

# NORTH BAY FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



## WHAT IS NBFIP?

This program brings critical resources to treat wildfire hazards on private properties throughout the region, with a focus on serving disadvantaged communities. The North Bay Forest Improvement Program (NBFIP) supports planning and implementation of projects on private forested lands to reduce risks of wildfire and promote forest health. The program provides financial incentives to landowners to conduct this critical work.

Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) in Sonoma, Mendocino and Napa Counties have partnered with Rebuild North Bay Foundation and the Clear Lake Environmental Research Center (CLERC) to form the NBFIP to help private non-industrial small forest landowners (between 5 and 5,000 acres) implement non-commercial forest improvement activities such as thinning, planting, pruning, and fuel hazard reduction.

## ACTION

Learn how to get involved:

- What is the NBFIP?
- Am I eligible to participate?
- What is the application process?
- Read through our Frequently Asked Questions
- View Payment Rates and Covered Activities
- How do I apply?
- Contact us or your local RCD office to speak with a Forester on staff



**"We view it as a pilot project, and we're excited to build and refine a regional strategy for identifying and funding forest health and fire resiliency projects in partnership with CAL FIRE."**

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Lucas Patzek, project steering committee member and Napa County RCD District Manager

**LEARN MORE HERE**  
<https://afterthefireusa.org/our-programs/before-the-fire/nbfip-intro/>



**In total, the partnership will support forest stewardship activities across at least 100 projects in the four counties, treating over 1,500 acres of land. Additionally, the program will support the creation of 40 Forest Management Plans (FMPs).**

## HISTORY

The North Bay Forest Improvement Program (NBFIP) is a cost-share incentives program established in 2020 and funded through CAL FIRE's Proposition 68 Wildfire Resilience and Forestry Assistance Grant. NBFIP received additional financial support in 2022 through a block grant from the CAL FIRE's Wildfire & Forest Resilience Task Force's Small Private Landowner Working Group to facilitate further expansion of the program. This program is intended to blend the best parts of CAL FIRE's California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) and NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) within the confines of NBFIP guidelines.

## CONNECT WITH US

**Applications are accepted and reviewed in two batching periods each year March and September.**

We encourage those interested in applying to connect with their local [NBFIP Contact](#) well in advance of applying, as they can help with any technical aspects of the project application. We also encourage applicants to plan ahead and submit their application in advance of the deadline, as this will allow time for any to resolve any issues encountered when completing the online application.

Sonoma and Gold Ridge RCDs  
[sonomarcd.org](http://sonomarcd.org) | [goldridgercd.org](http://goldridgercd.org)

Mendocino County RCD  
[www.mcrcd.org](http://www.mcrcd.org)

Napa County RCD  
[naparcd.org](http://naparcd.org)

Clear Lake Environmental Research Center  
[CLERC.com](http://CLERC.com)