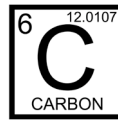


# Northwest Oregon Carbon Opportunities for Family Forest Owners

Woodlands Carbon Pilot Project | Regional Conservation Partnership Program

## Forest Carbon Basics:

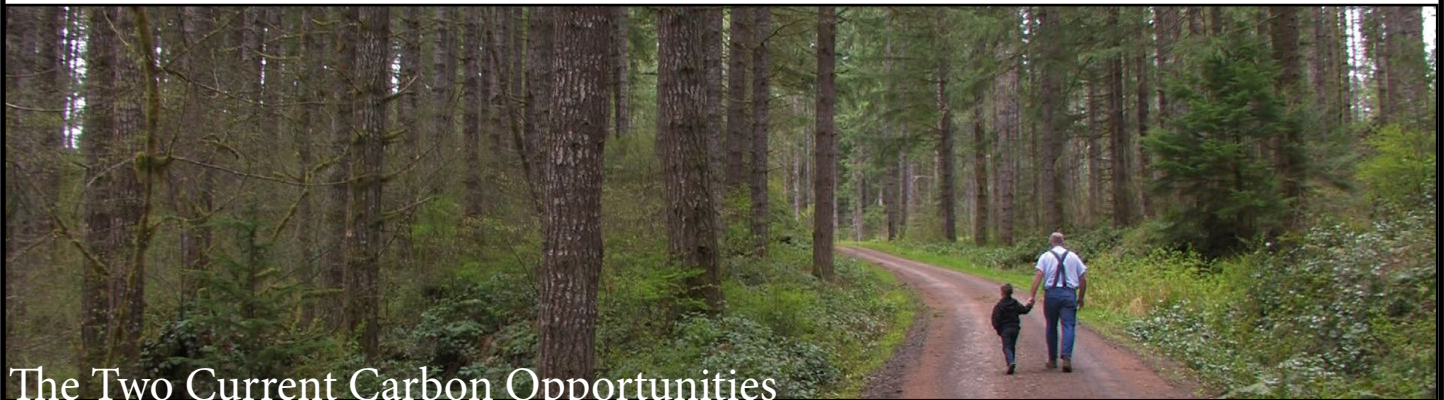
At the most basic level, trees suck up carbon from the atmosphere as they grow. That carbon is stored in the tree during its lifespan. When the tree is cut down or dies, that carbon is either released through decomposition or burning, or stored in long-lived wood products like furniture or houses. If your forest stores more carbon than an average acre of forestland, you can potentially sell that carbon as a credit!



Slow Release:  
Decomposition

Fast Release:  
Burning

Stored:  
Wood products



## The Two Current Carbon Opportunities

### The Woodlands Carbon Pilot Project

Woodlands Carbon, a subsidiary of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, is working closely with The Pinchot Institute for Conservation to develop a pilot carbon project in Northwest Oregon. This project is a current opportunity to monetize forest carbon through the American Carbon Registry. This registry has a 40-year commitment and sells to voluntary buyers (eg. not part of a cap and trade system). If you're interested in getting paid for carbon now, this is the option for you!

### The NRCS RCPP Program

*Unlocking Carbon Markets for Family Forest Landowners in the Pacific Northwest* provides opportunities for family forest landowners in Oregon (Columbia, Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas Counties) and Southwest Washington.

Participants receive financial or technical assistance to overcome transaction costs and related barriers that currently prevent family forest landowners from participating in carbon markets and/or benefiting from other related forest conservation incentives. This information will also be useful when planning the future of your forest.

# What we can provide:



## Initial Carbon Assessments:

Conducted by a partner organization at the landowner's request, this assessment will provide the information on carbon market feasibility for your property, rough revenue estimates, and next steps in developing a project. A limited number will be provided cost-free to landowners.



## Woodlands Carbon Project

The Woodlands Carbon project is a current aggregation project that has funding for inventory, management planning, modeling, carbon project development, and verification, meaning that all revenues return directly to the landowner. Landowners must sign up by January 30, 2016 to participate.



## RCPP Forest Inventories and Management Planning Assistance

We can help you to measure the trees in your forest, creating an inventory that would be used in developing a forest carbon project, and update or help you to develop a forest carbon management plan. This is funded with NRCS cost share and technical assistance.

Want to learn more?

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