



THE VAST IMPACTS OF VIRGINIA'S FOREST LANDOWNERS

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

13M

Acres of private forest

Every year, Virginia grows more trees than harvested

SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

93%

Landowners use sustainable practices

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

GROWING OXYGEN FOR

132M

Residents annually

Thank a forest landowner for the air you breathe. Private forests produce enough oxygen for 132M residents to breathe every year

CLEANING THE AIR

2.2M

Cars' emissions removed

Private forest landowners are sequestering the emissions of 2.2M cars annually driven on Virginia's roads

ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$22B

Impact on the Virginia economy

COMPARE

Forestry's economic impact smiles bigger than the expected economic impact of Amazon's Virginia headquarters (22B vs. 15B)

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

JOB CREATION

108,000

Virginia jobs supported by forestry

COMPARE

Forestry supports more jobs than Capital One (49,301) and United Way combined (44,250)

FORESTS TO FAUCETS

44%

Of Virginia'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

1M

Virginia 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 2015 IMPLAN data. Find more information about this factsheet or forestry in Virginia, dof.virginia.gov.



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