

Woodland Stewardship Plan: PID#15-008-0100
City/County: Milaca, Mille Lacs
Geographic Management Zone: Upper Rum, Milaca
Landowner: Douglas Scholz

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Project Summary:

This project will provide cost-share for a Woodland Stewardship Plan for Douglas Scholz. This 80 acre property is a few properties off from the main stem of the Rum River. The land falls within the Upper Rum, Milaca sub-watershed.

Project Status:

Initiated: 3/04/2026

Contract approved:
3/11/26

Completed:
3/19/2026

Funding:

Watershed and Forest
Restoration: What a
Match!

\$300 cost-share

Cooperators:

LCCMR (funding source)

BWSR (grant holder)

Private Consultant:

Paul Dickson

Watershed:

Rum River Watershed



Woodland Stewardship Plan (WSP) Cost-Share Contract

PURPOSE: To create a contract between the Mille Lacs Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the landowner(s) for Woodland Stewardship Plan (WSP) cost-share assistance.

General Information (to be filled in by the MLSWCD):

Organization Mille Lacs SWCD	Contract Number P23-2942-WSP-22	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Date(s):	Canceled <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
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*If contract amended, attach amendment form(s) to this contract.

Landowner Information:

Name: <u>DOUGLAS SCHOLZ</u>	Phone: <u>612-541-1264</u>	Email: <u>INSPECTORDAS@OUTLOOK.COM</u>
Mailing Address: <u>8832 COTTONWOOD LN</u>	City/State: <u>EDEN PLAIN MN</u>	Zip: <u>55347</u>
WSP Parcel Number(s): <u>15-008-0100</u>		WSP County: <u>MILLE LACS</u>

Approval and Reimbursement Process

1. A signed contract must be received from the landowner before any work begins.
2. Mille Lacs SWCD staff will submit the signed contract to the Mille Lacs SWCD Board for review.
3. If approved, the contract will be signed by Mille Lacs SWCD, and plan writing may commence.
4. Upon completion of the Woodland Stewardship Plan, the landowner or consultant must submit:
 - a. A copy of the final plan; and
 - b. A copy of the paid invoice to Mille Lacs SWCD.
5. Mille Lacs SWCD staff will bring the reimbursement request to the Board for final confirmation.
6. Upon Board confirmation, reimbursement will be issued to the eligible party.

Contract Information

I, the undersigned, do hereby request financial reimbursement to assist with the creation of a Woodland Stewardship Plan (WSP). It is understood that:

1. The Woodland Stewardship Plan (WSP) must cover land located within the Rum River Watershed.
2. The plan writer selected by the landowner must:
 - a. Be a certified plan writer with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and
 - b. Hold current professional registration.
3. In addition to standard WSP content, plans shall emphasize:
 - a. Land protection opportunities, such as enrollment in the Sustainable Forest Incentives Act (SFIA) and Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Easements; and
 - b. Reforestation and tree planting potential and opportunities.
4. The landowner or consultant must provide:
 - a. A final copy of the Woodland Stewardship Plan; and
 - b. A copy of the paid invoice for plan development.
5. Cost-share shall be provided as a flat-rate reimbursement of \$300, not to exceed the actual cost of the Woodland Stewardship Plan.
6. This contract is not in effect until the date of the final authorized signature. Any costs incurred prior to the contract's effective date will not be reimbursed.
7. It is the responsibility of the landowner to convey all necessary and accurate information to their selected plan writer.
8. This contract shall expire upon completion of reimbursement by the SWCD.



Woodland Stewardship Plan (WSP) Cost-Share Contract

Landowner Signature

The landowner's signature indicates agreement to;

1. The contract information as outlined above, and;
2. The organization's representative conferring with the plan writer on plan's details, as necessary.

Date 03/04/2026	Landowner 
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SWCD Board Signature:

The organization has authorized financial assistance in an amount **not to exceed \$300 for one Woodland Stewardship Plan and not to exceed the actual cost of the plan.**

I certify that I have reviewed this contract and all supporting documentation and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information provided is accurate and in compliance with the terms of this contract.

