



## **Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program MFPA Information Session**

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# Session overview

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Introduction

MFTIP updates and training

Forests Ontario Landowner  
Program overview

Updates from the Ontario  
Woodlot Association

Forest health conditions in  
Ontario - Evaluating a healthy  
woodlot

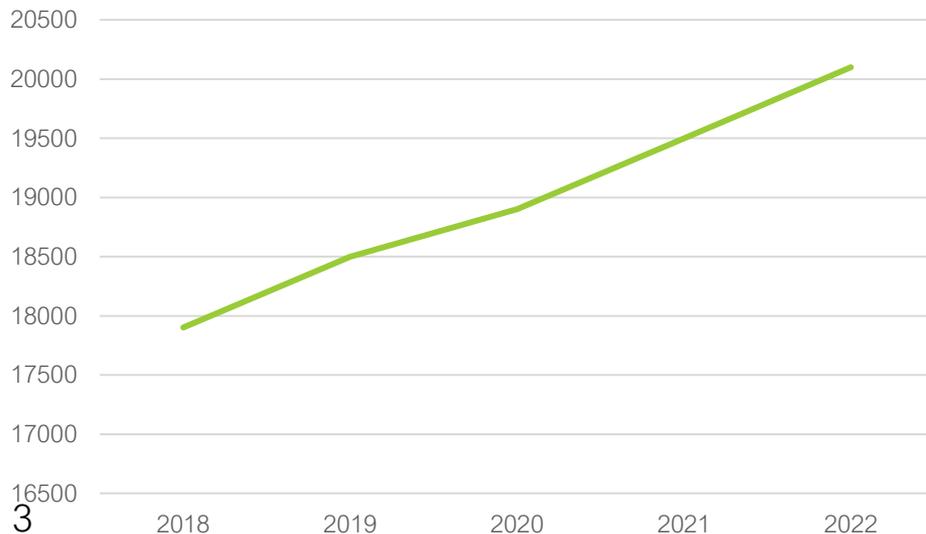
Increasing resilience to climate  
change and Hemlock Woolly  
Adelgid;  
Paradigm shifts in forestry and  
silvicultural tactics

# Updates: Program Statistics

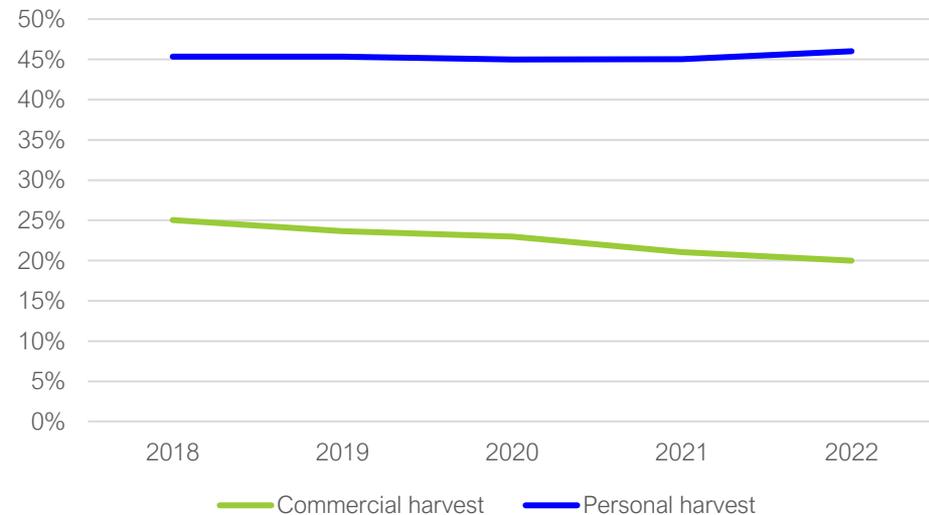
In 2022:

- 2,177 parcels submitted in 1,647 plans
  - 1118 new
  - 181 ownership changes
  - 878 renewals
- Welcomed 19 new MFPAs

