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Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund

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- Altria Group
- American Forest Foundation
- Arbor Day Foundation
- AstraZeneca
- International Paper
- Orton Foundation
- Southern Company
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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.

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Red-cockaded woodpecker on a longleaf pine

BACKGROUND

Building on nearly a decade of investment to restore vanishing longleaf pine forests in the southeastern United States, in 2012 the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation established the Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund, a landmark public-private partnership to accelerate restoration of the longleaf pine ecosystem. With the combined financial and technical resources of federal agencies — including the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Forest Service — and private funding from Altria Group, American Forest Foundation, the Arbor Day Foundation, AstraZeneca, International Paper's Forestland Stewards Partnership, the Orton Foundation, an affiliate of The Moore Charitable Foundation, and Southern Company, the fund is accelerating implementation of America's Longleaf Restoration Initiative's Range-Wide Conservation Plan for Longleaf Pine while advancing the mission objectives of each partner.

Since 2012, the Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund has invested nearly \$50 million into projects that will establish more than 154,000 acres of longleaf pine and improve nearly 3 million acres of existing longleaf habitat and the native species that rely on it.

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Gopher tortoise

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals of the Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund are to:

- Establish and enhance longleaf pine forests
- Restore and improve the understory
- Support the recovery of iconic and keystone species
- Increase technical assistance and outreach to private landowners
- Strengthen organizational capacity

The fund targets investments within “Significant Geographic Areas” anchored by military bases and installations, national forests, national wildlife refuges, as well as state and other protected lands to expand, improve and connect existing longleaf habitat to establish large-scale, healthy ecosystems. The fund also supports locally-based partnerships dedicated to restoring longleaf pine and providing technical assistance to private landowners across longleaf pine’s historic range. Grant investments seek to achieve specific conservation outcomes, with success tracked to evaluate gains in healthy longleaf forests and the recovery of native wildlife.



2021 LONGLEAF LANDSCAPE STEWARDSHIP FUND AWARDS

In 2021, the Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund awarded more than \$5.3 million in funding to twenty-one projects with a grantee match of \$6.9 million, for a total conservation impact of more than \$12.2 million. Together, the grants are expected to establish more than 15,000 acres and improve more than 400,000 additional acres of habitat across the longleaf pine’s historical range. Grantees will provide educational and technical assistance related to longleaf restoration to more than 16,000 private landowners, with an anticipated 800 of these landowners taking action to restore and enhance longleaf pine habitat on their properties.