



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

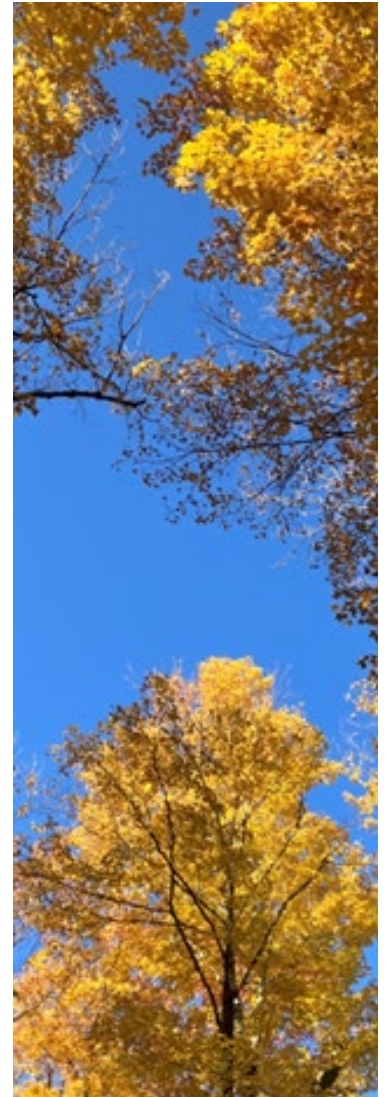


Forestry and WI NRCS

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www.nrcs.usda.gov/wi

Technical Assistance

- 54 local service centers positioned throughout the state:
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/find-a-service-center>
- Partner foresters (Ruffed Grouse Society and National Wild Turkey Federation), NRCS Area Foresters, and DNR Service Foresters
- Forest plan is first step before other practices are considered



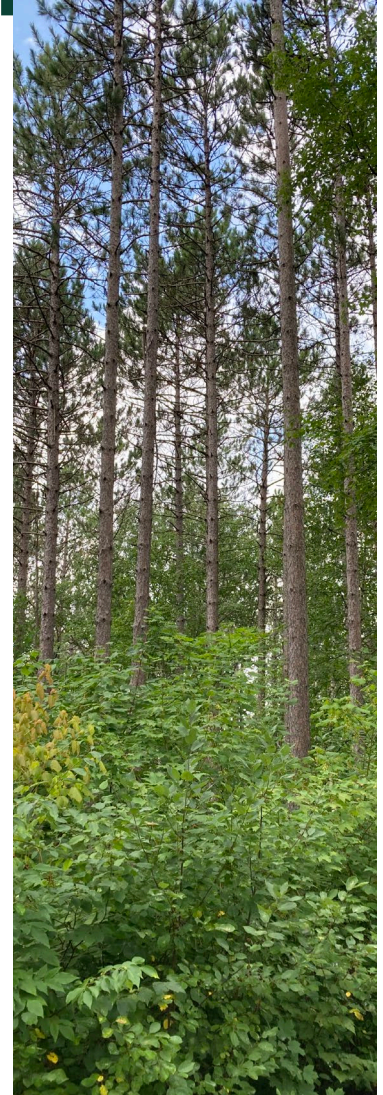
Financial Assistance - Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- Cost-share and technical assistance for individual projects
- Implementation must meet NRCS criteria for the practice
- Typical contract is for work to be completed in 2 to 3 years, can be longer
- Forested land must be owned as non-industrial private land
- Income cut-off, basically not for millionaires
- On forested land, a forest plan is first step before other practices are considered, forest plan can be cost-shared