Participation over time



Harvesting intent over time



# Updates: Program Statistics

- For 2023:
  - 922 properties in 718 plans due for renewal this year
  - 1456 plans due for 5-year progress reports
  - Welcomed 9 new MFPAs – total now 229
  - Additional exams in spring
- Outlook for renewals:
  - 2024: 1100 properties in 883 plans
  - 2025: 1017 properties in 808 plans
  - 2026: 1539 properties in 1098 plans

# Updates: Program Statistics

## Requests for Reconsideration:

- Advertised generally during COVID
- Volume continues to be higher than normal, but dropping off
  - 2021 – 203
  - 2022 – 148
  - 2023 – 66
- Reminders:
  - Plans must be submitted first in the portal, then RfRs by email
  - There must be a mitigating circumstance that prevented the landowner from meeting the deadline
  - Not being aware of the program (e.g. “I just found out about the program after the deadline”) is not considered a mitigating circumstance.

# Updates: Ownership changes

- Past ownership changes now caught up
- Notices for new ownership changes mailed monthly
- About 30-50 per month
- Properties removed the year following the change
  - This means ownership changes at the beginning of the year can also submit by June 30<sup>th</sup> to have a plan in place the following year
  - Notices for ownership changes Jan-April say “90 days or June 30<sup>th</sup>, whichever is later”
  - After this, notices state the standard 90 days

# Updates: program improvements

- Policy evaluation on hold due to other priorities
- Database improvements:
  - Project hit some roadblocks related to technology
  - Old attachment storage system being decommissioned and replaced with a new system – recent changes to portal
  - Please feel free to provide feedback to [MFTIP@ontario.ca](mailto:MFTIP@ontario.ca)
  - Original project will resume this year - goals are still to improve data quality and reliability, fix errors, allow for more communications with landowners, give landowners more self-service options, and provide for better statistical data collection

# MFPA Resource Centre

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Below are links and resources to help you prepare Managed Forest Plans for the MFTIP. Please contact [mftip@ontario.ca](mailto:mftip@ontario.ca) if you have any questions about these materials or anything not covered here.

## Forms

- [10-Year Application Form](#)
- [10-Year Application form - Alternate web-based version](#)
- [Approval Form - For Use With Amendments](#)
- [Area Verification Form - For Use With Amendments](#)
- [Plan Template](#)
- [RfR Cover Letter 2023 \(Coming Soon\)](#)
- [RfR Form - Missed Deadline 2023 \(Coming Soon\)](#)

## Guidance

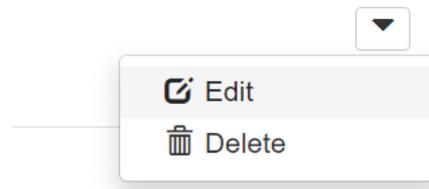
- [Guide to Stewardship Planning for Natural Areas](#)
- [Mapping Guide 2022](#)
- [MFPA Bulletin 2020](#)
- [MFPA Stewardship Portal Guide 2019](#)
- [New MFPAs MFTIP Overview Presentation 2023 \(Coming Soon\)](#)
- [MFPA Information Session Presentation 2021 \(Coming Soon\)](#)

## Policies

- [MFTIP Guide 2012](#)
- [Ontario Regulation 282/98 – Managed Forests Property Class](#)

