



THURSTON COUNTY
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THURSTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

OPEN SPACE TAX PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CHECKLIST TIMBER LAND CLASSIFICATION

Before submitting an application for timber land classification use the following list to assess your property's eligibility. Items 1 through 3 are minimum requirements.

1. The property meets the following definition:

"Timber land" means any parcel of land that is five or more acres or multiple parcels of land that are contiguous and total five or more acres which is or are devoted primarily to the growth and harvest of forest crops for commercial purposes. "Timber land" means land only and does not include a residential home site. The term includes land used for incidental uses that are compatible with the growing and harvesting of timber but no more than ten percent of the land may be used for such incidental uses. It also includes the land on which appurtenances necessary for the production, preparation, or sale of the timber products exist in conjunction with land producing these products.

2. You have a Timber Management Plan prepared in accordance with the Application Instructions.

3. Any residences or structures are excluded from the property to be classified (see "Application Instructions").

4. The parcel size, configuration, and access are appropriate for long-term timber management.

5. The soils and other natural characteristics of the property are suitable for long-term commercial timber management. (Check with staff about zoning regulations and Comprehensive Plan land use designations.)

6. The long-term use of the land for commercial timber management would *not* significantly conflict with neighboring uses, present and planned.