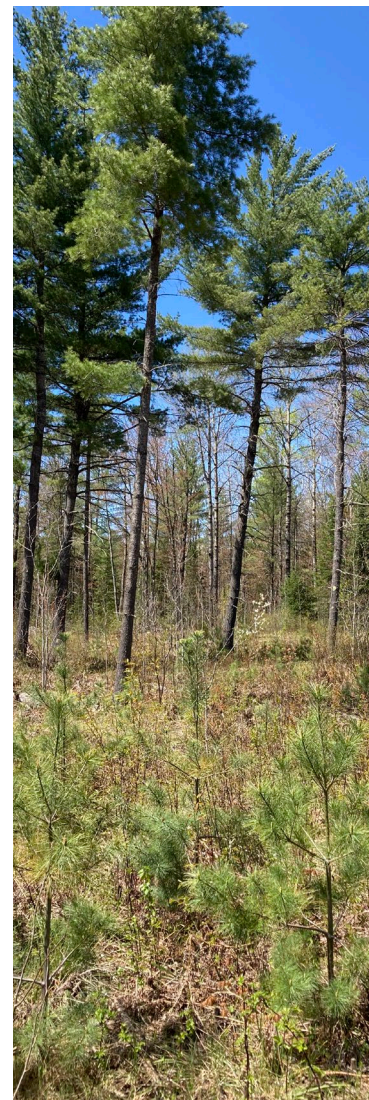
Financial Assistance – Conservation Stewardship Program

- For landowners who have accomplished conservation efforts to solve resource concerns
- Typically best applications will have done several EQIP projects in past
- 5-year contract, can be renewed multiple times
- Payment for maintaining existing conservation efforts and adding additional conservation
- Several eligibility requirements – current Farm Service Agency records, control of land, meeting threshold for at least two resource concerns



Regional Conservation Partnership Program

- Similar to EQIP in process
- Projects led by partners, focused outcomes, focused geographic area
- Limited time offer, although partners can re-apply to extend projects
- On forested land, a forest plan is first step before other practices are considered, forest plan can be cost-shared
- American Bird Conservancy has two forestry-related projects in northern/central WI (golden-winged/Kirtland's warblers) and SE WI (oak habitat)



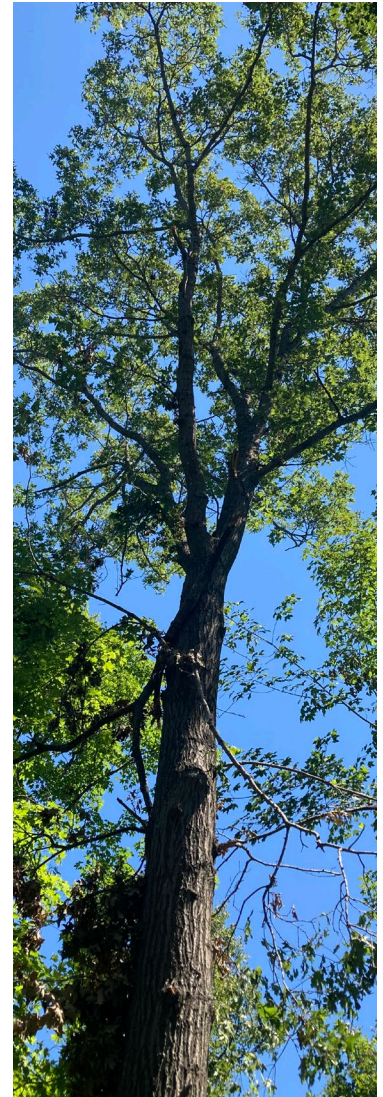
Common Forestry Practices- Forest Management Plan

- Provides basic roadmap to adjust forest conditions to meet landowner objectives
- Required before getting financial assistance for forestry practices
- For NRCS cost-share, plan must be written by a trained Technical Service Provider (TSP) forester
- Find a TSP: [NRCS Registry Find a TSP](#) filter by state and practice - “Forest Management Plan”



Common Forestry Practices- Forest Stand Improvement

- Covers wide range of silvicultural techniques where trees are cut
- Common applications are tree release, thinning, and tree marking for commercial harvest



Common Forestry Practices- Brush Management

- Treatment of woody-stemmed non-native invasive species (e.g., honeysuckle, buckthorn, barberry, etc)
- Treatment must be proven effective on UW-Extension fact sheets for the species – root removal or herbicide typically (<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wifdn/learn/invasive-species-i-d-and-impacts/>)
- Typical treatment for dense growth – mechanical mowing, herbicide application on re-sprouts, follow-up herbicide spot treatment



