

TOWN OF ESSEX

TIMBER HARVEST CHECKLIST

(See Section 4.7 of Town of Essex Zoning Law, Amended May 14, 2015)

This Checklist must be on file with the Town Zoning Officer before forestry activity begins.

Land owner _____ Tax Parcel
Number _____

Person Responsible for the
Harvest _____

Time Frame (dates) during which Harvest will Occur (from -
to) _____

Approximate Number of Acres affected by the
Harvest _____

Does the parcel have a Forest Stewardship/Management Plan* prepared by a Professional Forester*? Yes ___ No ___. If yes, please attach the plan. (*See definitions on next page.)

Has the timber to be cut been designated by a Professional Forester? Yes ___ No ___. If yes, provide the name of the Forester _____

Name of the logger

Has she/he been through logger training? Yes ___ No ___.

Who is responsible for supervising the logger?

Type of Harvest (e.g. clear-cut, partial cut, improvement cut, other). Please describe in detail below. Attach additional pages if necessary:

Are Stream and wetland buffers marked? Yes ___ No ___ Does not apply ___.

Anticipated effects on wildlife, especially threatened and endangered species

Describe the Plan for Reforestation (e.g. planting, natural reproduction, direct seeding, other):

Please attach a map of the tax parcel showing the location of the timber harvest.

Definitions from the Zoning Law.

Forestry Use: Any management, including logging, of a forest, woodland or plantation and related research and educational activities, including the construction, alteration or maintenance of wood roads, skidways, landings, fences and forest drainage systems. (APA) ALSO: A wooded area, whether managed or unmanaged, that may include conservation of wildlife habitat, provision of outdoor recreation, production of timber and forest crops, protection of water quality, regulation of water flows, conservation of soil, carbon sequestration and/or protection of aesthetic qualities. (GtoF)

Forest Stewardship plan/Management plan. A document designed to guide and direct the sustainable management of a forest property to meet the landowner's goals and objectives. Usually prepared by natural resource professionals (qualified foresters), plans consist of goals, inventory data and prescribed activities designed to meet ownership objectives. (GtoF)

Forester, (Professional). A forestry professional who is either listed on the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Cooperating Forester list or who meets the minimum requirements for listing on the DEC Cooperating Forester list.

Forestry Best Management Practices (BMP). Actions determined to be the most effective and practicable means of preventing negative impacts of forest harvesting, including reducing erosion and sedimentation of water bodies (streams, ponds, lakes, rivers, etc.) from logging activities. Effective BMP's include the following practices:

- Required buffer strips along streams, steep slopes, scenic byways, recreational trails or where threatened or endangered species exist.
- Other erosion and sedimentation control techniques.
- Standards for the construction of forest roads, skid trails and stream crossings.
- Standards for the construction of log decks and landings.
- Standards related to clean-up and site restoration. (GtoF)