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Northern Michigan Forest Landowners Sell Carbon Credits

Newberry - Twenty-three members of the Grossman Forestry Tree Farm Group earned over \$305,000, an average of \$8.00 per acre, for fighting climate change through sustainable forest management and good land stewardship. It is believed that this is the first time small working forests have had access to the carbon markets as the offset credits were sold on the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX®). The innovative program was initiated by the Delta Institute, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Grossman Forestry Tree Farm Group.

According to Group Manager, Gerald Grossman, members of the Grossman Forestry Tree Farm Group are dedicated to sustainable forest management. Land enrolled in the Grossman Forestry Tree Farm Group is certified sustainable to the American Forest Foundation Standards of Sustainability for Forest Management.. “While many people appreciate the clean water, clear air, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and forest products that sustainably managed forests produce, certified American Tree Farm System Group Members know how much work this involves.” This program provides annual payments for providing clean air and helping to mitigate the effects of global warming. The baseline amount of carbon contained within a forest is established during the winter. As the forest grows it sequesters carbon from the atmosphere. Landowners sell the net annual change in carbon (growth, minus natural mortality, minus timber harvest). All timber harvesting is done by trained logging contractors in accordance to individual management plans under the supervision of professional consulting foresters.

The extra income is welcome recognition for a job well done. It is also an important source of annual revenue in an area that is economically challenged and suffering from job loss. For example, Group Member Burt Township Schools is an isolated school district located on the South shore of Lake Superior. Sixty-four students attend the K-12 school. According to superintendent, Penny Barney, “keeping a well managed, healthy school forest is important to our students and the community. We are stewards of a wonderful 1,326 acre school forest which provides educational opportunities, recreational opportunities, and an important source of revenue.”

Receiving recognition as well as financial payments for providing clean air will help dedicated landowners continue to manage their forests sustainably into the future.

For more information call Grossman Forestry Company (906-293-8707) or visit www.grossmanforestry.com.

GROSSMAN FORESTRY COMPANY is a privately owned forestry consulting firm that assists Michigan's private landowners with forestry and wildlife management. The company currently employs seven full-time consulting foresters with secretarial support. Working as **agents of the landowner**, we provide the following services based upon the landowner's goals: stewardship plan writing, timber sale administration, forest boundary location, forest and wildlife management plans, timber market analysis, timber/land appraisal, and aerial photograph interpretation (every year we work with hundreds of clients to help them enjoy their properties). Our services are provided throughout Michigan's Eastern Upper & Northern Lower Peninsulas. As consulting foresters, we have an obligation to use our knowledge and provide the best possible service to Michigan's private landowners. www.grossmanforestry.com