Common Forestry Practices- Tree/Shrub Establishment

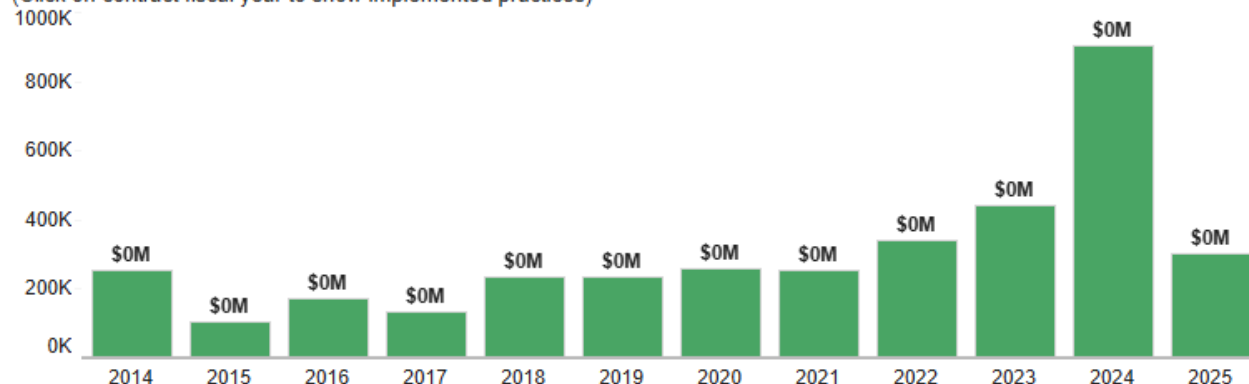
- Planting native trees or shrubs (can plant approved non-natives to fix resource concerns on cropland)
- Often partnered with Tree/Shrub Site Preparation practice
- Includes range of options for browse protection
 - Solid Tubes
 - Wire cages
 - Mesh Tubes
 - Perimeter



Contracts – Forest Stand Improvement

Dollars Obligated by Contract Fiscal Year

(Click on contract fiscal year to show implemented practices)



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Forest Stand Improvement (666)

Practice Historical Trends

Practice Instances Obligated by Contract Fiscal Year

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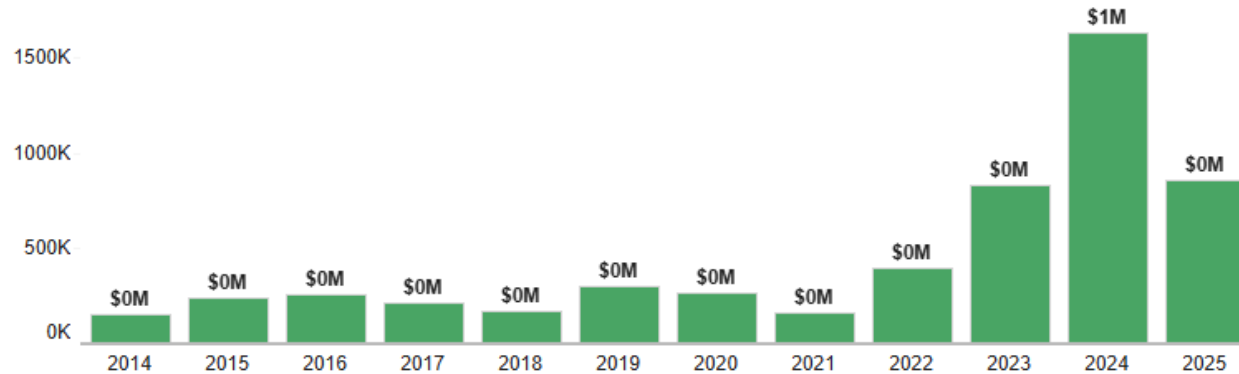
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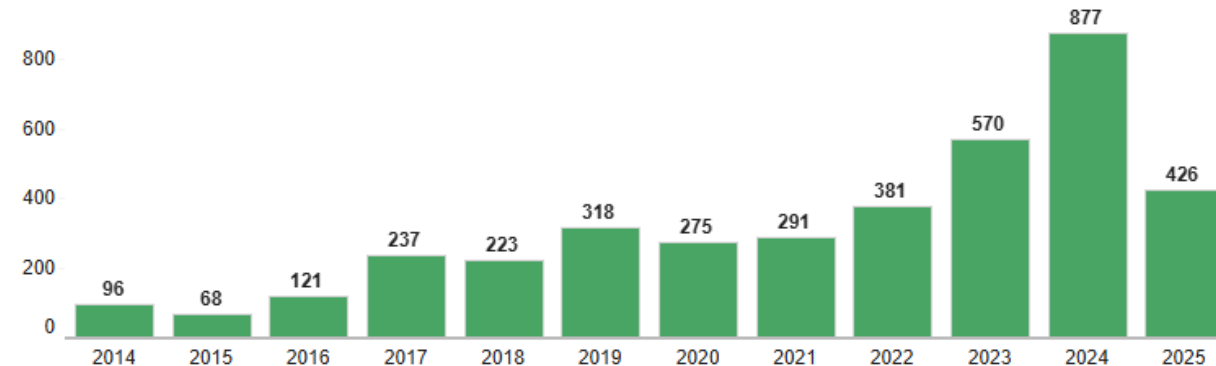
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Brush Management (314)

