## **LANDOWNER GUIDE TO CARBON PROJECTS**

# Carbon Finance for Improved Forest Management



#### **Our Process**

The Climate Trust manages the entire project development and carbon offset sales process for you.

- We provide a free feasibility study.
- · We fund all startup costs.
- We will develop a long-term management and monitoring plan.
- We offer the best price for your offsets by capitalizing on our buyer network.
- · You can still engage in sustainable timber harvesting.
- You enter into a 20-year partnership with TCT and receive revenue share of carbon sales once principal investment is repaid.

#### **Basic Eligibility**

- Approximately 2,000+/- acres of land, which do not need to be contiguous.
- Must be non-federal land and comes with a 40-year Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM) or 100-year regulatory market commitment.
- Must be enrolled in a third-party certification system for active timber management.

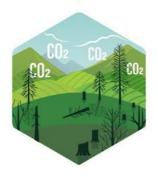
### What are IFM Carbon Projects?

Improved forest management is a term used for projects where the activities associated with forest management increases carbon storage over a business-as-usual level. These projects benefit rural economies, wildlife, water quality, and protect open space.

#### RESTORING FOREST ECOSYSTEMS

#### NON-FOREST

Large swaths across North America exist in a degraded and non-forest state. Often the result of natural disturbances such as wildfire or marginal agricultural practices, these lands require tree planting to restore ecosystem functioning and begin sequestering carbon.





#### REFORESTED/AFFORESTED LANDS

By planting native and site-appropriate seedlings, ecosystem restoration can begin and carbon can be sequestered in tree biomass and soil. Healthy forest ecosystems provide many benefits to wildlife and communities.





#### Why Work With Us?

Carbon projects provide landowners with an additional source of revenue, allowing for more flexible forest management and silviculture for you to meet your annual financial targets. As a nonprofit organization, The Climate Trust has over 25 years of technical expertise to ensure project performance and will work in partnership with you directly to understand your land management goals, see your forest inperson, and manage and monitor all parts of the project development and carbon offset sales process for you.

"Landowners rely on forest-based revenues. Improved Forest Management projects help to diversify the revenue stream from your hard-working, climate resilient forest while providing other valuable benefits like wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, timber, and watershed protection."

Jeremy Koslowski, Director, Forest Carbon Partnerships, The Climate Trust

#### **About The Climate Trust**

The Climate Trust is a nonprofit organization that has been working with landowners to develop nature-based solutions for grasslands, forestry, and reforestation projects since 1997. We support climate vulnerable communities in the aftermath of natural disturbances and work with landowners to plant trees where there hasn't been a forest for 10 or more years. Our certified foresters have deep technical expertise to work with forest owners to meet