



Forestland Stewards

NFWF CONTACTS

Jonathan Scott

Program Director,
Southern Forests
jonathan.scott@nfwf.org
202-595-2609

Zachary Bernstein

Program Coordinator,
Regional Programs
zachary.bernstein@nfwf.org
202-595-2433

CORPORATE PARTNER

International Paper is a global leader in the packaging and paper industry with manufacturing operations in North America, Europe, Latin America, Asia and North Africa. International Paper's partnership with NFWF supports the sustainable management of natural, working and restored forests to benefit wildlife and people. To learn more, go to www.internationalpaper.com.

To learn more, go to nfwf.org/forestlandstewards

ABOUT NFWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 5,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$6.1 billion. Learn more at www.nfwf.org

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

1133 15th Street, NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005
202-857-0166



The four Forestland Stewards geographies

BACKGROUND

International Paper and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) formed the Forestland Stewards partnership in 2013 to conserve and restore southern forestlands, which comprise some of the United States' most iconic landscapes. The partnership supports projects to restore native forests, strengthen important fish and wildlife populations, and protect watersheds — while at the same time promoting and supporting working forests in eleven states across the South.

Since 2013, NFWF and International Paper have invested more than \$25 million in projects through the Forestland Stewards partnership. These investments are leveraging more than \$73 million in additional funds from grantees, for a total conservation investment of more than \$98 million. These projects, once fully implemented, will establish and enhance more than 600,000 acres of native forest and wildlife habitat, improve more than 500 miles of stream habitat, and engage nearly 18,000 private landowners through outreach and technical assistance to implement forest stewardship practices.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals of the Forestland Stewards partnership include:

- Protect and enhance core habitat areas as anchor forests
- Improve management of public and private forests for environmental and economic needs
- Restore populations of at-risk wildlife and plant species
- Improve water and air quality through healthier forests
- Promote and support working forests

The partnership's investments are focused within four priority landscapes: the Coastal Plain forests of North and South Carolina; the Piney Woods of Louisiana and Texas; the Cumberland Plateau of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee; and the Lower Mississippi Alluvial Valley of Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. These geographies include important forest and freshwater habitats, and are critical to improving populations of at-risk wildlife. The strategy for restoration and enhancement in these places is guided by strategic conservation business plans, developed in collaboration with resource experts and local partners with on-the-ground knowledge of conservation needs and opportunities. Forestland Stewards awards grants to projects that address these strategies.