

THE VAST IMPACT OF TEXAS FOREST LANDOWNERS

The environmental and economic benefits of a managed forest begin with the commitment, investment, and hard work of the landowner. Texas forest landowners are the unsung heroes who play a critical role in the state's economy, communities, and environment.

PLANT, GROW, HARVEST, RE-PLANT

61M

Acres of private forest

Every year, Texas forest landowners grow 40% more wood than harvested

SUSTAINABLY MANAGED

94%

Landowners use sustainable practices

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

GROWING OXYGEN FOR

608M

People annually

Thank a forest landowner for the air you breathe. Private forests produce enough oxygen for 608M people to breathe every year

CLEANING THE AIR

10M

Cars' emissions removed

Privately owned forests are sequestering the emissions of 10M cars annually driven on Texas roads

ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

\$37B

Impact on the Texas economy

COMPARE

Forestry's economic impact is 5x more than NASA's Johnson Space Center (\$37B vs. \$8B).

JOB CREATION

168,000

Texas jobs supported by forestry

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Forestry in Texas supports more employees than American Airlines employees nationwide (168,000 vs. 126,600)

PAYCHECKS FOR FAMILIES

\$4B

Salaries and wages

COMPARE

Paychecks in the pockets of families employed by forestry could buy 18,000 homes annually

FORESTS TO FAUCETS

34%

Of Texas water supply flows from private forests

FLOOD PREVENTION

250,000

Gallons of rainfall per year are intercepted by mature trees

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

2.3M

Texas residents get more than half their public drinking water from private forests

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

Private forest landowners are the caretakers of the forests. Whether you care about drinking water, clean air or economic benefits, to sustain these benefits, it is essential to understand the role of forest landowners and the importance of harvesting timber.

Economic Impact Data was derived from 2017 IMPLAN data. Find more information about this factsheet or forestry in Texas, tfsweb.tamu.edu.



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