



**Fundy Model Forest
Expression of Interest
2012-2013**

E-mail completed form to nairn@fundymodelforest.net by February 17, 2012.
Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

Project Title

Proponent Information

Name of Applicant:

Address:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Email Address:

Other Communities/Organizations involved in the project (if partnering)

Estimate of Budget

Total Budget: \$

Request from Fundy Model Forest: \$

Proposed Activities:

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Expressions of Interest will be reviewed by the Fundy Model Forest Executive. When budgets are determined for programs and projects, full proposals will be requested from interested, successful applicants. Applicants should review the FMF Business Plan (below) when submitting Expressions of Interest however, all submissions will be reviewed and considered.

Envisioned Future:

The FMF will continue to develop and nurture the following qualities:

A local emphasis - on addressing issues and concerns that are specific to the Acadian Forest Region.

Focused - on the relevant issues; effectively using the resources available to the FMF.

Coordinated - activities and initiatives locally that take advantage of national and regional programs.

Cooperative - networking with organizations, the scientific community, other model forests and demonstration sites elsewhere in the Acadian Forest region.

Relevant - information, knowledge, and project results available to forest managers, policy makers, scientists, academics, concerned interest groups, and the public.

Respect, trust and empowerment - creating a forum, built largely on volunteer efforts, of diverse opinions including the interests of aboriginal communities, in cooperation with land managers.

Always improving - through a process of adaptive management and by capacity building.

The FMF partners and staff will continue to build on the internal strengths of the Partnership that have evolved over the past fifteen years. These include a forum for the rational exchange of diverse opinions, the potential for networking, coordination capabilities, the building of good will, trust and empowerment, and dedicated management. Externally we will continue to expand our outreach initiatives. We will continue to look beyond our local horizons for new initiatives. We will pursue funding opportunities through partnership with other researchers, development agencies, departments and available programs to further increase our knowledge-building capacity.

Vision

"Healthy communities within a working Acadian Forest managed using the principles of sustainable forest management."

Our goals and core principles from the past still remain viable today, and reflect our continued commitment. They are:

- To encourage, promote and assist in the organization of forums and networks that encompass the expertise, knowledge, skills, opinions and interests of the people living in Acadian Forest Region.
- To maintain and restore the biodiversity, ecosystem function, soil and water resources of the Acadian Forest.
- To create opportunities for public participation through greater awareness.
- To encourage decision making that strikes a balance among environmental, economic, and social concerns.
- To build a knowledge base through research conducted in partnership with stakeholder institutions.
- To use the knowledge developed beyond our borders having potential for application in the FMF and the Acadian Forest region.
- To develop tools and technology for managing and analyzing data, forecasting, modeling potential futures and to support decision making.

Programs & Initiatives:

1. Community Futures

To develop tools that can be used by communities to analyze their current status, identify opportunities, and help adapt to the dynamic nature of today's forest industry.

- * Community Profiles
 - Pilot communities
 - Workshops and Strategic Planning
- * New Knowledge
 - Socio-economic knowledge
 - Model development
- * Infrastructure Support
- * New Knowledge
- * Outreach and Education
 - Publications
 - Capacity in community "Experts"
 - Educational programs
 - Training and recruitment

2. Research, Innovation and SFM

To continue to work in partnerships using science-based methodologies to develop innovative approaches to sustainable resource management in the Acadian Forest, based on sound, documented research.

To work with stakeholders to diversify the bio-economy through exploration of technologies that improve efficiency or create new products for the future

- * Science Programs
 - Indicators of sustainability
 - Development of new practices
- * Industry Competitiveness
- * Landscape Level Planning
 - GIS analysis
 - Multi-stakeholder landscape planning
 - Assessment of tradeoffs
- * Valuation of Ecological Services
 - Existing VES programs
 - Assessment and piloting of VES
- * Bioenergy Opportunities
 - Nutrient-based sustainability guidelines
 - Opportunities for bioenergy use
- * Value Added Opportunities
 - Workshops and pilots of value-added opportunities

3. International Relations

To work with stakeholders to facilitate relationships with international organizations leading to transfer of expertise, technology and knowledge.

- * International knowledge transfer
- * Market access
 - Web-portal to link buyer to IMFN vendors
- * Sustainable forest management
 - Development of new knowledge in SFM
 - Sharing of knowledge beyond FMF borders
- * Climate change
 - Identification and communication of impacts to communities
 - Adaptation to climate change

4. COMMUNICATIONS

To communicate the methods and innovations of the program to local, regional, national and international audiences.

- * Transfer knowledge
- * Develop tools - DVD/CD, publications, web portals, newsletters
- * Activities - workshops, FMF Fair, meetings, tours
- * Participate in networks - SFM, CMFN, NAB