



## Comparison Chart of FLEP Practices<sup>1</sup>

FLEP Practice	Practice Priority Level	Cost Share Rate	Minimum Acres that Must be Included	Eligible Components
FLEP 1 - Landowner Forest Stewardship Plan	High priority; <b>Mandatory</b> for program participation	75% for new plans; 50% for revised plans	5 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a new Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP)</li> <li>• Revising or upgrading an existing FSP to meet FSP standards</li> </ul>
FLEP 2 - Afforestation/Reforestation	Medium priority	50%	3 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planting hardwood or softwood trees</li> <li>• Site preparation for tree planting or natural seeding</li> <li>• Tree shelters</li> <li>• Weed barriers</li> <li>• Fencing to prevent wildlife damage</li> </ul>
FLEP 3 - Forest Stand Improvement	High priority	75%	3 acres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinning</li> <li>• Removing cull trees or grapevines</li> <li>• Releasing crop trees</li> <li>• Marking trees for commercial or non-commercial stand improvement</li> </ul>
FLEP 4 - Agroforestry	Not Available			
FLEP 5 - Water Quality Improvement and Watershed Protection	High priority	75%	<u>Critical area seeding</u> - $\geq 0.5$ acre; <u>Riparian buffer</u> - $\geq 0.5$ acre <b>and</b> $\geq 200$ ft. in length; <u>Streambank stabilization</u> - $\geq 100$ feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing Best Management Practices</li> <li>• Stabilizing vegetation along forest streambanks</li> <li>• Seeding critical areas</li> <li>• Design and layout of forest access corridors</li> </ul>

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<sup>1</sup> This chart is a summary of cost-share practices. Contact your local DEC field office or visit [www.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/forestrypage/flep.htm](http://www.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/forestrypage/flep.htm) for a full description of practices and details on eligible components.

FLEP Practice	Practice Priority Level	Cost Share Rate	Minimum Acres that Must be Included	Eligible Components
FLEP 6 - Fish and Wildlife Habitat	Medium priority	50%	<u>Wildlife crop tree release</u> - $\geq 3$ acres; <u>Forest openings</u> - $\geq 1$ acre;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Releasing wildlife crop trees</li> <li>• Releasing and pruning wild fruit trees</li> <li>• Installing artificial cavities or nest boxes</li> <li>• Installing artificial hibernacula</li> <li>• Creating forest openings for wildlife</li> <li>• Seeding forest openings for wildlife</li> <li>• Establishing streamside vegetation on forest land</li> <li>• Expanding or enhancing seeps</li> </ul>
FLEP 7 - Forest Health and Protection	Medium priority	75%	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marking trees for stand improvement</li> <li>• Thinning</li> </ul>
FLEP 8 - Invasive Species Control	Medium priority	50%	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mechanical or chemical control of invasive flora</li> </ul>
FLEP 9 - Fire and Catastrophic Risk Reduction	Not Available			
FLEP 10 - Fire and Catastrophic Event Rehabilitation	Low priority	50%	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stabilizing firebreak soils (critical area planting)</li> <li>• Stabilizing burned areas (critical area planting)</li> <li>• Marking trees for stand improvement/rehabilitation</li> <li>• Thinning</li> </ul>
FLEP 11 - Special Practices	Not Available			