

- 1. Can funding be used to support the use of goats to control competing vegetation in the forest?**
Yes. Goats are a form of mechanical competing vegetation control. Please see the Cornell blog on [Agroforestry and Silvopasture](#) for more information.
- 2. Are the costs of constructing a pond eligible for reimbursement or match under Regenerate NY?**
No. Regenerate NY funds cannot be used for the construction of a pond. In general, grant funds can be used for direct project costs associated with four forestry practices 1) Afforestation/Reforestation 2) Forest Stand Restoration 3) Competing Vegetation Control and 4) Deer Exlosures.
- 3. Can I buy heavy equipment such as a tractor or skidder with Regenerate NY funds?**
No. Heavy equipment purchases such as tractors, skid steers, bulldozers, etc. will not be allowed under Regenerate NY Round 1.
- 4. Is it possible to get an online notary signature for the register-your-organization registration form?**
Yes. Under [Executive Order 202.7](#), audio-visual technology use for remote notarization and witnessing is permitted. Applicants requiring remote notarization should contact a notary for more information on the audio-visual notarization process.
- 5. Is planting an orchard or a Christmas tree farm eligible for the Afforestation/Reforestation practice?**
No. Round 1 Regenerate NY grants do not allow orchard or Christmas tree establishment as an eligible practice. The intention of the afforestation/reforestation is to establish new forested areas or supplement existing forested areas with seedlings.
- 6. I am applying as an individual to receive access to the Grants Gateway. Do I still need to fill out a W-9 tax form?**
Yes. A W-9 allows the state to assign you an SFS number and is used to transfer payments if you receive an award and submit for payment.
- 7. Do I need a full forest management or forest stewardship plan to apply for Regenerate NY?**
No. A work plan will be developed in conjunction with your private forester to specifically address the forest regeneration related issue or issues you are requesting assistance for. All of the elements of the work plan are also part of the online grant application process. Sections of a forest management or stewardship plan may be useful and can be uploaded onto to the Grants Gateway to help supplement the grant application.
- 8. Can my neighbor and I apply for a Regenerate NY project together?**
No. An applicant must own all the acres on which a Regenerate project is to take place. An owner also cannot combine their property with one owned by a neighbor to meet the minimum acre requirement of 10 acres.
- 9. Do I need to be a Cooperating Forester to assist landowners with Regenerate NY Round 1 Opportunity?**
No. Someone must meet the qualifications of a forester defined in the Regenerate NY Round 1 Request for Applications.

10. Does a landowner with less than a 10 acre parcel meet the eligibility requirement for the Regenerate NY Opportunity?

Parcels less than 10 acres are not eligible for this opportunity. This funding is available for any individuals, for profit entities, or not for profit entity that owns (in fee) between 10 and 1,000 acres of land that is forested or can become forested through planting.

11. Does a landowner with more than a 1,000-acre parcels meet the eligibility requirement for the Regenerate NY Opportunity?

Parcels over 1, 000 acres are not eligible for this opportunity. This funding is available for any individuals, for profit entities, or not for profit entity that owns (in fee) between 10 and 1,000 acres of land that is forested or can become forested through planting.

12. Will the webinar be recorded and available for later viewing?

Yes, the Regenerate NY Grants Gateway webinar on May 21st will be recorded and made available on the Grants Gateway Website.

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14. Is funding available for landowners who protect the forest from harvesting?

No, funding is available for four practices that directly encourage or protect regeneration. Practices include Afforestation/Reforestation, Forest Stand Restoration, Competing Vegetation Control and Deer Exclosures, including slash walls.

15. Can I establish a deer exclosure along the edge of a forested area to expand the forest through natural seeding?

Yes. This is an eligible practice under Regenerate NY. Our hardwood forests regenerate through natural seeding. However, deer eat these seedlings and in areas with high deer populations this can hinder the establishment of our natural hardwood forests. One way to establish an area of new forest is to fence in an area in a field to protect naturally established seedlings from deer.