

THE VAST IMPACTS OF ALABAMA'S FOREST LANDOWNERS

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

21M

Acres of private forest

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

SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

98%

Landowners use sustainable practices

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

GROWING OXYGEN FOR

214M

Residents annually

Thank a forest landowner for the air you breathe. Private forests produce enough oxygen for 214M residents to breathe every year

CLEANING THE AIR

3.6M

Cars' emissions removed

Private forest landowners are sequestering the emissions of 3.6M cars annually driven on Alabama's roads

ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$28B

Impact on the Alabama economy

COMPARE

Forestry's economic impact races past Honda's revenues, the state's #1 producer of automobiles by 2x (\$28B vs \$12B)

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

JOB CREATION

119,000

Alabama jobs supported by forestry

COMPARE

Forestry supports more jobs than the number of employees of the Bioscience industry by 2x (119,000 vs. 48,000)

PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES

\$3B

Salaries and wages

COMPARE

Paychecks in the pockets of families employed by forestry could buy 24,000 homes annually

FUNDING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

\$906M

State taxes

COMPARE

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

FORESTS TO FAUCETS

60%

Of Alabama'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

1.4M

Alabama 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.

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