

## **Sustainable Forest Partnership Progress Report**

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The Sustainable Forests Partnership (SFP) will develop regionally-specific information sheets and train-the-trainer materials to step down Montreal Process Criteria and Indicator (MPCI) from existing National Association of State Foresters *Stewardship Handbook* pocket guide and notebook to private forest landowners. SFP institutions will collaborate with state forestry agencies and forest landowner associations to develop education materials. The materials will be easily replicated by other states and available on the SFP website for other institutions to use, with the intent of advancing sustainable forest management at the landowner level.

The project is a two-year iterative process. Phase I institutions (Auburn University, Oregon State University, and the Pennsylvania State University), in collaboration with their respective state forestry agency and landowner associations, will develop, present, and evaluate landowner MPCI educational materials. Based on lessons learned in Phase I, Phase II SFP institutions will develop MPCI education materials for their respective state.

Extension, Forest Stewards/landowner associations, and state forestry agencies will develop education materials teaching landowners about criteria and indicators. We intend to capture the language small forest landowners use to describe their management practices and strategies, then use the National Association of State Foresters *Stewardship Handbook* framework to develop a two-page information sheet and PowerPoint presentation explaining how specific practices and strategies relating to the MPCI can help achieve stewardship goals. The tools developed in this project will show that achieving stewardship goals is synonymous with sustainable forest management and the MPCI. Tools will also offer easy to understand information, so landowners can decide how to best manage their lands to meet stewardship goals.

### **Message Delivery**

- Develop and distribute information sheet and PowerPoint presentations to extension foresters and service foresters.
- Develop one or more press releases and articles in newsletters sent to forest landowners, stakeholders, and forest agency employees, describing the two-page information sheet and how to receive it.
- Convert “tools” to web-based information available to consulting foresters, as well as landowners and extension and forestry professionals in other states.
- Share “tools” and conduct a train-the-trainer session with forest landowners.