

What is the BMP Program?



Landowners, consulting foresters, local ordinances and stream crossing permits often require loggers to protect water quality. The WAC Forestry Program can help develop a plan to protect water quality and provide funding to apply BMPs on timber harvests in order to meet those requirements.

The BMP Program has three components that can be combined or used individually on a timber harvest.

1. Erosion Control Component

Receive funding to control erosion during and after the harvest using simple BMPs like water bars, skid trail re-grading, corduroy, hay and grass seed, and gravel on the landing.

2. Stream Crossing Component

Sediment from timber harvests is most likely to enter the water at stream crossings and BMPs are especially important here. Funding is available for enhanced BMPs around stream crossings, portable bridges are available free of charge, and the transportation and installation of them are cost-shared.

3. BMP Free Sample Component

Samples to try include geotextile fabric, silt fencing, pipe culverts, hay bales, grass seed, erosion control blankets and straw wattles.



Trained Logger Certified (TLC) loggers participating in the BMP Program are eligible for higher funding rates.

Questions or need more information?

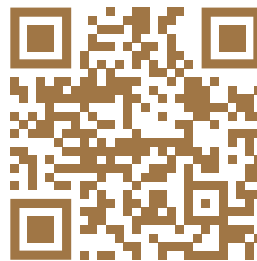


Due to the technical nature of this program, it is recommended that you contact the WAC Forestry Program with any questions you might have on the components of the BMP Program or for help filling out the application form.

**Contact a WAC Forester at (607) 865-7790
or email forestry@nycwatershed.org**

How To Apply

Eligibility: Any timber harvester actively engaged in harvesting trees on a logging job in the NYC Watershed



nycwatershed.org/bmp-program

Applications are accepted year round and project selection occurs twice each month. Projects are expected to be completed within one year of the approval date.

Applications can be emailed to:
forestry@nycwatershed.org
or mailed to:

Watershed Forestry Program
33195 State Highway 10
Walton, NY 13856

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Best Management Practice Program

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR LOGGING BMPS



Best Management Practices (BMPs) are beneficial to both the landowner and the logger during and after timber harvest operations. BMPs are techniques that are used to keep forests healthy by preventing erosion and protecting water quality.

The Watershed Agricultural Council's (WAC) Forestry Program provides money, materials and technical support to loggers installing BMPs on timber harvests in the NYC Watershed.

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Best Management Program *Components:

Erosion Control BMPs

Throughout a timber harvest, BMPs are used to reduce erosion and keep the skid trails and log landing usable.



Funding is available to offset the costs of these BMPs that can be used before, during and after the harvest.

Example of funded BMPs include:

- Skid trail relocation and re-grading
- Post-harvest stabilization
- Corduroy
- Water bars
- Gravel
- Culverts



Stream Crossing BMPs

Stream crossings are highly sensitive areas that require added protection from erosion and pollution.



Stream crossings can be costly and the Stream Crossing Component can offset those costs by providing the following incentives:

Stream Crossing BMPs

BMPs such as water bars, corduroy, and post-harvest stabilization at a stream crossing are cost-shared at a higher rate than those not associated with a stream crossing.

Portable Bridge Loan or Rental

The WAC Forestry Program owns 20, 30 and 40 foot portable skidder bridges that are available in the NYC Watershed for use at no-cost. If renting your own bridge, cost-share funding is available towards the cost.

Portable Bridge Transportation and Installation

Whether using one of WAC's bridges, or renting your own, funding is available to assist with the costs associated with the transportation and installation of bridges.

Portable Bridge Cost Share

Funding is available towards the cost of building or purchasing your own portable bridge.

*Cost share rates and detailed information for the components can be found on the BMP Application at nycwatershed.org/bmp-program or by using the QR code.

BMP Free Samples

The BMP Program delivers free samples of erosion control products for use on timber harvests in the NYC Watershed.



Free samples include:

- Geotextile road fabric
- Bales of hay/straw
- Silt fencing
- Straw wattles
- Grass seed
- Culverts
- Erosion control blankets
- Fluid spill kits

Products are delivered to the jobsite and hay/straw, seeding, silt fencing, straw wattles, and erosion control blankets can be installed by WAC foresters.

