



Invasive Plant Management Program (IPMP)

Program processes and procedures

(& acronym parade)

IPMP

- Landscape Scale Restoration grants (LSR)
 - Program authorities allow cost-share for plans, NOT practices
 - Does allow paying contractors to implement practices

IPMP

- Collaborative across programs—Stewardship + Urban + Natural Areas
- 3 phase:
 - Invasive Plant Academy (IPA) x 2
 - Invasive Plant Control Practice Plans (IPCPPs) x 2
 - Contractor-implemented treatment (CIT) x2

IPMP

Web page:

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/projects/invasive_plant_mgmt/index.html

...continuing to build out as we go

IPMP—it's (mostly) all on the website

- IPMP Manual
- Manual Appendices:
 - Program forms
 - IPCPP Application
 - Landowner Instructions
 - Claim for Payment
 - Affidavit
 - List of FORPs
 - Example IPCPPs
 - Plan specs & checklist
 - Flow diagrams
 - Find your District Forester
 - Other stuff

Eligible landowners

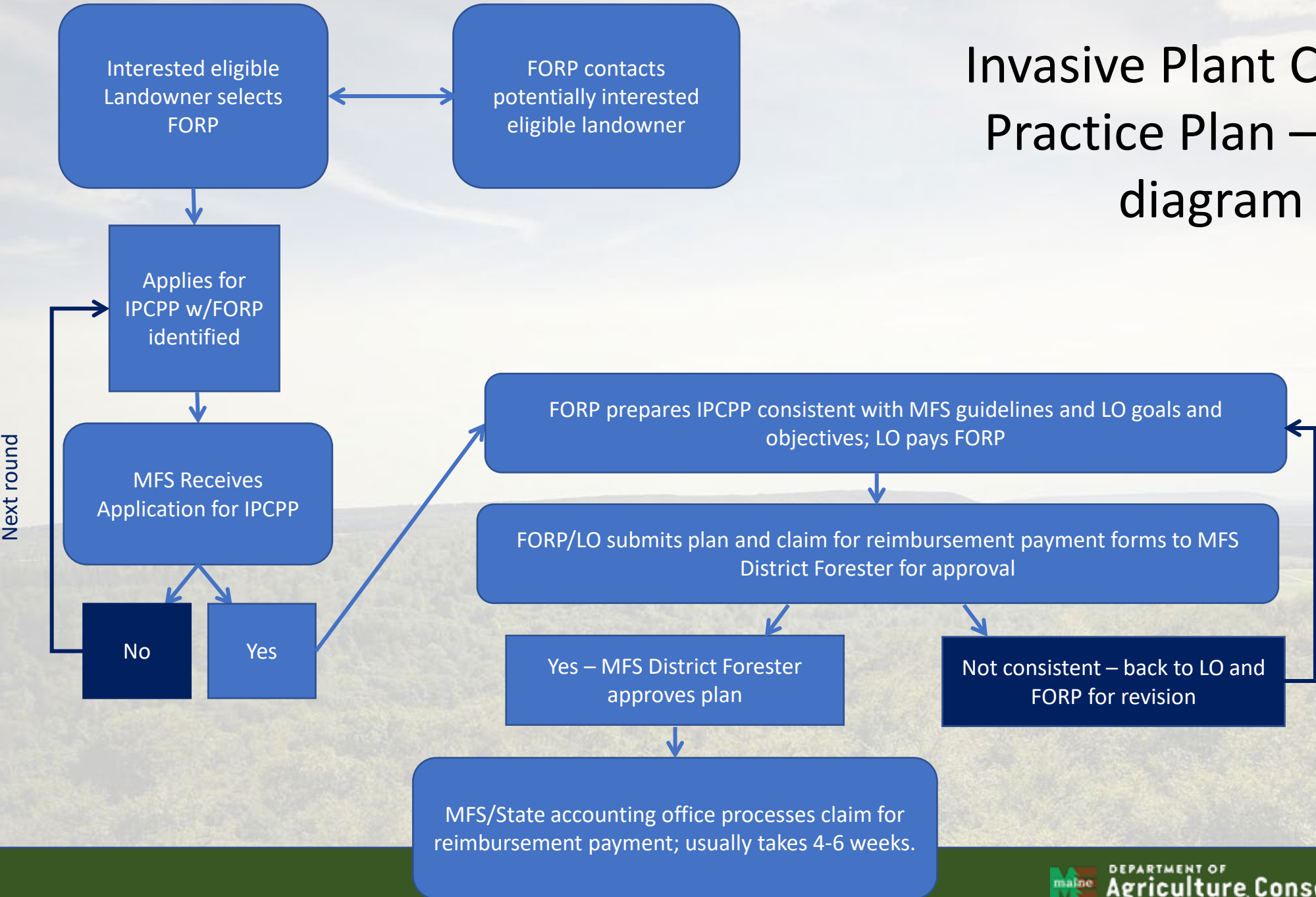
Private family woodland owners, municipalities, utility districts, soil and water conservation districts, educational institutions, land trusts and other non-profit entities, may apply for financial assistance and contractor-applied treatment that meets program guidelines.

