenticels. Snow is visible on the ground and on some branches in the background.

# Questions & Comments?

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