



Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund

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Northern bobwhite

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and nine partners announced the 2022-year round of funding for Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund projects. Additional funding was provided this year by the Bezos Earth Fund. Twenty-two new forest conservation grants totaling over \$7.5 million were awarded. The twenty-two awards announced generated more than \$9 million in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of over \$16.5 million.

The Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund is a landmark public-private partnership that expands, enhances, and accelerates longleaf pine conservation across the ecosystem's historical range. The fund supports projects that advance the longleaf pine ecosystem through collaborative and result-oriented actions that contribute to the restoration goals of the America's Longleaf Restoration Initiative.

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ALABAMA**Alabama Longleaf Pine Restoration on Private Lands - VII**

Grantee: Alabama Wildlife Federation

Grant Amount:..... \$175,000

Matching Funds:..... \$191,600

Total Project Amount:..... \$366,600

Target private landowners interested in wildlife management for the restoration and/or enhancement of 6,000 acres of longleaf pine located within 31 counties within Alabama. Project will increase landowner outreach and recruitment through collaboration with partner organizations and landowner-hosted events, including events targeting underserved private landowners.

Restoring Longleaf Pine Forests and Improving Habitat for At-Risk Species in South Alabama

Grantee: Alabama Forestry Foundation

Grant Amount:..... \$500,000

Matching Funds:..... \$550,000

Total Project Amount:..... \$1,050,000

Engage family forest owners in a 27-county area of south Alabama by providing education and technical assistance to restore and enhance longleaf forests and improve habitat for at-risk species. Project will target 8,000 landowners through a marketing campaign and engage 800 through outreach events with 80 landowners expected to take action, impacting a total of 24,628 acres and improving habitat for gopher tortoises and other fire-dependent at-risk species found in longleaf forests.

FLORIDA**Ocala Regional Implementation Team Private Landowner Prescribed Fire Assistance (FL)**

Grantee: Alachua Conservation Trust

Grant Amount:..... \$82,000

Matching Funds:..... \$85,000

Total Project Amount:..... \$167,000

Assist the 70 members of the North Florida Prescribed Burn Association to plan and complete 750 acres of prescribed burns in longleaf habitat on private lands in North Central Florida. Project will train private landowners to build experience, skills, and confidence using fire as a management tool to enhance longleaf habitat for fire-dependent species across the counties that comprise the Ocala Local Implementation Team working area.

GEORGIA**Advancing Longleaf Restoration and Management in the Fort Stewart/Altamaha Area (GA)**

Grantee: The Longleaf Alliance

Grant Amount:..... \$375,000

Matching Funds:..... \$500,000

Total Project Amount:..... \$875,000

Develop a conservation plan for the Fort Stewart/Altamaha Longleaf Partnership, engage private landowners through outreach and technical assistance, and support longleaf pine

habitat management and reforestation benefitting the red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's sparrow, gopher tortoise and associated fauna species. Project will implement 17,250 acres of prescribed fire, remove encroaching hardwoods and thin pine stands to improve habitat on 2,225 acres and plant 530 acres of longleaf pine.

Restoring Longleaf Pine and Bottomland Hardwood Habitats on Private Lands in South Georgia

Grantee: Georgia Forestry Commission

Grant Amount:..... \$450,000

Matching Funds:..... \$500,000

Total Project Amount:..... \$950,000

Engage family forest landowners in a 37-county southern Georgia priority area to improve longleaf pine and bottomland hardwood habitat for at-risk species, such as gopher tortoise and eastern indigo snake, through the promotion of prescribed fire and plantings. Project will provide outreach and assistance to approximately 300 forest owners and improve management practices on more than 11,750 acres of high-priority longleaf pine habitat and 150 acres of bottomland hardwood habitat.

Restoring Wildlife Habitat and Longleaf Pine on Private Lands in Georgia

Grantee: Georgia Wildlife Federation

Grant Amount:..... \$300,000

Matching Funds:..... \$313,700

Total Project Amount:..... \$613,700

Identify and engage at least 40 landowners to provide one-on-one wildlife and forestry technical assistance to establish and enhance 2,350 acres of longleaf pine habitat and enhance 150 acres of bottomland hardwoods on private lands in Georgia. Project will focus on wildlife habitat management as an entry point to private lands management and collaborate with partners on outreach needs with a specific focus on lands between and adjacent to Longleaf Significant Geographic Areas.

LOUISIANA**Longleaf Pine Habitat Restoration on Private Lands in West Louisiana**

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$272,000

Matching Funds:..... \$272,600

Total Project Amount:..... \$544,600

Restore and maintain longleaf pine habitat on private lands in proximity to Kisatchie National Forest and Fort Polk in west-central Louisiana, benefitting open pine and grassland-dependent birds, such as the red-cockaded woodpecker and northern bobwhite. Project will plant 1,200 acres of longleaf pine, implement prescribed fire on 1,500 acres, and engage at least 40 private landowners through field days, workshops and one-on-one technical assistance.

