

# THE VAST IMPACTS OF GEORGIA'S FOREST LANDOWNERS

The environmental and economic benefits of a managed forest begin with the commitment, investment, and hard work of the landowner. Georgia'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

22M

Acres of private forest

Every year, Georgia grows 64% more trees than harvested

## SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

94%

Landowners use sustainable practices

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

## GROWING OXYGEN FOR

220M

Residents annually

Thank a forest landowner for the air you breathe. Private forests produce enough oxygen for 220M residents to breathe every year

## CLEANING THE AIR

3.7M

Cars' emissions removed

Private forest landowners are sequestering the emissions of 3.7 million cars annually driven on Georgia's roads

## ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$36B

Impact on the Georgia economy

COMPARE

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

## PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES

\$4B

Salaries and wages

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## JOB CREATION

148,000

Georgia jobs supported by forestry

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## FUNDING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

\$978M

State taxes

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## FORESTS TO FAUCETS

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Of Georgia'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

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4x more jobs than the combined employees of all 35 universities and colleges in the state. (148,000 vs. 37,000)

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Paychecks in the pockets of families employed by forestry could buy 20,000 homes annually

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State taxes generated by forestry jobs could fund the cost of 17,000 teachers in the Georgia school system every year

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