

# THE VAST IMPACTS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S FOREST LANDOWNERS

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

15.5M

Acres of private forest

Every year, North Carolina grows nearly 2x more wood than harvested

*19M acres including state forests*

## SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

95%  
Forestry sites meet guidelines

North Carolina landowners are responsible stewards of their forest, with nearly all their management activities meeting the State's Forest Practice Guidelines that protect our water resources

## GROWING OXYGEN FOR

156M

Residents annually

Thank a forest landowner for the air you breathe. Private forests produce enough oxygen for 156M residents to breathe every year (188M residents including state forests)

## CLEANING THE AIR

3M

Cars' emissions removed

Forests in North Carolina are sequestering the emissions of 3M cars annually driven on North Carolina's roads

## ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$34B

Impact on the North Carolina economy

### COMPARE

Forestry's economic impact is top dollar compared to spending by tourism in the state (\$34B vs. \$25B)

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

## JOB CREATION

150,000

North Carolina jobs supported by forestry

### COMPARE

Forestry supports more than 2x as many jobs as there are employees of all bio-tech companies in the state (150,417 vs. 61,000)

## PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES

\$4B

Salaries and wages

### COMPARE

Paychecks in the pockets of families employed by forestry could buy 21,000 homes annually

## FUNDING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

\$274M

State taxes

### COMPARE

Taxes paid to the state by forestry jobs could pay the annual salaries of 5,000 teachers in the North Carolina school system

## FORESTS TO FAUCETS

41%

Of North Carolina's water supply flows from private forests (57% including state 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

1.5M

North Carolina residents get more than half their public drinking water from private & state 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 North Carolina, [ncforestservation.gov](http://ncforestservation.gov).



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