



## Landowner Application Form

The Ohio Division of Forestry is offering a state cost-share program for Ohio woodland owners interested in controlling hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) in their woods. This program is designed to assist landowners in maintaining healthy eastern hemlock on their property. Treatments will be recommended based on the landowner's application and a site visit.

This opportunity is provided through a federal grant received by the Ohio Division of Forestry. Expenditures for this Agreement are fully funded by federal funds. ODNR received a federal grant under the terms and conditions of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act, Public Law 95-313, as amended 16 USC 2019a (Landscape Scale Restoration) and Inflation Reduction Act Public Law 117-169, Subtitle D, Section 23002(a) awarded through U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. This grant is identified by Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN) 25-DG-11132544-027 which became effective on January 17, 2025. This grant is made under Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 10.731, IRA Landscape Scale Restoration. This Agreement is a subaward of that grant.

Please complete the following form to determine eligibility and to apply for the Ohio Division of Forestry HWA Treatments Cost-Share program. This form (pages 1 & 2) should be returned to [ohiohwa@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:ohiohwa@dnr.ohio.gov) by March 20, 2026.

### Landowner Information (to be completed by the landowner applying):

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address (if different from above):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions.

1. Which of the following eligibility requirements do you meet:

Woodland property is in an area of potential or persistent high poverty (see Appendix A)

Purchased or inherited your property in the last 10 years

Obtained status as a veteran in the last 10 years

2. Do you have woods with eastern hemlock trees on your property? This does not include individual yard trees.

Yes

No (ineligible to apply)

3. Has HWA been documented in the county of your property (See Appendix B)?

Yes

No (ineligible to apply)

4. Is there a conservation easement on your property?

Yes

No

5. Do you have any type of forest management plan for your property?

Yes

No

6. If approved for the cost-share program, how will you accomplish the HWA treatments?

I will hire a contractor to do the work.

I will do the work myself.

I am not sure yet.

Please note that depending on the volume of applications received, not all eligible applicants may be approved. Eligible applicants will be ranked and selected based on other factors including but not limited to proximity to protected land and assessed conservation value of the hemlock stand.

**Eligibility certification statement (must be signed to complete application):**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that I am eligible for the Building Resilience in Ohio's Forests Cost-Share Program based on questions 1-3 above and have answered the application questions truthfully to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**For Forest Health Specialist Completion:**

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Forest Health Specialist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

