COMMUNITY FOREST TRUST NOMINATION FORM

DNR currently is considering nominations for the 2013-2015 Biennium for lands to be included in the state Community Forest Trust. Please develop your proposal as completely as possible using this form and requested attachments (see checklist at end). A short proposal narrative (less than one page) also is requested, which can include details not covered in the questions below. The proposal is due to Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on or before Monday, July 2, 2012. See the proposed timeline below, and contact Andrew Hayes at 360-902-1347 or andrew.hayes@dnr.wa.gov if you have questions about the requirements.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please include on your nomination the date and signature of authority representing the project sponsor.

1. Proposal Sponsor:
   Main Contact:
   Sponsor Mailing Address:
   Sponsor Email address:
   Sponsor Phone:

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Please provide a map(s) and aerial photo(s) of the proposed community forest if you have them.

2. Property acreage:
3. County in which the property is located (city or municipality, if any):
4. Legal description (township range and section) or GPS coordinates of property location (include parcel numbers):
5. Current zoning for the property:
6. Legal owner of property:
7. Briefly describe the history of the property’s management; include the current use and most likely future use of the property, if known:
8. Describe the current use and likely future use of properties surrounding the proposed community forest property, if known:
9. Timber age and site class (approximate, if known):
10. Estimated property value (land and timber) (Describe the source of the estimate and reason(s) for the value. If there are multiple estimates, provide information for each one):
11. Provide evidence that the property is “at risk” of conversion to a non-forest use (e.g. highest and best use based on recent appraisal, recent changes to zoning, evidence of market activity in the vicinity)

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The existence of broad community support and partnerships are central to the long-term success of a community forest. Demonstrating the strength and diversity of that community partnership is elemental to its success and therefore to the success of its nomination. Partnerships may include (but may not be limited to) land trusts, local municipalities, neighboring landowners, recreational user groups, conservation organizations, local businesses, and elected officials.

12. What community members or organizations support this proposal? Why? (Provide at least 3 letters from the supporting parties.)

13. What community members or organizations, if any, do not support this proposal? Why?

14. What are the anticipated sources for the community match of 50 percent of the non-timber development value?

15. Is there a timing limitation for the funding? Are there any constraints or conditions? (Provide a letter of financial commitment accounting for funding.)

COMMUNITY FOREST VALUES

The Community Forest Trust legislation requires that Community Forest properties be managed as working forests, and that objectives be established for the management of those lands that include a balance of community values and revenue production. These lands must support themselves financially in order for DNR to provide effective stewardship. Community partners are highly encouraged to reach some initial agreement on values they would like to see embodied by their proposed Community Forest and how those goals will be achieved through revenue-producing activities in that working forest.

16. What are the most important community values (e.g., environmental, aesthetic, recreational, and other social and economic) currently provided by and/or anticipated to be provided by managing the property as a Community Forest?

17. What are the specific, if preliminary, proposed management objectives of the proposed community forest? Include a detailed discussion of likely revenue-producing activities for the property (i.e., timber harvest, recreational leases, ecosystem service payments, etc.).

18. How will the proposed revenue-producing activities cover the anticipated costs of management?

19. Please identify existing, approved land use plans with which your project is consistent or inconsistent (e.g., county comprehensive plan, shoreline management plan), and briefly explain that consistency.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

20. Is there any additional information DNR should know about the proposal that is not covered in detail above?

Submission Checklist
- Proposal narrative (one page)
- Answers to above 20 questions (no more than 10 pages total)
- Map of proposed community forest
- Aerial photo image of proposed community forest
- Letters of support
- Letter(s) of financial commitment

Nominations must be received by July 2, 2012. Please submit by email to andrew.hayes@dnr.wa.gov or by mail to:

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PROPOSED TIMELINE
Community Forest Trust Program for FY 2013-2015

| March-April 2012 | Outreach to potential community partners interested in Community Forest Trust program; overview presentation to Board of Natural Resources |
| July 2, 2012     | Community Forest nominations due to DNR |
| July-August 2012 | DNR reviews nominations and finalizes list of initial proposed properties for approval by the Board of Natural Resources |
| September 2012   | Board of Natural Resources selects pilot projects to be forwarded to the legislature; DNR submits capital budget proposal to the Governor’s Office of Financial Management that includes a funding package for proposed Community Forest properties |
| October 2012 – March 2013 | DNR and community partners pursue support for funding of the Community Forest Trust proposal in legislature |
| July 2013        | Implementation of Community Forest Trust program pilots begin (if funded by legislature) |