

# THE VAST IMPACTS OF FLORIDA'S FOREST LANDOWNERS

The environmental and economic benefits of a managed forest begin with the commitment, investment, and hard work of the landowner. Florida's forest landowners are the unsung heroes who play a critical role in the state's economy, communities, and environment.

## PLANT, GROW, HARVEST, RE-PLANT

11M

Acres of private forest

Every year, Florida grows nearly 2x more wood than harvested

## SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

100%

Landowners use sustainable practices

Florida landowners are responsible stewards of their forest, following state guidelines across all categories including streams, wetlands, reforestation, and more

## GROWING OXYGEN FOR

110M

Residents annually

Thank a forest landowner for the air you breathe. Private forests produce enough oxygen for 110M residents to breathe every year

## CLEANING THE AIR

1.8M

Cars' emissions removed

Private forest landowners are sequestering the emissions of 1.8M cars annually driven on Florida's roads

## ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$25B

Impact on the Florida economy

### COMPARE

Forestry's economic impact outdrives the economic footprint of golf in Florida, the country's #1 destination for the sport (\$25B vs. \$17B)

Wood markets ensure forest landowners have the income needed to manage their forests, deliver environmental health benefits, and create an economic boost for Florida. It all starts with the landowner planting trees.

## JOB CREATION

124,000

Florida jobs supported by forestry

### COMPARE

Forestry supports more than 2x the jobs of all professional sports teams in Florida

## PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES

\$2.3B

Salaries and wages

direct contributions

### COMPARE

Paychecks in the pockets of families employed by forestry could buy 9,000 homes annually

## FUNDING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

\$880M

State taxes

### COMPARE

Taxes paid to the state by forestry jobs could pay the annual salaries of 18,000 teachers in the Florida school system

## FORESTS TO FAUCETS

27%

Of Florida's water supply flows from private forests

## 100 MATURE TREES INTERCEPT

250,000

Gallons of rainfall per year

Forests filter rainfall, removing sediments and pollutants before slowly releasing water into streams and rivers that feed into the watersheds that provide public drinking water

## SAFE DRINKING WATER

100K

Florida residents get more than half their public drinking water from private forests

Whether you care about drinking water, clean air or economic benefits, we must understand the role of the landowner and the importance of harvesting timber to provide income for the caretakers of the forests.

Economic Impact Data was derived from 2016 IMPLAN data. Find more information about this factsheet or forestry in Florida, [FDACS.gov/FLForestService](http://FDACS.gov/FLForestService).



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