

# THE VAST IMPACTS OF OKLAHOMA'S FOREST LANDOWNERS

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

10M

Acres of private forest

Every year, Oklahoma grows nearly 66% more wood than harvested

## SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

91%

Landowners use sustainable practices

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

## GROWING OXYGEN FOR

104M

Residents annually

Thank a forest landowner for the air you breathe. Private forests produce enough oxygen for 104M residents to breathe every year

## CLEANING THE AIR

1.7M

Cars' emissions removed

Private forest landowners are sequestering the emissions of 1.7M cars annually driven on Oklahoma's roads

## ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$5B

Impact on the Oklahoma economy

### COMPARE

Forestry's economic impact rivals aerospace firms' goods and services (\$4.5B vs. \$5B)

## JOB CREATION

19,000

Oklahoma jobs supported by forestry

### COMPARE

Forestry supports 2x more jobs than University of Oklahoma & Oklahoma State University employees combined (19,301 vs. 9,647)

## PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES

\$454M

Salaries and wages

### COMPARE

Paychecks in the pockets of families employed by forestry could buy 3,500 homes annually

## FUNDING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

\$116M

State taxes

### COMPARE

Taxes paid to the state by forestry jobs could pay the annual salaries of 2,000 teachers in the Oklahoma school system

## FORESTS TO FAUCETS

41%

Of Oklahoma'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

Oklahoma 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 2016 IMPLAN data. Find more information about this factsheet or forestry in Oklahoma, [forestry.ok.gov](http://forestry.ok.gov).

