

**Michigan
Registered
Forester**

A Proposal

Why?

**The forestry community
was forced into a choice.**

1. Wave good-bye.

2. Modify & improve.

**So, we 'think' that we've
considered all the angles.**

**Sorta like, getting a group
of foresters to agree on an
n. hardwood marking job.**

A few key points

It's voluntary

and not for everybody

Not a license program

Not a trade assoc. thing

A few key points

By itself, the only “clout” the new program has, is the ability to de-list or deny someone from the new Registered Forester list.

A few key points

However, the new program raises the bar of professionalism and provides the public with more assurance of what “forestry” and “foresters” are all about.

A few key points

Anyone can still call themselves a “forester” but not a “registered forester.”

A few key points

**New program outside
the regulatory environment
of LARA**

A few key points

The current “occupation code” remains on the LARA books. For now.

A few key points

LARA and the current legislation remain.

The proposed program “ups” the standards, but it’s not backed by legislation. Yet.

A few key points

- **Program in the DNR**
- **Oversight by the “MBF”**
- **Statute in LARA**

A few key points

The intention is use this program as the basis for upgrading the LARA occupational code, which will require legislation.

Four Sections

- 1. Definitions & Activities**
- 2. Program Description**
- 3. Michigan Board of Forestry**
- 4. Standards of Practice**

1. Definitions & Activities

A person who, by reason of his or her knowledge of the natural sciences, mathematics, and the principles of forestry, acquired by forestry education and practical experience, is qualified to engage in the practice of professional forestry.

1. Definitions & Activities

- Forestry BS and 2 years**
- AS and 4 years (with an RF)**
- NR BS and 2 years**
- MF and 2 years**
- Continuing education**
- Pass SAF CF exam**
(post grandfather clause)

1. Definitions & Activities

Why SAF CF exam?

**Demonstrate a level of
forestry knowledge
through testing.**

1. Definitions & Activities

**SAF Certified Foresters
and ACF members will
automatically meet the
eligibility requirements.**

1. Definitions & Activities

List of 21

**“professional activity”
categories.**

2. Program Description

- Define forester and professional activities**
- A level of PNIF owner confidence**
- Raise public perception**

2. Program Description

MDNR will house the database and provide fiduciary services.

2. Program Description

“Michigan Board of Foresters” will oversee the program and hold authority, 5-7 members.

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**Continuing education
will be required to
maintain status.**

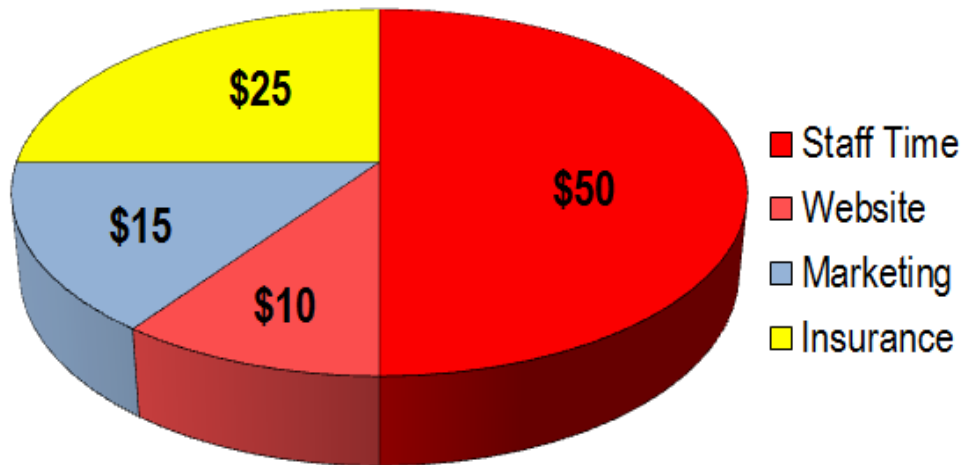
- 24 hours, every 2 years.

2. Program Description

It will be more expensive.

\$200 - 2 years.

\$200 Fee Based on a \$20,000 Budget
Michigan Registered Forester

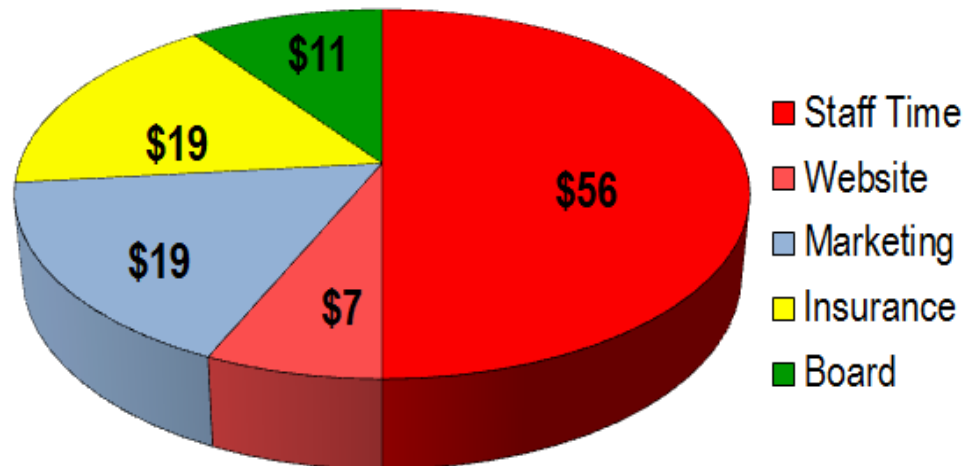


200 RFs req.

Currently

~240 RFs

\$200 Fee Based on a \$30,000 Budget
Michigan Registered Forester



300 RFs req.

2. Program Description

Once enacted, RF will have a 2-year grandfather clause. No test for applicants or existing RFs.

3. Michigan Board of Forestry

**5-7 members from
different representations.**

- Eligibilities.**
- 4 year terms. Staggered.**
- Violations committee.**
- Power to issue, deny,
renew, revoke RF status**

3. Michigan Board of Forestry

4-point complaint process.

- No action warranted**
- Action warranted**
- Hearings**
- Disciplinary action**

4. Standards of Practice

Don't do illegal stuff.

Don't be a schmuck.

11 points.

Next steps

Collect comments (due 5 Feb.)

Review draft changes

Engage program

Pursue legislation

Questions?

Comments?

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