Practice Historical Trends

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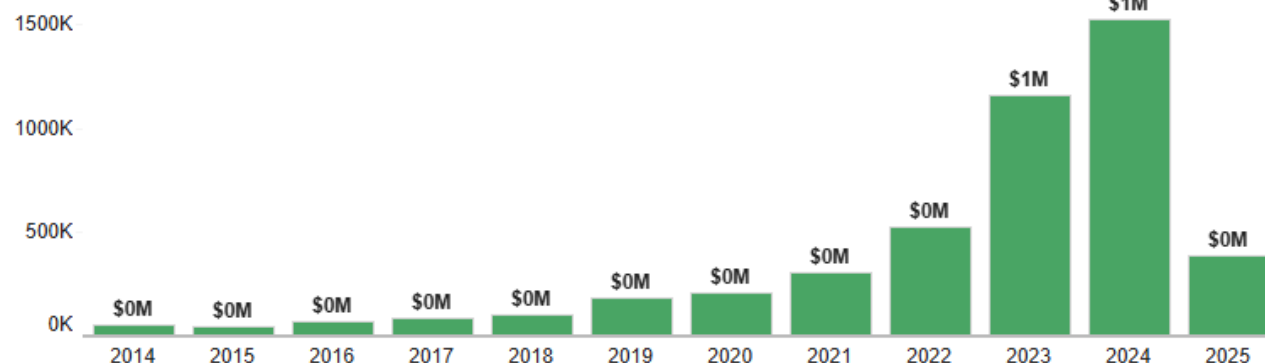
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Contracts – Tree/Shrub Establishment

Practice Historical Trends

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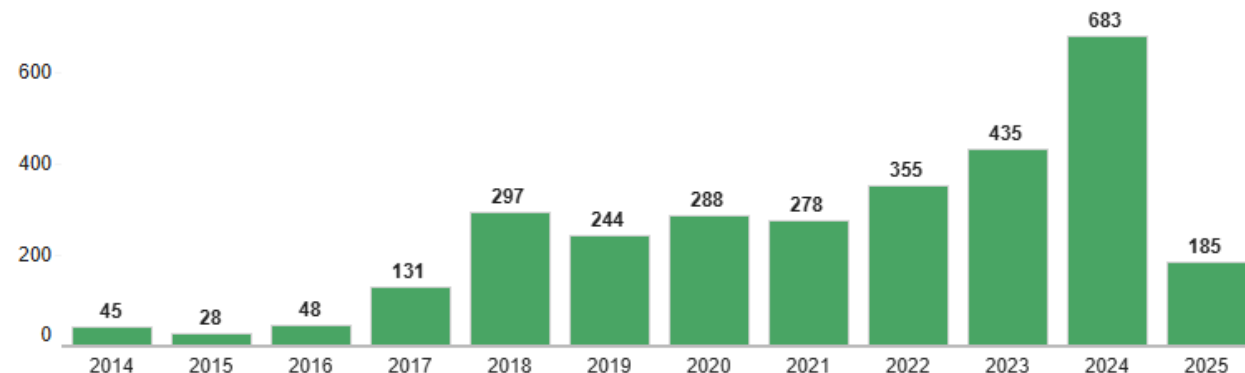
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Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)