For contractor-applied treatment, preference will be given to applicants from the following counties: York, Cumberland, Oxford, Androscoggin, Franklin, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Kennebec, Knox, Waldo, Penobscot, Hancock, and Washington.

Eligible landowners, continued

- Acreage limitations:
 - Applicants must own **at least 10** contiguous wooded acres, but **not more than 1000** wooded acres cumulative statewide.
 - Applicants must include all owned woodland, in a contiguous parcel, in an Invasive Plant Control Practice Plan.
 - Eligible landowners may apply concurrently for separate Invasive Plant Control Practice Plans on separate, non-contiguous parcels.

Invasive Plant Control Practice Plan – Flow diagram



Timeline

- 2021 Application periods and ranking
 - 1st IPCPP application period: now until 5/31
 - Approval letters issued by 2nd week in June
 - Field work must be completed between Approval and October 1, and plans are due to MFS upon completion, no later than November 1.
 - Reimbursements processed on a rolling basis
 - Separate treatment application ranking period—tbd (late fall, 2021)
 - Contractor-applied treatments will be done in 2022

IPCPP acres to be surveyed/searched

- Minimum required field survey of Highly Probable Areas as well as some survey in less likely areas.
- MNAP fieldwork suggests that a FORP with good familiarity with invasive plants can expect to survey a maximum of 100-250 acres per day.
- The lower end of the range can be expected for properties that are badly infested (more data to record).
- The higher end can be expected for lightly infested properties (less data to record).

IPCPP acres to be surveyed/searched

Table 2. *Minimum* survey effort based on 100-250 acres/qualified FORP/day

Level of infestation	Acres:	50	100	150	200	500
Low		2-4 hours	4 hours	6 hours	8 hours	20 hours
Medium		3-4 hours	5-8 hours	7-12 hours	9-16 hours	22-32 hours
High		4+ hours	8+ hours	12+ hours	16+ hours	32+ hours

IPCPP acres to be surveyed/searched

For example, for a property with 100 eligible acres to survey, you should budget one day of survey, but more time may be needed if the property is very badly infested. For a property that has 50 eligible acres, you might expect to spend a ½ day surveying the property. For a 250-eligible-acre property, you should spend *at least* 10 hours surveying. These are *minimums* only; a FORP who needs more time to identify plants will take longer, and a property with rugged topography may also take longer to survey, etc.

