

THE VAST IMPACTS OF LOUISIANA'S FOREST LANDOWNERS

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

15M

Acres of private forest

Every year, Louisiana grows more wood than harvested

SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

97%

Landowners use sustainable practices

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

GROWING OXYGEN FOR

148M

Residents annually

Thank a forest landowner for the air you breathe. Private forests produce enough oxygen for 148M residents to breathe every year

CLEANING THE AIR

2.5M

Cars' emissions removed

Private forest landowners are sequestering the emissions of 2.5M cars annually driven on Louisiana's roads

ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$13B

Impact on the Louisiana economy

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If forestry were a corporation, its economic impact would rank #1 ahead of the revenues of Entergy (13B vs. 11B)

JOB CREATION

48,000

Louisiana jobs supported by forestry

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Forestry supports 3x more jobs than LSU and Tulane employees combined (48,227 vs. 13,530)

PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES

\$1B

Salaries and wages

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Paychecks in the pockets of families employed by forestry could buy 7,000 homes annually

FUNDING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

\$326M

State taxes

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Taxes paid to the state by forestry jobs could pay the annual salaries of 6,500 teachers in the Louisiana school system

FORESTS TO FAUCETS

36%

Of Louisiana'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

Louisiana 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 2018 IMPLAN data. Find more information about this factsheet or forestry in Louisiana, ldaf.state.la.us.



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