Practice Historical Trends

Practice Instances Obligated by Contract Fiscal Year

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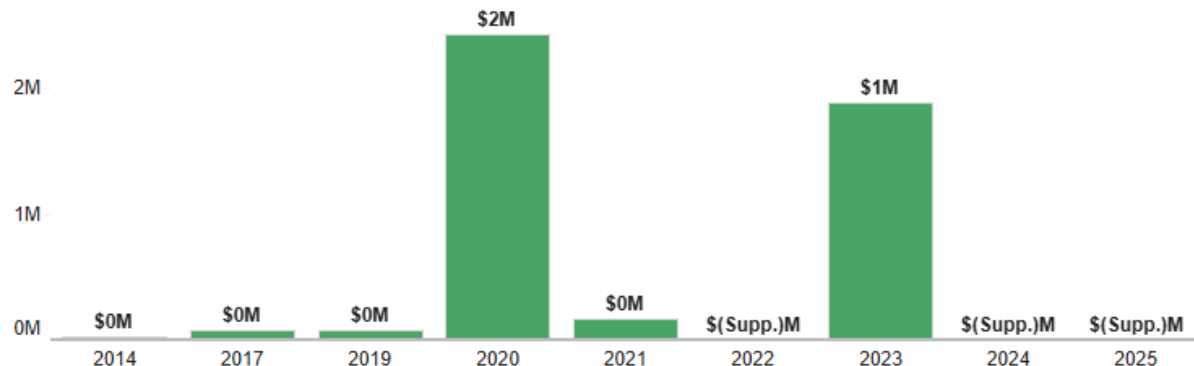


Contracts – Woody Residue Treatment

Practice Historical Trends

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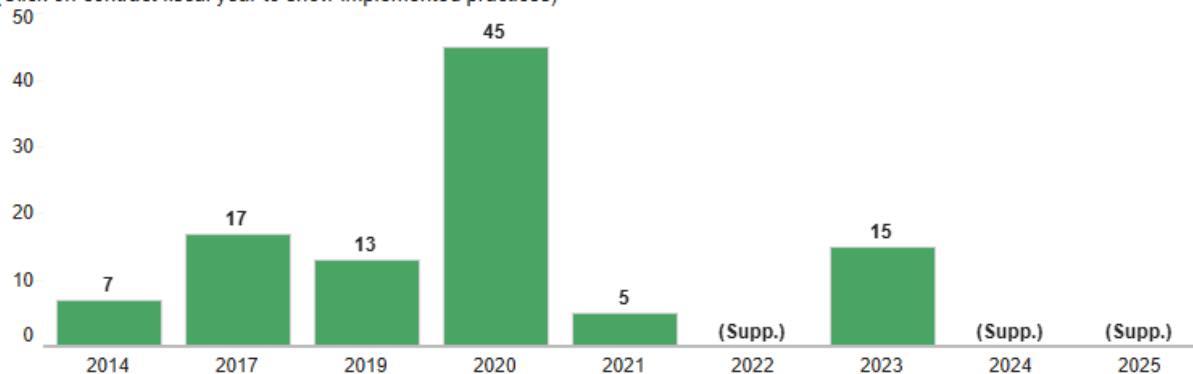
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Woody Residue Treatment (384)

Practice Historical Trends

Practice Instances Obligated by Contract Fiscal Year

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Woody Residue Treatment (384)

Questions?

Contract data publicly available at:
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/resources/data-and-reports/rca-data-viewer>

