

Private Property Tree Thinning

Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (District) has been awarded several grant funds for private property tree thinning. If tree thinning is recommended for your property, the grant funds can reimburse up to 80% of the project cost.

These programs provide financial and technical assistance for watershed management focusing on watershed health restoration projects on private and/or state land. These projects include:

- ✚ **Forest Stand Improvement** (treatments to improve forest health and/or wildlife habitat)
- ✚ **Defensible Space** (area around structures that is maintained and designed to reduce fire danger)
- ✚ **Brush Management** (management of woody plants to restore and maintain Grasslands)
- ✚ **Fire Breaks** (an obstacle to decrease spread of fire, such as a strip of open space in a forest)

The landowner pays the contractor for the thinning and will then be reimbursed by the District.

The goal of thinning projects are to create defensible space zones around structures and reduce wildland hazardous fuels in urban interface areas, all while improving forest health.



Before and After photos of past thinning project.



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