

THE VAST IMPACTS OF TENNESSEE'S FOREST LANDOWNERS

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

11.5M

Acres of private forest

Every year, Tennessee grows about 2x more trees than harvested

SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

96%

Landowners use sustainable practices

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

GROWING OXYGEN FOR

115M

Residents annually

Thank a forest landowner for the air you breathe. Private forests produce enough oxygen for 115M residents to breathe every year

CLEANING THE AIR

2M

Cars' emissions removed

Private forest landowners are sequestering the emissions of 2M cars annually driven on Tennessee's roads

ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$24B

Impact on the Tennessee economy

COMPARE

Forestry's economic impact is the lead singer to the economic impact of Nashville's music industry (\$24B vs. \$11B)

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

JOB CREATION

98,000

Tennessee jobs supported by forestry

COMPARE

Forestry supported jobs are electrifying compared to the state's energy sector employees (98,000 vs. 55,000)

PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES

\$3B

Salaries and wages

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Paychecks in the pockets of families employed by forestry could buy 16,000 homes annually

FUNDING SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

\$650M

State taxes

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Taxes paid to the state by forestry jobs could pay the annual salaries of 12,500 teachers in the Tennessee school system

FORESTS TO FAUCETS

38%

Of Tennessee'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

500K

Tennessee 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 2017 IMPLAN data. Find more information about this factsheet or forestry in Tennessee, tn.gov/agriculture/forests/commission.