# MFPA Portal Reminders

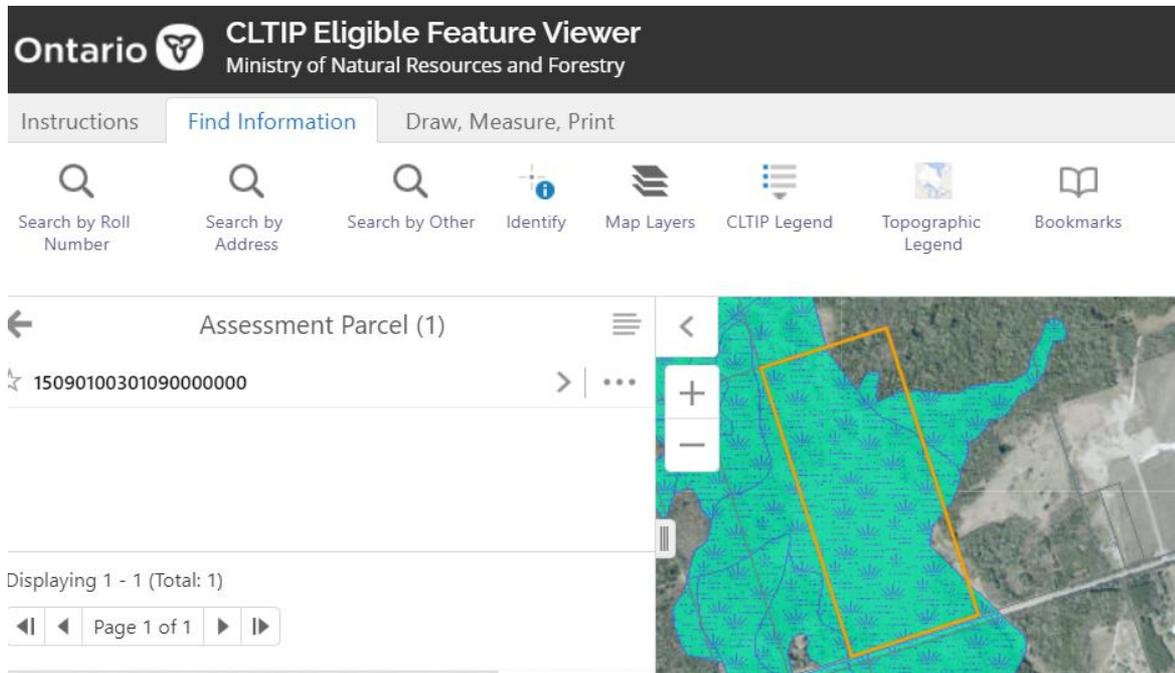
- The following issues can prevent a plan from submitting properly:
  - Special characters in plan name, compartment title, or compartment descriptions, i.e.:  
~ # % & \* { } \ : < > ? / | " .
  - Character limit (2000) in compartment descriptions
  - Attachments added with notes but no attachments. Go to 'edit' under the menu at the right to add attachments if need be



- You will always get a confirmation email with the new plan number after you submit successfully
  - If you don't receive a confirmation email, check the above problems, or contact us at [MFTIP@ontario.ca](mailto:MFTIP@ontario.ca)

# Updates: mapping

- CLTIP mapping application now available
  - Will show only parcel boundaries, District boundaries, and CLTIP eligible areas
  - Allows you to identify a roll number
  - Not well suited to preparing maps



<https://www.lioapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/CLTIP/index.html?viewer=CLTIP.CLTIP&locale=en-CA>

# MFTIP FAQ: Conservation Land

- Use the CL Inquiry tool on the portal to check if there is eligible area – if result shows eligible area, but says ‘Not Eligible’, contact [CLTIP@Ontario.ca](mailto:CLTIP@Ontario.ca)
- Use MNRF mapping tools to see where the eligible area is (Make a Natural Heritage Map, CLTIP Eligible Areas Viewer)
- If there is eligible CL area which is also eligible for the MFTIP, discuss with the landowner which one they want that area to participate in. The remainder of the property can still participate in MFTIP if there is enough area.
- No partial participation in CLTIP
- Make a note of the landowner’s choice in the plan and be sure they know that they cannot apply for CLTIP if they enroll the area in MFTIP
- If the landowner changes their mind during the term of the plan, the plan will need to be amended

# MFTIP FAQ: Buildings used for forest operations

- Buildings can be included in the Managed Forest area if they are used for forest operations
  - “Land that is covered by a forest, and including outbuildings used for forest operations, is eligible land if the following requirements are satisfied..”
- Make a note of the building use in the plan and provide supporting information/evidence
- If a property contained buildings previously classified as residential that are now collapsed or removed, contact MPAC to update assessment
  - Check MPAC Property Assessment Notice to see how MPAC has the property/buildings currently classified
  - MPAC may do a site inspection to verify

