NORTH BAY FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

SONOMA COUNTY
REDUCING RISK.
PROMOTING FOREST HEALTH.

The North Bay Forest Improvement Program (NBFIP) provides critical funding to treat wildfire hazards on private properties throughout the region, with a focus on serving disadvantaged communities. The program supports planning and implementation and provides financial incentives to landowners to reduce risks of wildfire and promote forest health.

Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) in Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma Counties have partnered with Conservation Works and the Clear Lake Environmental Research Center (CLERC) to form the NBFIP to help private non-industrial small-parcel forestland owners (between 5 and 5,000 acres) implement noncommercial forest improvement activities such as thinning, planting, pruning, and fuel hazard reduction.

"This program empowers local forestland owners to take real, proactive steps to reduce their risk of wildfire and improve forest health."

Oona Heacock,
Executive Director of
Conservation Works

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*"After the **Glass Fire** burned through our property, it left a lot of dead standing manzanita and trees. The North Bay Forest Improvement Program grant gave us the **funds we needed to hire the labor to cut, pile and burn all that vegetation**. Now, 200 burn piles later, the work is done, and we are much better **protected** from a future wildfire coming from the east."*

-Richard Kavinoky, Monan's Rill Community

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Applications are typically accepted and reviewed in the spring and fall each year. Web applications for private landowners in Sonoma County will open July 8, 2026 and close August 5, 2026.

We encourage those interested in applying to connect with your local NBFIP contact listed below to receive help with any technical aspects of the project application. We also encourage applicants to plan ahead and submit their application in advance of the deadline to resolve any issues encountered when completing the online application.

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COMMON PRACTICES

- *Forest Management Plan*
- *Brush removal*
- *Chipping*
- *Fuel hazard reduction*
- *Herbicide application*
- *Mastication*
- *Oak woodland restoration*
- *Planting*
- *Pile burning*
- *Pruning*
- *Shaded fuel breaks*
- *Thinning*

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- Eligibility requirements
- Application process
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Payment rates and all covered activities
- Contact your local NBFIP contact for support determining your eligibility for this program

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