IPCPP application and reimbursement

- Application approval letter issued; work begins
- Plan is prepared by FORP, approved and paid for up front by LO
- Plan is prepared, submitted to local DF, with Claim for Pay, Proof of Pay, and FORP's Invoice marked "Paid."
- DF approves, MFS Harlow processes reimbursement claim forms
- State treasurer issues check/EFT

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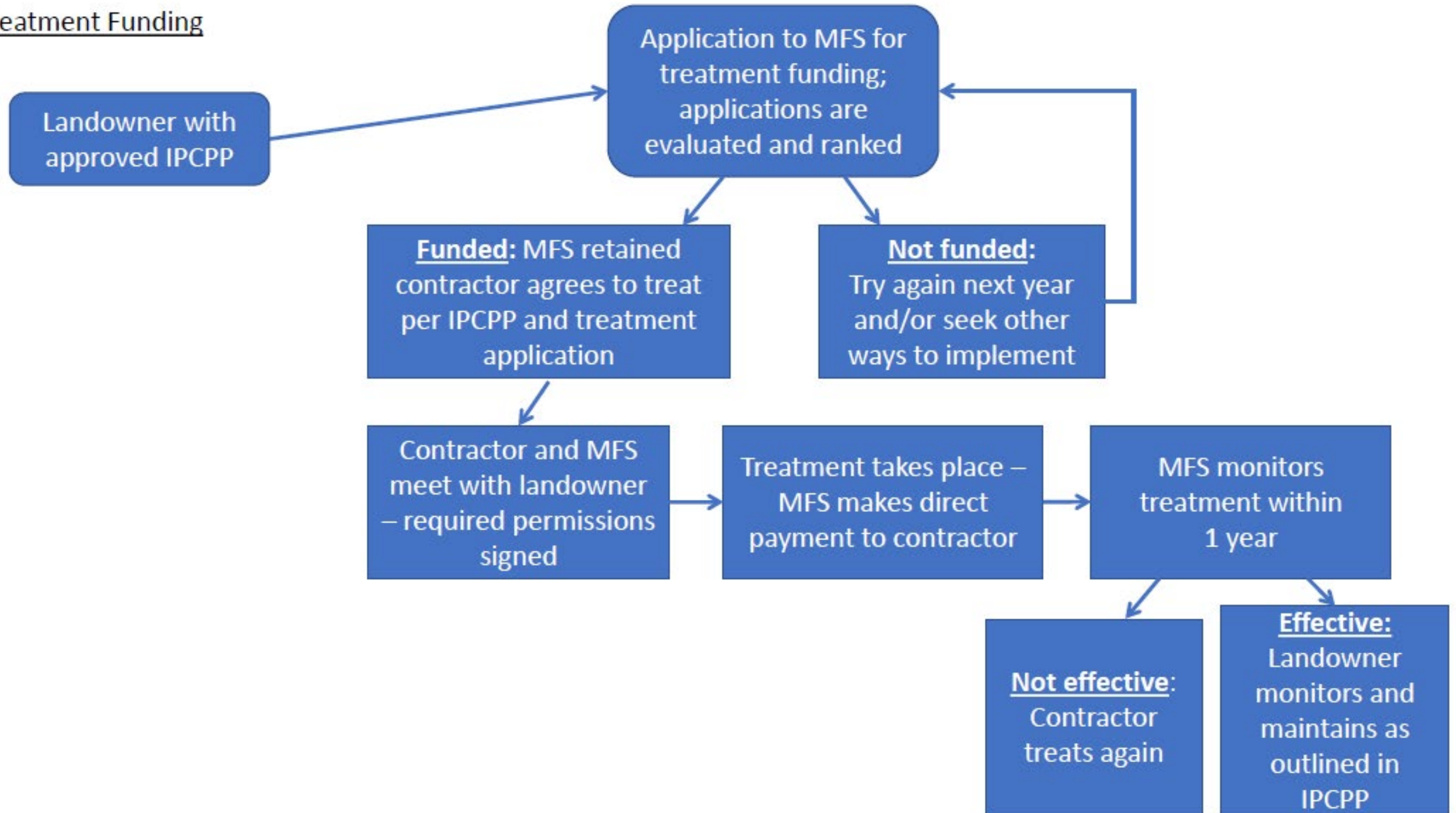
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- Also in the Manual Appendices:

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/projects/invasive_plant_mgmt/documents/ProgramManualAppendices_05072021.pdf

Treatment Funding



Contractor-applied treatments

Practitioners interested in bidding on providing treatment application should contact MFS:

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One way, not the only way...

