

# THE VAST IMPACTS OF MISSISSIPPI'S FOREST LANDOWNERS

The environmental and economic benefits of a managed forest begin with the commitment, investment, and hard work of the landowner. Mississippi'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, Mississippi grows over 2x more trees than harvested

## SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

95%

Landowners use sustainable practices

Mississippi 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 Mississippi's roads

## ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$13B

Impact on the Mississippi economy

### COMPARE

When it comes to being a high roller, forestry's economic impact trumps the state's gaming revenue by 6X (\$13B vs. \$2B)

## JOB CREATION

62,000

Mississippi jobs supported by forestry

### COMPARE

Forestry supports 4x more jobs in Mississippi than the employees of Sanderson Farms, the state's #1 employer (62,000 vs. 14,000)

## PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES

\$2B

Salaries and wages

### COMPARE

Paychecks in the pockets of families employed by forestry could buy 15,000 homes annually

## FUNDING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

\$336M

State taxes

### COMPARE

Taxes paid to the state by forestry jobs could pay the annual salaries of 7,000 teachers in the Mississippi school system

## FORESTS TO FAUCETS

52%

Of Mississippi'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

Mississippi 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 Mississippi, [mfc.ms.gov](http://mfc.ms.gov).



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