



APPLICATION TO THE ASSESSOR FOR CLASSIFICATION OF LAND AS FOREST LAND

Declaration of policy: It is hereby declared that it is in the public interest to encourage the preservation of farm land, forest land and open space land in order to maintain a readily available source of food and farm products close to the metropolitan areas of the state, to conserve the state's natural resources and to provide for the welfare and happiness of the inhabitants of the state [and] that it is in the public interest to prevent the forced conversion of farm land, forest land and open space land to more intensive uses as the result of economic pressures caused by the assessment thereof for purposes of property taxation at values incompatible with their preservation as such farm land, forest land and open space land.

*Please print. Complete all appropriate sections, attaching additional sheets if necessary.
 See reverse for additional filing information.*

Name of Owner(s): _____

Property Location: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(Number & Street) (Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Total acreage of land: # _____ Portion designated as forest land by State Forester: # _____
(Acres) (Acres)

State Forester Certificate Number: _____ Date of Designation: _____ Number of Acres Designated: _____

Amended State Forester Certificate Number: _____ Date of Designation: _____ Number of Acres Designated: _____

Has there been any change regarding the use or acreage of this land since the last Date of Designation? YES NO

If YES, enter Date of Designation and explain: _____

Do you have land the State Forester has designated as forest land in any other Connecticut town? YES NO

If YES, enter name of other town(s): _____

*Complete Items 1 and 2, entering location and number of acres in each tract. List each such tract separately.
 Assessor will complete Items 3 and 4 if application is approved.*

1	2	3	4
TRACT	# ACRES	ASSESSED VALUE	EXEMPT ASSESSMENT
TOTAL ACRES:			
TOTAL CLASSIFIED USE ASSESSMENT:			

Owner's Affidavit

I DO HEREBY DECLARE under penalty of false statement that the statements made herein by me are true according to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have received and reviewed §12-504a through §12-504e, inclusive of the Connecticut General Statutes concerning a potential tax liability upon a change of use or sale of this land.

DATED: _____ /S/ _____

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Assessor's Verification Section

Acquisition Date: _____ Map / Block / Lot: _____ Total Acreage: _____ Acreage Classified: _____

Vol. / Page: _____ Date Recorded: _____

Application approved: YES NO Reason for denial: _____

/S/ _____ Assessor _____ Date _____



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Sec. 12-107b. Definitions. When used in sections 7-131c and 12-107a to 12-107e, inclusive:

(b) The term "forest land" means any tract or tracts of land aggregating twenty-five acres or more in area bearing tree growth in such quantity and so spaced as to constitute in the opinion of the State Forester a forest area and maintained in the opinion of the State Forester in a state of proper forest condition and such land consists of (1) one tract of land of twenty-five or more contiguous acres, which acres may be in contiguous municipalities, (2) two or more tracts of land aggregating twenty-five acres or more in which no single component tract shall consist of less than ten acres or (3) any tract of land which is contiguous to a tract owned by the same owner which has been designated as forest land by the State Forester, provided land designated by the State Forester as forest land in accordance with section 12-107d prior to July 1, 1976, shall not be subject to the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection;

FILING INFORMATION

An application for forest land classification must be filed on this form, as prescribed by the assessor and approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to §12-107d(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The property owner must complete this form and file it with the assessor of the town where the forest land is situated. *If there is more than one owner, each must sign the application.* The filing period is between September 1st and October 31st, except in a year in which a revaluation of all real property is effective, in which case the filing deadline is December 30th.

Assessors can grant classification with respect to forest land for which the State Forester has issued a certificate *only*. The date of designation on the State Forester's Certificate must be no later than October first of the year the classification is requested from the assessor.

Failure to file in the proper manner and form shall be considered a waiver of the right to such classification under §12-107d(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes as of the October 1st assessment date.

You are responsible for contacting the assessor to update your application if there is a change in use, acreage or ownership of this land after the assessor approves its classification. If there is a change of use or a sale of the classified land, the classification ceases (pursuant to §12-504h of the Connecticut General Statutes) and you may be liable for an additional conveyance tax. Please review attached copies of the statutes concerning the imposition of this tax (§12-504a through §2-504e, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes).

Please be advised that the assessor may require information in addition to that contained in this application in order to make a determination regarding classification.