



## Vermont Housing & Conservation Board

VERMONT FARM & FOREST  
VIABILITY PROGRAM

The Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program, a program of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, provides opportunities for Vermont forestland owners to receive in-depth, custom-tailored succession planning and related technical assistance.

Participant forestland owners work directly with succession planning advisors at one of our partner organizations, Vermont Woodlands Association (VWA), Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) or others, to develop sound ownership succession plans for their woods. In some cases, Viability Program advisers at VWA or UVLT will engage a team of legal, financial, and/or forestry specialists to add their expertise. Participants often have established relationships with professionals in these areas, and Viability Program advisers can work with these professionals or bring on others, as needed.

The Viability Program is primarily a business planning program for farms and forest products businesses; as such, we handle sensitive information with discretion. While enrollment in the program is not confidential, all forestland succession planning work done through our program, including conversations, meetings, and deliverables are covered under our Confidentiality Policy. Details pertaining to participating landowners and other stakeholders, as well as details of the succession process will not be used in any program materials without written permission.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Participating landowners must own forestland in Vermont.

### **ENROLLMENT**

There is a \$75 fee to enroll in the Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program. Please submit the \$75 enrollment fee check with your application. We will return your check if we are not able to enroll you in the program.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1) Complete the attached application form,
- 2) Enclose a \$75 check or money order made out to VHCB, and
- 3) Mail to: Vermont Farm & Forest Viability Program

VHCB  
58 E. State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05602

Please contact Calley Hastings, Program Manager at 802-828-3370 or [calley@vhcb.org](mailto:calley@vhcb.org) with any questions.

Return application with a \$75 check (made out to VHCB) to:  
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## FORESTLAND SUCCESSION PLANNING APPLICATION

### A. APPLICANT INFO:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the program? \_\_\_\_\_

### B. FORESTLAND INFO:

Location (i.e. E911 address or Town & Road): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Forested Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership Structure:  Sole Proprietorship  Partnership  LLC  Corporation  Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property enrolled in Use-Value Appraisal ("Current Use")? \_\_\_\_\_

Is any part of the forestland conserved?  Yes  No If yes, how many acres? \_\_\_\_\_

What entity holds the conservation easement? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any public access on the property?  Yes  No

Are any of the following attributes present on the property?:

Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species  Riparian Areas  Vernal Pools  Forested Wetlands

### C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – Please type responses and attach them on a separate sheet.

- 1) Please describe the forested property, including its ownership history, built structures and ecological features, (e.g. hunting camps, sugarhouses, wetlands, etc.).
- 2) Please describe how the forest is used (e.g. for timber harvesting, recreation, wildlife, etc.).
- 3) Please list other individuals (e.g. co-owners, family members, potential successors) involved in the succession planning process.
- 4) What are your goals for participating in succession planning?