



Types of forest carbon offset projects

There are three different types of forest projects currently eligible to produce carbon offsets (Figure 14): afforestation or reforestation (A/R), avoided conversion (AC), and improved forest management (IFM).

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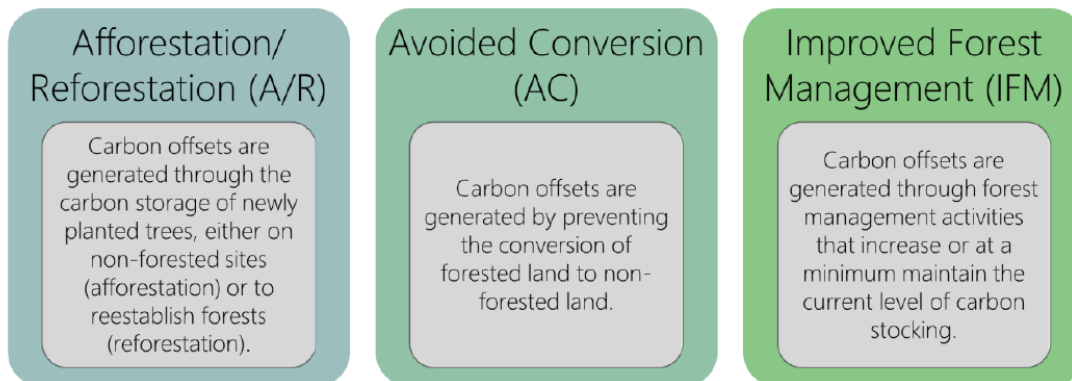


Figure 14

Unless the parcel has an imminent risk of deforestation or tree planting will be undertaken, most forestland owners in the northeast will be interested in the Improved Forest Management (IFM) category. IFM protocols allow for both active and passive forest management – i.e. active management would include timber harvesting while passive will not. There are a variety of forest management strategies that can be used to maintain or increase carbon stocks. Timber management under a carbon offset project may require lighter and less frequent harvests compared to forests where the primary objective is wood product yield.