

Carbon FAQs

What to consider when choosing a carbon program

FOREST MANAGEMENT/SILVICULTURE

- 1. What are some of the prescriptions likely allowed or considered in carbon programs?**
- 2. What forestry activities are not allowed?**
- 3. Is the landowner or landowner's forester always included/involved, or are forestry decisions removed from the landowner's control?**
- 4. Does a landowner need to check with the carbon program manager for every action involving forestry on the property (like a personal firewood harvest)?**
- 5. Is there a clear quantification of what wood may be removed once entered in the program?**
- 6. Can trees be planted along with an allowed harvest, or is that a "given" if there is a harvest?**
- 7. Are early successional acreages preferred as land in a program?**
- 8. Are typical TSI activities allowed? (Like thinning and crop tree release)**

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ENCUMBRANCES/COMMITMENTS

9. What is the typical duration of participation?

10. Are contracts with the landowner required?

11. Are there ways to exit these contracts if there's a compelling emergency or an "act of God"-type occurrence?

12. What are typical penalties for a landowner who doesn't follow the rules?

13. What happens when the contract with a carbon project developer ends but the carbon program is contracted for 30 to 90 more years?

REQUIREMENTS

14. What are the smallest parcels allowed?

15. Can some land in a parcel be excluded?

16. Are there fees to be paid to participate?

17. Does the landowner need to hire a lawyer? Hire a forester? Involve a forester?

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18. Are there requirements for the landowner to be physically involved, or is any work typically contracted? Does this depend on the size of the property?

19. How are payments approved and structured?

20. Are payments taxable (Fed and VT)?

21. Can open land be included?

22. Is tree planting a requirement if open land is included?

23. Can properties with no-cut easements be entered in carbon projects?

PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL INFO

24. What are the costs of various programs, and how do those costs impact net revenue from the sale of credits?

25. When and how does the landowner cover the costs of inventory, verification audits, and reporting?

26. What are the fees charged by carbon developers?

27. Who pays for the set-up and sale of a carbon project?

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28. Will the state (FPR) develop/maintain a listing of available programs and weigh in on their effectiveness/appropriateness/ legality ESPECIALLY for those properties in the state UVA program?

29. What is leakage?

30. How is leakage determined?

31. What is the FIA baseline?

32. If a landowner commits to a program with one developer, does that mean the landowner is ineligible for another carbon program?

33. What is the difference between a carbon program, carbon project, and carbon developer?

34. How do landowner aggregation projects work?

35. Can a landowner subdivide a carbon project?

36. What is the amount of the risk pool for various types of projects?