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# The Forest Legacy Program

Puerto Rico



## PROGRAM FACTS

- Only forest land is eligible for participation.
- Landowner participation is voluntary.
- The land acquisition must reflect fair market value determined by federal appraisal guidelines.
- Acquired lands and land interest are managed for perpetuity.
- Compliance with conservation easement is monitored by the State Government.



## ABOUT US



### Forest Legacy Areas

Forest land must occur within a designated Forest Legacy Area in order to be eligible for acquisition through the program.



### Donations

Forest owner can donate land to the program. Donated lands may be held by the state or an non profit land trust. The land can then be used to match federal funds.



### Fair Market Value

Property and conservation easements are acquired at an estimated price. The price is determined by local appraisers who must meet the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisition.

## CURRENT PRIORITIES

### PUERTO RICO

- Protect upland forested areas and associated environmental resources.
- Protect forest valuable for water quality and yield.
- Respond to threats associated with development surrounding public forest.
- Protect biodiversity and delicate forest ecosystems.

### US VIRGIN ISLANDS

- Ensure continuous forest.
- Reduce forest losses that impact water quality and marine systems.
- Maintain a high quality environment that supports tourism.