

EXPANDING AGROFORESTRY PROJECT

APPLICATION PROCESS TIMING: APPROX 4 MONTHS

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ENSURE YOUR ELIGIBILITY

Review EAP FAQ document on our webpage for all eligibility requirements. Producers must be located in one of 30 eligible states, planning to establish a min 5 acres (3 acre min in HI) in alley cropping, silvopasture, and/or windbreaks. Eligible land cannot be currently in woodland or forested conditions.



DEVELOP YOUR AGROFORESTRY PLAN

Understand your soils, review site history, and determine: species lists, tree/shrub spacing, budget estimates, marketing plans, and grazing plans (if applicable). Contact your regional lead organization to schedule a 1-hour pre-application consultation.



FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION

Thoroughly answer all questions and include maps and/or other resources that will help us understand your farm. Check the EAP website for more information regarding open cycles.



WAIT FOR A RESPONSE

Approximately 10 weeks after the application cycle closes, you will be notified by TNC whether you have been selected to move forward for technical assistance from our EAP team. If you are not, you may apply again in the next cycle.







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PRE-ENROLLMENT

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FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER ASSIGNED Get paired with your free EAP Technical Assistant Provider



TECHNICAL ASSITANCE KICK-OFF CALL Virtual Kick-off and Orientation Meeting with Technical Assistance Provider



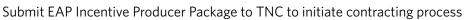
FARM SITE VISIT & FINALIZE DESIGN Technical Assistance Provider will visit your farm and conduct follow up conversations to Finalize Site Design to NRCS Conservation Practice Standards



COLLECT REQUIRED USDA DOCUMENTATION Acquire all approvals for USDA Eligibility Documentation (including CPA-52)



SUBMIT INCENTIVE PACKAGE TO TNC





ENROLL: SIGN PRODUCER INCENTIVE AGREEMENT & RECEIVE 1ST INCENTIVE PAYMENT

Execute agreement with TNC and receive first incentive payment within 60 days. Producers who have signed an agreement with TNC are considered fully enrolled in the program







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POST-ENROLLMENT TIMING: THROUGH END OF AWARD PERIOD IN 2028

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PLANT AGROFORESTRY SYSTEM

Agroforestry plantings should be fully planted within 18 months from signature date of the agreement with TNC



MEASURE STEM SIZE AT PLANTING

Producers must measure DBH on a subset of stems in the planting (training will be provided) to collect baseline data



PLANTING VERIFICATION BY EAP STAFF

Verification of tree planting to NRCS Conservation Practice Standards





SECOND INCENTIVE PAYMENT

Producers will receive their 2nd incentive payment within 60 days after approved planting verification





ADDITIONAL PLANTING MEASUREMENTS

In the final year of the award, producers must complete the second DBH measurement of their trees, collect soil samples, and complete all required reporting





FINAL INCENTIVE PAYMENT & CLOSE-OUT

Producers will receive their final incentive payment installment in the final year of the program after approved final reporting data is received



