

Forest Resources Development Program 2009-2010 Administrative Region of the Outaouais

CRITERIAS 2009-2010

The forest resources development program (PMVRMF) Volet II, is a financial assistance program for work in the forest. Funding comes from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife.

DELEGATION OF THE PROGRAM TO THE REGION

According to the new orientations of Québec in respect of local and regional development, the Minister of Natural Resources Wildlife designated, in 2004, the Conférence régionale des élus de l'Outaouais (CREO), the responsibility for the management of Volet II of PMVRMF . The CREO has delegated part of its management responsibilities to MRCs Pontiac, La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau, Collines de l'Outaouais and Papineau. These organizations will manage the program in their respective territories.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

The forest resources development program (PMVRMF) Volet II, contributes to social and economic development of regions in promoting activities to maintain or improve the protection, enhancement or conversion of environmental resources forest.

More specifically, the program aims to:

- Support financially the activities of integrated management of forest resources;
- Contribute to the creation of jobs in the region;
- Carry out activities related to acquisition of forest knowledge;
- Develop new silviculture techniques focusing on the protection and enhancement of forest resources.

Funding priority in the Outaouais region will be given to projects that promote the development of multiple uses of the forest and generate sustainable benefits for the whole community.

1) Types of Promoters

Any person or legally constituted body may act as promoter. Eligible organizations include, among others:

- Development agencies involved in forest;
- Management agencies in common (OGC) and forestry cooperatives;
- MRCs and municipalities in the region;
- Bodies that manage wildlife areas;
- Associations and individuals whose projects provide added value in the communities
(including the watersheds and environmental protection initiatives; new 2009-2010)
- Education and training agencies.

2) Location of the project

Projects must take place in the forest, private or public, within the administrative region of the Outaouais.

3) Eligible activities

Work to maintain or improve the protection and/or enhancement of forest resources are eligible such as:

- The execution of the forestry treatments, including cutting and harvesting of wood, reforestation, stand tending, battle against insect infestation, disease and the competitive vegetation;
- The establishment or improvement of infrastructure for recreational or educational purposes such as hiking trails;
- Establishment or restoration of wildlife habitat, for example, a white-tailed deer winter range;
- Improvement of forest roads in order to preserve water quality and fish habitat or to access a territory for multi resources purposes;
- The realization of exploratory studies, pre-feasibility or feasibility, for investment projects targeting the production of second and third wood transformation. These studies must, as a precondition, receive a favorable notice of relevancy which must be completed jointly by the Regional Office of Forest-Quebec and the Office of Development of the Forestry Products Industry of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife. The notice of relevancy should be sent out within 30 days

However, certain types of projects present particular specifications, including:

3.1 Trail Construction Projects as part of the integrated network of trails in the Outaouais

Requests regarding the construction of trails (bike, ATV, snowmobile, foot) will have to qualify as an integral part of the integrated network of trails in the Outaouais. To be eligible for funding, developers have to submit the request along with the following three documents:

1. The "potential clients" form
2. A resolution, from the responsible organization or association, confirming their commitment to maintain the proposed trail and infrastructure.
3. Right of way documentation, valid for a period of at least 3 years if the works are carried out on private land.

NB These documents must be submitted at the same time as the request for funding for it to be admissible. Failure to submit any of these three documents will automatically reject the application.

3.2 Planned maintenance of infrastructure as an integrated network of trails in the Outaouais

Including maintenance of major infrastructure (bridges, culverts, footbridges) that are necessary to maintain security of the path or the protection of the environment. These projects must be an integral part of the integrated network of trails in the Outaouais. The project proponent or lead agency shall give an undertaking in a resolution to perform the maintenance of infrastructure.

3.3 Projects for repairing public forest roads

The requests for funds for repair work of road infrastructure (bridges, culverts, roads) located in public forests (excluding TPI's) must be accompanied by a written notice from the 'chef de l'Unité de gestion'. Such notice shall specify whether the infrastructure gives access to sectors of intervention under the five-year planning (see "unacceptable"). **Written notice of the chef de l'Unité de gestion' must be submitted at the same time as the funding request.**

3.4 Second and third wood Transformation projects

Only exploratory studies such as pre-feasibility or feasibility studies are eligible. These studies must first receive notice of relevance as completed by the Regional Director for the Quebec Forest and the Development Director for the MRNF forest products industry.

4) INADMISSIBLE PROJECTS

4.1 In public forests

not eligible for financing by the Volet II, activities that the beneficiaries of contracts for supply and forest management (CAAF) are required to perform at their own expense, including costs of construction or maintenance of forest roads giving access to sectors of intervention envisaged in the five-year planning and the fees associated with the planning and monitoring of interventions.

4.2 In private woodlots

not eligible for funding by the Volet II, the 20% share of the cost of silvicultural work to be assumed by the owners of woodlots for forest management activities carried out under the Assistance Development Program for private forest.

In addition, the following activities related to the functioning of regional agencies for the development of private forests are not eligible: administration, development and verification of PPMV work financed by the Regular Program of the Agency.

5) FINANCE

Volet II may contribute up to a maximum of 90% of the eligible admissible expenses related to the project respecting the program criteria:

- A minimum of 10% of all eligible expenditures provided for in a project must be paid by the promoter, other than with credit charges or any other form of financial assistance from other sources.
- In the case of a non-profit organization, volunteer services, equipment loans, etc. equivalent to 10% of the total cost of the eligible expenses may be admissible as promoter portion of financing towards the project.
- The promoter must engage the financing before September 1, 2009. If it is impossible to fulfill this requirement, written notification must be sent to the 'Conférence régionale des élus de l'Outaouais' (CREO) or to the managing MRCs. The project will then be canceled for the current season.
- The deadline for the submission of the final report is March 31, 2010.

6) PROCEDURE FOR THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Any organization wishing to obtain financial assistance through the forest resources development program (PMVRMF) Volet II must:

- Complete the application form for financial assistance and submit it, on or before **Friday 17 April 2009**. Only this form will be sent to members of the selection committee.

- Provide all the required documents:
 - A map indicating the location of work;
 - Plans and specifications for the construction of infrastructure;
 - The completed "potential clients" form for the construction of trails;
 - The resolution from the organization for the maintenance of trails or infrastructure;
 - Rights of way for projects on private lands;
 - The approval from the Director of Management for projects on public roads in the forest. (chef de l'unité de gestion)

- Approval of the project by a forest engineer, 'member of the Ordre des Ingénieurs Forestiers du Québec' or by a duly authorized professional in a field of competence in relation to the project.

7) LOCATIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF FUNDING APPLICATIONS



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