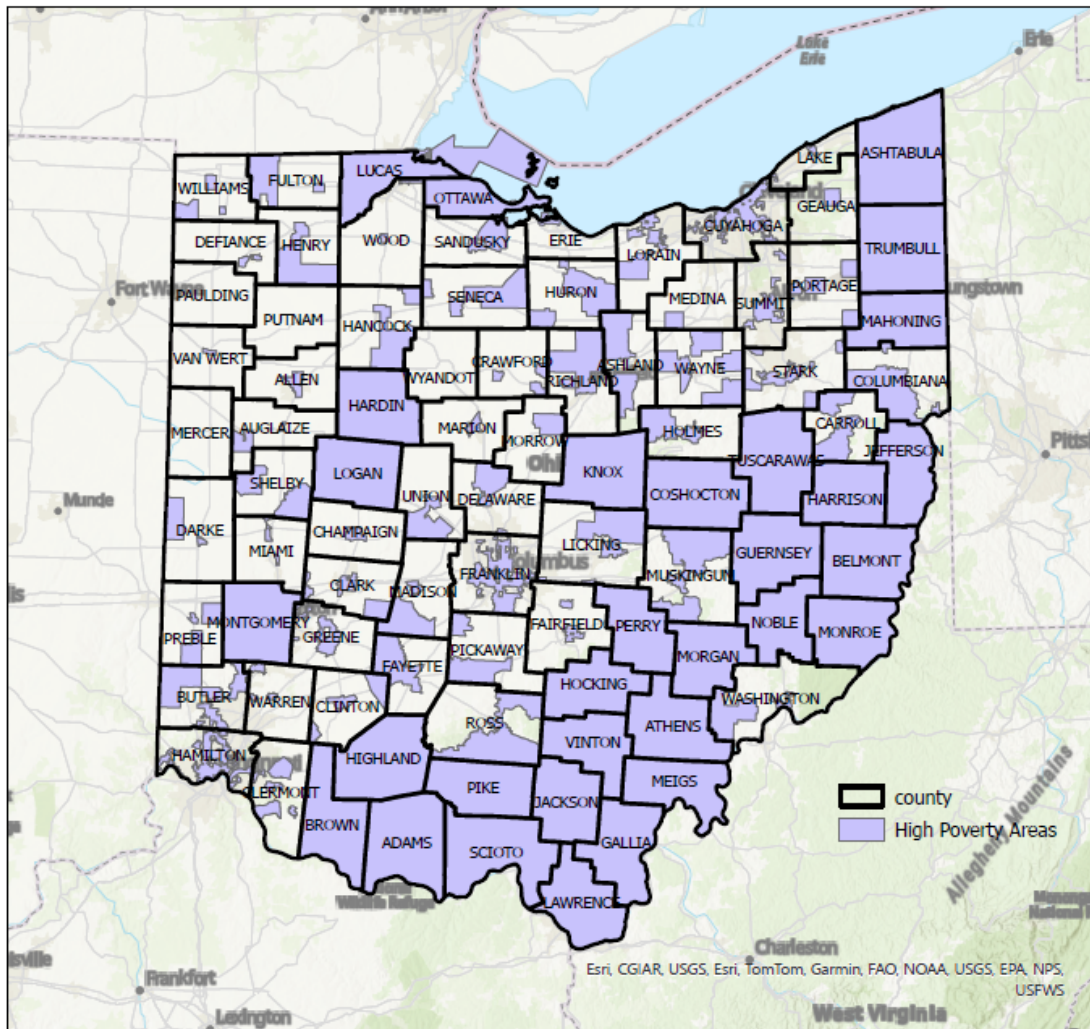
Application Complete: Yes No

Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Awarded Funding: Yes No

Appendix A.

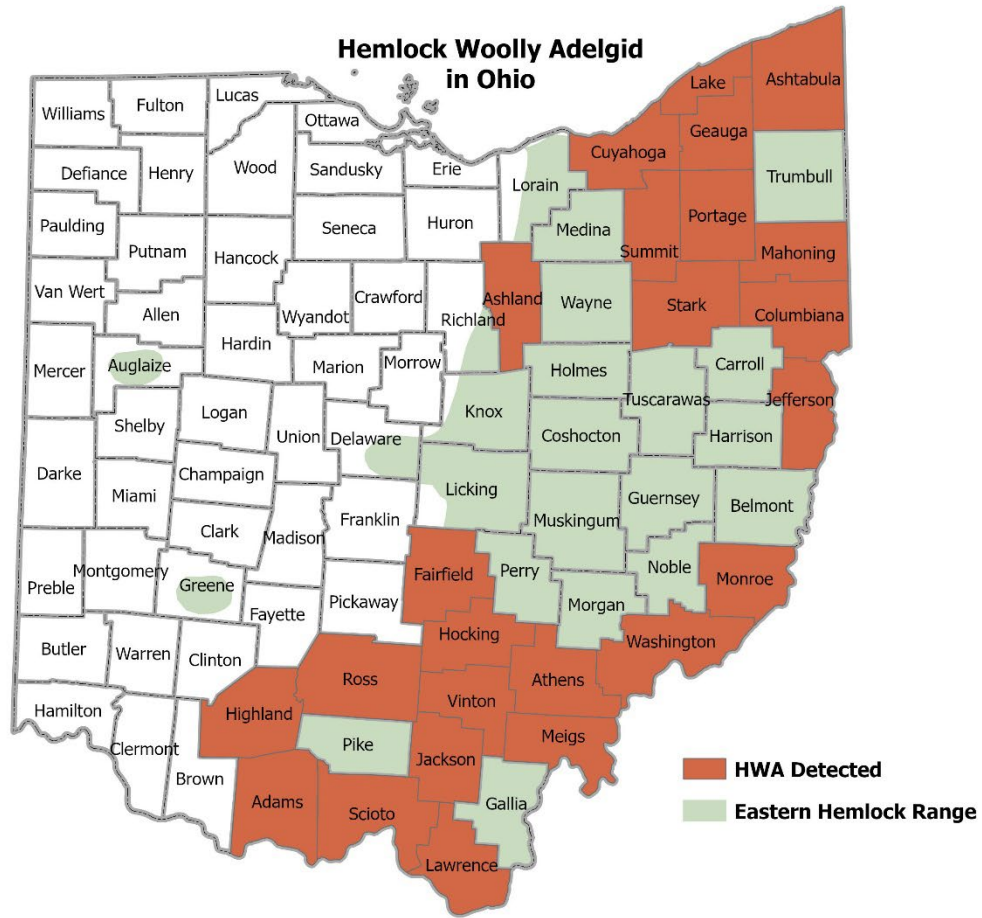
## Ohio Areas Identified as High Poverty for IRA Grants



USDA: Data combined from Ohio Census Tract Shapefile from United States Census Bureau and USDA ERS Poverty Area Measures Table. Highlighted census tracts are those indicated as having high poverty (>20%) for the 2015-2019 time frame. Economic Development Administration - Census Poverty Status Viewer data for high poverty area tracts, possible high poverty area tracts, and persistent poverty counties. Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC): Data taken from online maps through ARC <https://www.arc.gov/classifying-economic-distress-in-appalachian-counties/>. Counties with more than 50% of their total area identified as high poverty with all of these tools were included at the county level based on approval from USFS SPTF.

Map created by Stephanie Downs. June 27, 2025.

Appendix B.



Ohio counties with confirmed HWA infestations as of December 2025.