

## **Forest CORE Fund**

## **Forest Management Provision**

No timbering shall be permitted other than for the following purposes:

- i) Cutting of trees for maintenance of existing cleared areas used for parking, roads, utilities, buildings, and structures allowed by deed terms;
- ii) Cutting of trees for creation and maintenance of trails;
- iii) Cutting of trees, with prior written approval of Grantee for wildlife habitat management, for the protection or enhancement of the natural heritage resources, for conversion of monoculture plantations to natural forest conditions, which approval or disapproval shall take into consideration the ecological importance of tree cover and avoidance of forest fragmentation;
- iv) removal of trees posing an imminent hazard to the health or safety of persons or to property;
- v) removal of invasive trees or other invasive species or
- vi) removal of trees that are diseased, storm-damaged, or have died naturally.

In general, the forest shall be maintained in its natural state. Forest management practices conducted shall comply with an approved forest stewardship plan with the intent of restoring the ecological health and function of the forest and such practices may not be employed primarily for commercial purposes.

Best Management Practices (BMPs), as defined by the Virginia Department of Forestry, shall be used to control erosion and protect water quality when any allowable forest management activity is undertaken, such as may be required for (iii), (v), or (vi) above. A plan shall be submitted for approval no later than fourteen days before the proposed date of activity, and such plan must be consistent with the terms of the easement on the property. The plan shall describe the BMPs to be used in sufficient detail to ensure that water quality will be protected.