# 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

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# 21M

# Acres of private forest

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

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# 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



**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

5.6M Cars' emissions removed

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

# ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE



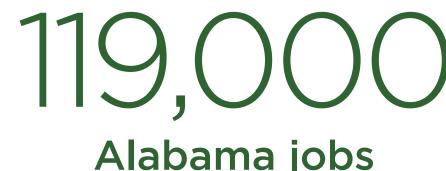
Impact on the Alabama economy

# 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



Alabama jobs supported by forestry

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Forestry supports more jobs than the number of employees of the

### PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES



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



# FUNDING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

\$906M

State taxes

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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



Of Alabama's water supply flows from private forests 100 MATURE TREES INTERCEPT



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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