

Woodland Stewardship Plan: PID #: 15-020-0300 & 15-021-0404

City/County: Milaca, Mille Lacs

Geographic Management Zone: Onamia

Landowner: Dan Billmark

Acres: 102



Project Summary:

This project will provide cost-share for a Woodland Stewardship Plan for Dan Billmark. He has 102 acres in the Milaca GMZ. The property is completely forested with a Tibbets Brook running through the eastern portion.

Project Status:

Initiated: 4/1/2026

Contract approved:

4/8/2026

Completed:

4/21/2026

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-24	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: Dan D. Billmark	Phone: 612 518-1069	Email: dbillmark@gmail.com
Mailing Address: 14771 220th st Zip: 56353		City/State: Milaca/MN
WSP Parcel Number(s): 15-020-0300 & 15-021-0404		WSP County: Mille Lacs

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 4/1/2026	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 4/8/26	Authorized Signature 	Total Amount Approved: \$ 300
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Woodland Stewardship Plan Summary

Landowner: Dan Billmark

Property Size: 102 acres total (100 stewardship acres; 2 non-stewardship acres)

Current Tax Program: 2c Managed Forestland

Stewardship Goals

- Maintaining young forest conditions for wildlife habitat and future timber supply.
- Promoting habitat diversity by encouraging understory growth, thinning stump sprouts, and releasing conifers and oak species.
- Conducting timber harvests and thinning to improve forest health, stimulate regeneration, and generate potential income.
- Providing a mix of forested and open areas to support a variety of wildlife species.
- Protecting wetlands to maintain water quality and wildlife habitat.

Property Description

The property is located approximately 8 miles northwest of Milaca.

The surrounding landscape consists of a mix of agricultural land, hardwood forests, wetlands, and lakes. Tibbets Brook runs through the center of the property and serves as the primary drainage feature, contributing to the site's ecological value.

Forest Cover Types

- **Mature Aspen:** 77 acres
- **Oak Hardwoods:** 5 acres
- **Open Areas:** 3 acres
- **Wetlands:** 15 acres
- **Yard (non-stewardship):** 2 acres

Management Recommendations

Management should focus on maintaining a diversity of forest age classes through selective harvesting and regeneration of aspen and oak stands. Timber stand improvement and thinning will help enhance forest vigor and understory development. Open areas may be maintained to support wildlife habitat diversity. Wetlands and Tibbets Brook should be protected during all management activities. Continued monitoring for forest health, regeneration success, and invasive species will support long-term stewardship goals.



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INVOICE

DATE: April 23, 2026
INVOICE # 426
FOR: Stewardship plan

Bill To:

Daniel and Diane Billmark
14771 – 220th Street
Milaca, MN 56353

Paid 5-4-26

DESCRIPTION	Acres	\$/acre	AMOUNT
Stewardship plan for \$7 acre	100	\$ 7.00	\$ 700.00
\$300/plan	1	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
			\$ -
		TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00

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

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FLAT RATE - VOUCHER AND PRACTICE CERTIFICATION FORM

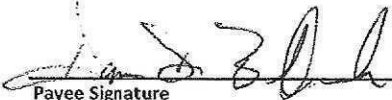
PAYEE AND COST INFORMATION

Name: Dan Billmark
 Address: 14771 220th St
 City, State, Zip: Milaca, MN 56353
 Contract No.: P23-2942-WSP-24 Total Amount Authorized: \$300
 (from contract)

Practice	Quantity	Unit	Unit Rate	Total
Woodland Stewardship Plan	1			\$300.00
				\$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: April 21, 2024


 Payee Signature

May 14, 2026
 Date


PAYMENT AND CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

- A. Type of request (partial or final): Final
- B. Payment amount requested: \$300.00
- C. Total Amount Authorized: \$300.00
- D. Total previous partial payments: \$0.00
- 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

S-27-24
 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