**Application for Model Forest Designation**

**Forest Name:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Forest Owner**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Municipality(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Acres Proposed for Designation:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Contact Person Responsible for Application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Primary Information**

Please provide brief (100-word maximum) text responses to each question below within this document. Additional or supporting documentation, including maps and management plan or other strategic documents, can be attached or provided separately in whatever format is appropriate. Supporting documents that cannot be shared electronically may also be provided to the Review Team during a field review.

**Questions** (*answers may reference supporting documentation*)

1. Who is the Guild Professional Member who will be the Model Forest Manager? How many years of experience does this person have managing this forest? If applicable, provide the names of other professionals with principal management responsibility and identify their employer (if contracted) or job title (if in-house staff). Provide resumes of all key staff.
2. What are the forest owner’s primary goals for the forest? What are the primary purposes and uses within the forest?

1. Briefly describe the overall forest management program and how it addresses the owner’s primary goals and objectives. How are the main management activities accomplished?
2. Describe the primary silvicultural practices and management regimes used in forest management.
3. How does forest management maintain and enhance the forest ecosystem, functions or processes? What range of specific ecosystem management practices are employed.
4. How does the forest management system identify and protect endangered, threatened, or unique species, and sensitive or high conservation value ecosystems?
5. What products, services, or benefits are being monetized on the forest (e.g. traditional forest products, non-timber forest products, forest carbon, ecosystem services, recreational leases, etc.)?
6. Describe any third-party interests that exist on the forest, including but not limited to: third-party forest certifications; permanent conservation easements; state-level current use programs; state natural area designation; forest carbon encumbrance; lienholder or mortgage holder interests; voluntary registry programs; or any other interest that creates a legal obligation for the owner.
7. What guidelines and practices are employed to protect water quality, soils and other resources throughout the management process?
8. What procedures exist and what practices are employed to prevent and manage invasive species?
9. In what ways does the property accommodate hunting, fishing, recreational activities, or other traditional uses?
10. Describe the process used for long-term planning and making major decisions. How are stakeholders identified and engaged and how are their interests used to inform the planning process?
11. Describe how forest management contributes to continuous learning. How are management activities being monitored? What metrics or indicators are used to measure success of the program at the resource / biological level, and at the programmatic level?
12. What research or teaching activities occur on the property? How are researchers and their needs engaged and supported?
13. How does the forest contribute to education and demonstration outcomes? Describe current or future educational or outreach activities or events and other ways the forest is made accessible to the public.

**Supporting Documentation** (please include or provide as separate attachments):

* Maps of property designated showing (*at a minimum*)
  + Ownership and area proposed for Demonstration Site (if different)
  + Forest type or vegetation maps based on most recent inventory.
  + Roads and trails
  + Wetlands, streams, sensitive areas or natural communities, unique cultural features.
* Any current forest management plans, strategic forest plans, and/or forest operation plans.
* Most recent third-party certification reports
* Location of conservation easements and easement document (if applicable)
* MOU’s, or other evidence of ownership intent
* Other information that helps demonstrate alignment with the Guild Principles

**Thank you for your interest in the Model Forest Program. This information will be essential in allowing a Guild Review Team to evaluate your model forest designation.**