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## Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund

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- Altria Group
- International Paper
- Orton Foundation
- One Tree Planted
- 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 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$7.4 billion.

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Red-cockaded woodpecker

### 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, International Paper's Forestland Stewards Partnership, the Orton Foundation, an affiliate of The Moore Charitable Foundation, One Tree Planted and Southern Company, with additional support this year provided by the Bezos Earth Fund, 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 more than \$57 million into projects that will establish more than 184,000 acres of longleaf pine and improve over 3.5 million acres of existing longleaf habitat and the native species that rely on it. The fund targets investments within "Significant Geographic Areas" anchored by military

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## 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

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.



### 2022 LONGLEAF LANDSCAPE STEWARDSHIP FUND AWARDS

In 2022, the Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund awarded \$7.5 million in funding twenty-two projects with a grantee match of \$9 million, for a total conservation impact of over \$16.5 million. Together, these grants are expected to establish over 25,000 acres of new longleaf pine, and will enhance an additional 375,000 acres of habitat through prescribed burning. Grantees will engage private landowners through workshops, trainings and one-on-one technical assistance to restore and maintain longleaf pine habitat on their lands.

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