

Own a Forest?



FOREST PARTNERS
Peterborough Kawarthas

Save money and get the most from a healthy woodlot.

Get a professional Managed Forest Plan with a 50% subsidy.

FOREST PARTNERS PROGRAM (FPP)

The Forest Partners Program is a collaboration between Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) and a community of local Registered Professional Foresters (RPF). Together **we are helping private landowners access the government of Ontario's Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP) by offering a subsidy of up to 50% for enrolment through the development of a Managed Forest Plan.**

A registered Managed Forest Plan provides 75% tax saving on forest acres, which can translate into \$100s or \$1,000s in savings a year. Over 15,000 Ontario landowners have enrolled in the MFTIP program, which has run for more than 30 years.

Is your forest eligible?

- ☐ Located within **City of Kawartha Lakes or Peterborough County**
- ☐ **25+ acres** of forested land
- ☐ Property owned by a Canadian resident, business, or trust
- ☐ All forest management goals welcome:
 - ☐ Passive management — wildlife habitat, wild forest
 - ☐ Active management — timber, maple syrup, firewood
 - ☐ Personal recreation — hunting, hiking, nature
- ☐ Willing to work with a Registered Professional Forester (RPF)



What you get

- ☐ **50% subsidy** on your plan enrolment costs (\$500 – \$5,000 value)
- ☐ **A community of eight Registered Professional Foresters** collaborating to deliver the best forestry practices
- ☐ **Ontario MFTIP enrolment** — a 75% property tax reduction on your forest land
- ☐ **Access to KLT's Partners in Conservation program** for ongoing stewardship support if desired
- ☐ **A 10-year forest management plan** that guides your forest stewardship to new levels that tackle the dual crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, one woodlot at a time

How it works — Six steps from inquiry to tax savings

- 1 Check Eligibility** • Confirm your property is in the City of Kawartha Lakes or Peterborough County with 25+ acres of forested land. Review program FAQs on our website: forestpartners.ca and call KLT Forest Partners Program Coordinator to enrol.
- 2 Choose Your Forester** • KLT will introduce you to our community of Registered Professional Foresters. Select the RPF that's the right fit for your property and goals.
- 3 Confirm Your Subsidy** • Sign the KLT Forest Partners Program Participant Agreement to confirm the subsidy. No long-term relationship with KLT is required. Your RPF sends a structured invoice — KLT reviews it and confirms your 50% subsidy in writing before any plan work begins.
- 4 Develop Your Plan** • Your RPF will visit your property, conduct a field inventory, and write a comprehensive Managed Forest Plan, which includes your goals, your forest health, and a management strategy.
- 5 Review and Submit** • KLT reviews the draft plan to confirm all required content is included. Your RPF then submits, with your approval, the finalized plan to the Ontario MFTIP portal.
- 6 Save on Taxes** • Once submitted, KLT pays your RPF directly for the second half of their service fee. Your forest land is re-assessed by the province and you receive a 75% property tax reduction in the following tax year if your plan is submitted before June 30.

Other opportunities

Partners in Conservation (PIC) • Access KLT's Partners in Conservation team who collaborate with hundreds of landowners on stewardship projects spanning over 11,000 acres of land. Through an optional PIC membership, your individual efforts can support a broader network that cares for the land in the Kawarthas.

Forest Coaching • Receive 50% off a one-on-one walk-and-talk in your forest with a Registered Professional Forester. Increase your forest knowledge, get active management advice, or review a potential management activity.

Stewardship Workshops • In partnership with the Ontario Woodlot Association (OWA), the Forest Partners Program offers a 50% subsidy in the Master Forest Steward workshop series — four in-person sessions covering forestry fundamentals. Workshops are held in the fall.

Learn more about how **your forest** can save you money.

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