# MFTIP FAQ: Joint plans

- Multiple properties with different owners can be jointly managed under a single plan, even if the properties don't have owners in common
- All properties must meet eligibility criteria individually.
- Consider circumstances carefully and discuss with landowners to ensure this is viable.
- Joint plans may make sense if:
  - One person can act as the primary contact
  - Goals & objectives are consistent
  - Properties are adjacent or close
  - Suggested by landowner relationships (e.g. shared family properties)
- Ensure all participants understand the implications of a single plan (i.e., primary contact for reporting, reminders)
- **All landowners must sign an application form.**

# MFTIP FAQ: Submitting amendments

- Amendments are needed when Managed Forest area changes, roll number changes, or significant changes to activities in plan
- If adding new lands, amendment should be submitted by the new plan deadline (June 30) to be effective the following year
- Amendments which don't add new area can be submitted anytime – specify effective date when submitting
- Provide updated basic property information (i.e. roll numbers, total area, Managed Forest area, landowner information)
- To increase, inventory and relevant information (i.e. Section 7) for new area is required
- To remove areas, provide report of activities for the area being removed
- Updated maps are required for any change in managed forest area or property boundary
- Submit with Area Verification and Approval forms (blue & green forms) – available in fillable PDF in the MFPA resource centre
- Submit by email to [MFTIP@ontario.ca](mailto:MFTIP@ontario.ca)

# Handling severances and consolidations

- Updated roll number and Total Area is required before submitting
- Landowner can contact MPAC for this information
  - MPAC updated notices are sent in November
  - Information may be updated in AboutMyProperty.ca before then
  - MPAC customer service agents will have information for pending severances/consolidations
- MNRF also receives this information from MPAC and the MFPA can contact MNRF for the information if the split has been processed and we have received it
- New plan required for a severed portion with a new owner
- Amendment required for a severance that affects MF area with same owner
- Can also submit a new plan for same owner if preferred – **email** [MFTIP@Ontario.ca](mailto:MFTIP@Ontario.ca) to let us know



# Handling severances and consolidations

## Examples:

Property split, MF divided between new properties, new owners for the severed property

- Submit amendment for the original plan, and new plan for the severed property

Property split, all MF remains on parent, same owner

- Roll number and MF remain the same - no amendment needed

Property split, MF divided, both retained by same owner

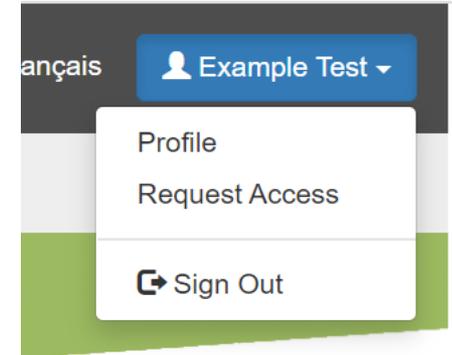
- Submit amendment for the original plan to include both roll numbers

Property consolidated with newly acquired neighbouring property under original roll number

- Amendment required only if the landowner wants to add additional land to their managed forest plan

# MFTIP General Reminders

- Keep your MFPA listing up to date
  - Manage contact information in the portal
  - Suspend your listing if not accepting clients
- Renewing early? Send us an email to let us know
- Plans **always get a new plan number** – make sure you forward the confirmation email you receive with the new plan number to clients.
- Clients will also receive their new plan number with their confirmation notices.
- Clients won't see changes to their tax bills until mid-June, but can check their property's status at [AboutMyProperty.ca](http://AboutMyProperty.ca).



**Thanks for your work in helping to promote and foster good  
stewardship of private forest lands!**

**If you have any questions, please e-mail MFTIP at [mftip@ontario.ca](mailto:mftip@ontario.ca).**