

ATFS Policy: No Payment for Inspections

In order to ensure equity across the national program, as well as access to diverse landowner groups, landowners or their designated representatives are not to be charged for the completion of an ATFS inspection by an ATFS Inspector or their respective State Committee. While a State Committee may choose to reimburse or incentivize volunteer inspectors for their time and expertise, such representatives of ATFS may not charge the landowner for the inspection itself via ATFS State Programs. If a State Tree Farm Program implements a membership fee system, the fee charged to the landowner is to support implementation of the program at the state level.

Any additional forestry related services requested by the landowner participating in ATFS State Tree Farm Program or their designated representative may be subject to compensation, which is to be negotiated between the forester and/or their representative and landowner and/or their representative directly.