

# What is Cost Share?



A Long Forestry Landowner Resource

# What is Cost Share?

Cost share is financial assistance that landowners can apply for in order to manage and improve the value of their property. The funds that a landowner receives are free, and do not have to be paid back. It is essentially free money that goes directly to improving the land of private landowners.

# Sources of Cost Share Funding

There are multiple sources of cost share funds. The primary sources are state and federal natural resource agencies, but occasionally they are available from private agencies. Cost share funds typically cover 50 to 75% of the total cost of forest management activities.

# How Does Cost Share Work

For example, if a forest stand improvement was conducted on your property at \$100 per acre, a cost share program will pay \$75 per acre of that cost, with only \$25 per acre coming out of the landowner's pocket. A forest stand improvement is a direct investment into the property that improves the diversity and wildlife habitat while increasing the future value of the forest. It is basically the same as someone giving you \$100, and all you had to do is give them \$25 back.

# Practice Life

Cost share programs usually come with a practice life. The practice life is the length of time a landowner needs to maintain the practice that was cost shared. For example, the practice life of a forest stand improvement is typically one year. Once it is done it is time to stand back and let the forest develop. On the other hand, invasive species control will have a practice life 3 to 10 years. It takes more than one treatment to effectively control invasive species.

# Availability of Cost Share

Sources of cost share funds vary from year to year, and depend on budgets and availability. Landowners also have to have various qualifications for different cost share programs. Long Forestry stays in constant contact with cost sharing agencies in order to receive up to date information on availability, application processes and qualification standards. Because of this our clients often have the first opportunity to apply for and receive cost share funds before they are used up.

**Contact Long Forestry to speak to a consulting forester and to see what we can do for you to get you the funds you need to effectively manage your property and achieve your personal goals for your forest.**

**The staff at Long Forestry have the knowledge and resources to provide forest landowners with the education, tools, and financial resources they need to properly manage their land in order to achieve their goals.**

**Call and speak to a consultant today.**

## **Long Forestry Consultation**

2220 Spanish Bluff Rd  
Anna, IL 62906

**(618) 893-2307**

[mike@longforestry.com](mailto:mike@longforestry.com)

[www.longforestry.com](http://www.longforestry.com)



*Sustainable Forest Management*