The Nature Conservancy

EXPANDING AGROFORESTRY PROJECT
APPLICATION PROCESS **TIMING: APPROX 4 MONTHS**

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1

ENSURE YOUR ELIGIBILITY
Review EAP FAQ document on our webpage for all eligibility requirements. Producers must be located in one of 30 eligible states, planning to establish a min 5 acres (3 acre min in HI) in alley cropping, silvopasture, and/or windbreaks. Eligible land cannot be currently in woodland or forested conditions.

2

DEVELOP YOUR AGROFORESTRY PLAN
Understand your soils, review site history, and determine: species lists, tree/shrub spacing, budget estimates, marketing plans, and grazing plans (if applicable). Contact your regional lead organization to schedule a 1-hour pre-application consultation.

3

FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION
Thoroughly answer all questions and include maps and/or other resources that will help us understand your farm. Check the EAP website for more information regarding open cycles.

4

WAIT FOR A RESPONSE
Approximately 10 weeks after the application cycle closes, you will be notified by TNC whether you have been selected to move forward for technical assistance from our EAP team. If you are not, you may apply again in the next cycle.

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EXPANDING AGROFORESTRY PROJECT
PRE-ENROLLMENT

TIMING: APPROX 12-18 MONTH PROCESS

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1 FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER ASSIGNED
Get paired with your free EAP Technical Assistant Provider

2 TECHNICAL ASSITANCE KICK-OFF CALL
Virtual Kick-off and Orientation Meeting with Technical Assistance Provider

3 FARM SITE VISIT & FINALIZE DESIGN
Technical Assistance Provider will visit your farm and conduct follow up conversations to Finalize Site Design to NRCS Conservation Practice Standards

4 COLLECT REQUIRED USDA DOCUMENTATION
Acquire all approvals for USDA Eligibility Documentation (including CPA-52)

5 SUBMIT INCENTIVE PACKAGE TO TNC
Submit EAP Incentive Producer Package to TNC to initiate contracting process

6 ENROLL: SIGN PRODUCER INCENTIVE AGREEMENT & RECEIVE 1ST INCENTIVE PAYMENT
Execute agreement with TNC and receive first incentive payment within 60 days. Producers who have signed an agreement with TNC are considered fully enrolled in the program

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EXPANDING AGROFORESTRY PROJECT
POST-ENROLLMENT
TIMING: THROUGH END OF AWARD PERIOD IN 2028

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1 PLANT AGROFORESTRY SYSTEM
Agroforestry plantings should be fully planted within 18 months from signature date of the agreement with TNC

2 MEASURE STEM SIZE AT PLANTING
Producers must measure DBH on a subset of stems in the planting (training will be provided) to collect baseline data

3 PLANTING VERIFICATION BY EAP STAFF
Verification of tree planting to NRCS Conservation Practice Standards

4 SECOND INCENTIVE PAYMENT
Producers will receive their 2nd incentive payment within 60 days after approved planting verification

5 ADDITIONAL PLANTING MEASUREMENTS
In the final year of the award, producers must complete the second DBH measurement of their trees, collect soil samples, and complete all required reporting

6 FINAL INCENTIVE PAYMENT & CLOSE-OUT
Producers will receive their final incentive payment installment in the final year of the program after approved final reporting data is received

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