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**DATE:** July 01, 2012  
**TO:** Illinois Landowners, Conservation Partners and Organizations  
**FROM:** Illinois FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM, Paul M. Deizman, Manager  
**SUBJECT:** FFY 2014 Forest Legacy Project Grants

**Landowners having forestland located in an Illinois Forest Legacy Area** (see maps) may apply and compete for 75% grants to sell land (fee simple) or its development rights via a conservation easement (CE) to the state of Illinois DNR for permanent conservation as a working Stewardship Forest. Please see the USDA Forest Service website for more information: <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/legacy/>

**Landowners considering a sale of conservation land or easement for the Illinois Forest Legacy Program MUST complete and submit a signed application and intent to the IDNR FLP Manager, Paul Deizman, anytime throughout the year or discuss your project by calling (217) 782-3376.** Owner's should consult with the IDNR early in the process in making decision to apply for a FLP grant due to the high standards and competitive nature for such lands receiving grants nationally. Landowners who have been initially approved last year or previous years do not need to submit another initial application but must contact the program manager to receive format for final submission for Illinois grading.

**Illinois Forest Legacy Program (FLP) project proposals, in the format requested by the USDA Forest Service from landowners within eligible Forest Legacy Areas (FLAs) and having their initial application already approved, are due by 8 AM September 12, 2012 to the Illinois DNR Division of Forest Resources in Springfield, Illinois.** Previously considered or graded project proposals from previous years that were not selected and funded by the USDA Forest Service must be re-submitted by September 12, 2012 deadline in the proper format for grading and consideration for this federal year 2014 opportunity.

Please see and read all the posted documents <http://dnr.state.il.us/conservation/forestry/Legacy/> so we are best prepared to discuss your project.

Thank you for your interest to conserving working forestlands in Illinois.