Approval Date 3/11/26	Authorized Signature 	Total Amount Approved: \$ 300
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Woodland Stewardship Plan Summary

Landowner: Doug Scholz

Parcel ID: Mille Lacs County Parcel 15-008-0100

Property Size: 80 acres (approximately 77 acres SFIA eligible)

Current Tax Program: 8-Year Minimum Sustainable Forest Incentive Act (SFIA)

Stewardship Goals

Management activities on this property are intended to support long-term forest health, wildlife habitat, and sustainable timber production. Primary goals include:

- Maintaining young forest conditions to provide wildlife habitat and future timber resources.
- Increasing habitat diversity by encouraging understory regeneration, thinning stump sprouts, and releasing desirable conifers and oak species.
- Conducting timber harvests and thinning activities to improve stand health, promote regeneration, and provide potential income.
- Maintaining a mix of forested and open grassy areas to support diverse wildlife species.
- Protecting wetlands to preserve water quality and wildlife habitat.

Property Description

The property is located approximately 10 miles northwest of Milaca in Mille Lacs County.

The surrounding landscape consists of a mix of agricultural land, hardwood forest, and wetlands typical of the region. Adjacent lands are privately owned. Tibbetts Brook serves as the primary drainage feature in the area.

Management Recommendations

Recommended stewardship activities include periodic timber stand improvement, selective thinning, regeneration management, and ongoing monitoring of forest health and invasive species concerns. Wetlands and sensitive habitat areas should remain protected during management activities. Open areas may be maintained through periodic mowing or other management practices to preserve wildlife habitat diversity.



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INVOICE

DATE: March 19, 2026
INVOICE # 414
FOR: Stewardship plan

Bill To:

Doug Scholz
 8832 Cottonwood Lane
 Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Paid 3-19-26

DESCRIPTION	Acres	\$/acre	AMOUNT
Stewardship plan for \$8 acre	80	\$ 8.00	\$ 640.00
\$300/plan	1	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
			\$ -
TOTAL			\$ 940.00

Make all checks payable to: **Dickson Forestry Inc**

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FLAT RATE - VOUCHER AND PRACTICE CERTIFICATION FORM

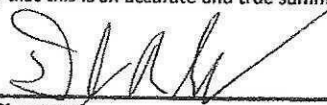
PAYEE AND COST INFORMATION

Name: Douglas Scholz
 Address: 8832 Cottonwood LN
 City, State, Zip: Eden Prairie, MN 55347
 Contract No.: P23-2942-WSP-22 Total Amount Authorized: \$300
 (from contract)

Practice	Quantity	Unit	Unit Rate	Total
Woodland Stewardship Plan	1			\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00
				\$0.00

PAYMENT REQUEST: **\$300.00**

I certify that this is an accurate and true summation of the above project, which was completed on: 04/04/2026


 Payee Signature

10 APRIL 2026
 Date

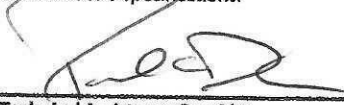
PAYMENT AND CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

- A. Type of request (partial or final): _____
- B. Payment amount requested: _____ \$300.00
- C. Total Amount Authorized: _____ \$300.00
- D. Total previous partial payments: _____
- E. Amount available (C - D) _____ \$300.00

Amount Approved for This Voucher: **\$300.00**
 (cannot exceed Total Amount Authorized)

Technical Certification

I certify that an inspection has been performed and that the items identified under the Practice Information section of this form have been completed and are in accordance with the requested practice standards and specifications.


 Technical Assistance Provider

4-27-26
 Date

Administrative Certification

I certify that I have reviewed this voucher and all supporting information and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the quantities and rates are accurate and are in accordance with terms of the contract identified.

 Administrative Sign-off

 Date