



North Bay Forest Improvement Program

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INTRODUCTIONS



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AGENDA:

- What is North Bay Forest Improvement Program?
 - Partners
 - Funding Source
 - Program Intention
 - Timeline
 - How to Navigate the Website
 - Review Additional Helpful Tools
 - Eligibility
 - Forest Management Planning Resources for Landowners
 - Q and A
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WHO IS PART OF NORTH BAY FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM?

- Rebuild NorthBay Foundation (RNBF) (now After The Fire)
- Resource Conservation Districts in Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake and Napa Counties
- Clear Lake Environmental Research Center
- \$1.5M in Proposition 68 funding awarded via a CALFIRE Wildfire Resilience and Forestry Assistance grant.





WHAT IS NORTH BAY FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM?

- Three-year cutting-edge, innovative landowner incentives pilot program:
 - Disadvantaged Community (Lake, Mendocino): incentive payment is 80%
 - Non- Disadvantaged Community : incentive payment is 60%
- Provides financial cost-share for landowners to conduct critical work to treat wildfire hazards on private properties through: Lake, Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma Counties.
- Supports planning and implementation of projects on private forest lands to reduce risks of wildfire and promote forest health.

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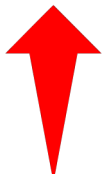


TIMELINE







- Applications Due: September 30th, 2021
- Application Review: October 1-November 15th
- Decision Notifications: Communicated by November 30th
- Landowner Contracts: Disbursed by January 30th
- Projects Start: After Contracts are Signed
- Projects completed: 365 Days after Contract Date

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- Judy Coffey, Board President and Tubbs Fire Survivor



Before the Fire:
Resilience Projects

Resilience & Recovery
Technology

Community to
Community

North Bay Forest
Improvement
Program (NBFIIP)

Building Fire
Resiliency in
California's Coast
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What is NBFIIP?

NBFIIP Am I Eligible

NBFIIP: How do I
apply?

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NBFIIP: Frequently
Asked Questions

NBFIIP: Contacts

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How to Navigate
Insurance Before, During,

HELPFUL TOOLS TO FURTHER ASSIST YOU*:

1) Helpful Links:

- 1) [DAC Mapping Tool](#)
- 2) [Community FactFinder](#)
- 3) [Cap Rates](#): https://afterthefireusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/NBFIP_Prescriptions_CapRates.pdf

2) [NBFIP Project Ranking](#): <https://afterthefireusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/NBFIP-Project-Ranking.pdf>

3) [Frequently Asked Questions](#):

- <https://afterthefireusa.org/our-programs/before-the-fire/nbfip-intro/nbfip-frequently-asked-questions/>

3) NBFIP Application Assistance Video

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lc3b68chYFw>
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ELIGIBILITY (APPLICANT):

- At the most basic level, a participant is eligible to participate if they meet the following criteria:
 - The applicant is the landowner or another agent (land manager, forester) with the approval of the landowner to apply. Properties held in a Trust and LLCs are also eligible applicants.
 - The property is forestland containing any of the following vegetation types: oak woodland, redwood forests, mixed evergreen, ponderosa pine.
 - The property is at least five (5) acres and less than 500 acres.
 - The applicant has not already received funding through Proposition 68 for forest improvements on their property; this includes funding through the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) since 2018.
 - The applicant can afford the treatment after incentive payment. For more on program incentive payments and project costs, please see [Payment Rates and Covered Activities](#)



ELIGIBILITY (A GOOD FIT):

- Though these qualities are not required, an applicant is a good fit for the program if they match the following description.
 - Applicant is committed to the sustainable management of their forestland
 - Applicant has developed* a forest management plan or other guiding document with a forester and has identified management units and planned treatments. Environmental review has been completed to satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). **Development of such a plan is an available practice for ownerships within DAC and SDAC communities*
 - Applicant's property falls within Disadvantaged Community (DAC) or Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)
 - Applicant would not be able to implement treatments without the financial support of the incentives program



ELIGIBILITY (CONT.):

- **Expanded Opportunities for Disadvantaged Communities:**

- Assisting landowners in disadvantaged communities is a priority of the program. If the applicant's property is located in a disadvantaged community (DAC) or Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC), additional opportunities are available to them. These communities are identified by the state of California. For locating DAC and SDAC areas, you can use the following mapping tools:
- [Community FactFinder](#) from Parks for California (*Be sure to check the layer "Disadvantaged Community" on the map*)
[DAC Mapping Tool](#) from CA State Water Board (*Be sure to check the layer "Disadvantaged Communities -Block Groups (2018)"*)
- These applicants can request technical assistance to prepare a Forest Management Plan by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF).



PROJECTS:

- Types of project prescriptions can include:
 - Reforestation activities, such as
 - Site preparation
 - Tree purchase and planting
 - Tree shelters
 - Forest stand improvement activities, such as
 - Shaded fuel breaks
 - Douglas fir encroachment removal
 - Thinning “release” treatments
 - Pruning
 - Follow-up fuel hazard reduction activities, such as mastication/chipping or pile-burning.



FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANNING RESOURCES FOR LANDOWNERS

- If you are interested in applying to NBFIP for on-the-ground projects, *you must have a forest management plan in place before applying**. Here are some ways to get a forest management plan started:
- Hire a registered professional forester to prepare a forest management plan for your property
- Work with your local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office to apply for [assistance writing a forest management plan](#)
- Work with CALFIRE's California Forest Improvement Program to apply for [assistance writing a forest management plan](#)
- Prepare your own forest management plan with the assistance of [University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources](#)

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Q&A:

- Remember:
 - Frequently Asked Questions:
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 - NBFIP Application Assistance Video:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lc3b68chYFw>



THANK YOU, NEXT STEPS

- Please reach out to your County's RCD for individual questions re: property
- Please reach out to Molly for tech questions (application, website, etc.)
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- This recording will be available early next week for further support.

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