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Gopher tortoise

NORTH CAROLINA

Expanding Longleaf Pine Restoration and Management in the North Carolina Sandhills

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$392,200
 Matching Funds:..... \$234,400
 Total Project Amount:..... \$626,600

Plant 735 acres of longleaf pine and manage 60,000 acres of existing longleaf pine habitat within the Sandhills region of North Carolina. Partners will build prescribed burning capacity through fire trainings and utilize seasonal burn crews to complete prescribed burning and mid-story control and other management on lands around Fort Bragg and the Uwharrie National Forest, improving habitat for Bachman’s sparrow, red-cockaded woodpecker, and northern bobwhite.

Longleaf Pine Restoration on the Croatan and Uwharrie National Forests (NC)

Grantee: American Conservation Experience

Grant Amount:..... \$180,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$116,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$296,000

Restore habitat on public lands in North Carolina to address the conservation needs of the longleaf pines and bottomland hardwood ecosystems. On the Croatan and Uwharrie National Forests, project will improve and increase longleaf habitat by performing timber stand improvements at the understory and midstory levels and planting wiregrass plugs and longleaf seedlings and improve bottomland hardwood habitat by using an herbicide application to manage, reduce and remove invasive privet.

Restoring Longleaf Pine Habitat in the Onslow Bight Landscape (NC)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$499,990
 Matching Funds:..... \$655,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$1,154,990

Plant more than 1,600 acres of longleaf pine and improve management of more than 65,000 acres of longleaf pine habitat on public and private lands in the Onslow Bight region of eastern North Carolina. Project will increase prescribed burning through a burn crew to assist partners with longleaf management, complete aerial ignition burns, provide certified prescribed fire training for fire managers and provide forest management trainings for women landowners through ForestHer program workshops.

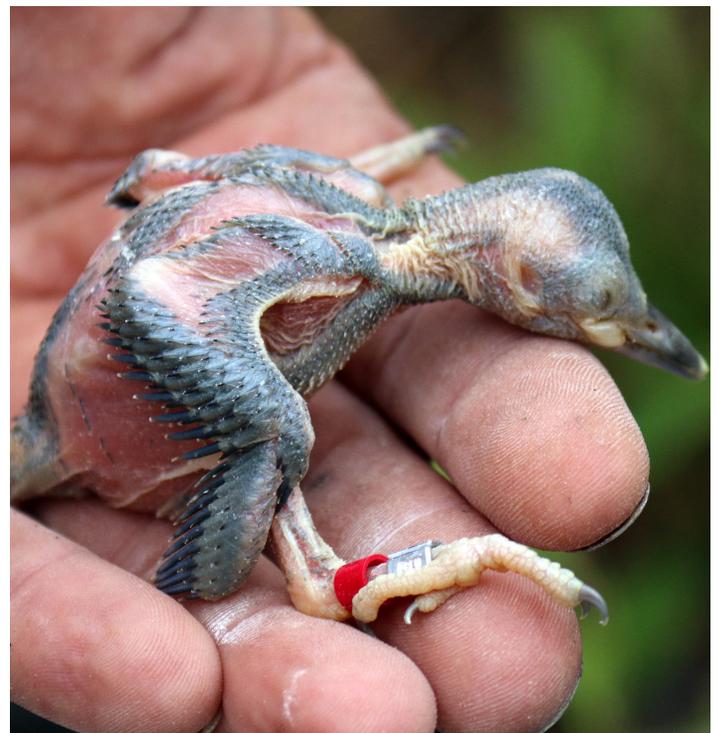
SOUTH CAROLINA

Fostering an Understanding of Climate Smart Longleaf Pine Management (SC)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$225,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$444,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$669,000

Expand the knowledge of carbon sequestration in managed longleaf pine forests and bring that information to partners and landowners. Project will collect carbon sequestration measurements in young, mature, and fire maintained longleaf stands to build on existing literature and fill data gaps, plant 200 acres of longleaf, and develop webinars and workshops to inform 300 partners and landowners of findings from project information.



Banded baby red-cockaded woodpecker in South Carolina



Brown-headed nuthatch

Longleaf and Bottomland Hardwood Restoration in the South Lowcountry-ACE Basin (SC)

Grantee: The Longleaf Alliance
 Grant Amount:..... \$480,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$524,600
 Total Project Amount:..... \$1,004,600
 Plant 1,050 acres of longleaf pine and improve management on an additional 2,200 acres of existing longleaf habitat with prescribed fire and mid-story hardwood removal on public and private lands within the South-Lowcountry and ACE Basin in South Carolina. Project will conserve working forests with conservation easements, provide outreach and technical assistance to private landowners, and restore populations of gopher tortoises releasing up to 100 juvenile tortoises on restored habitat.

Private Lands Longleaf Conservation in the Sandhills Region of South Carolina

Grantee: Chesterfield County Soil and Water Conservation District
 Grant Amount:..... \$297,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$301,200
 Total Project Amount:..... \$598,200
 Conduct a private landowner outreach and education campaign, with emphasis on underserved communities, to increase participation in available financial and technical assistance programs to restore longleaf pine within the South Carolina Sandhills. Project will impact 3,325 acres of privately owned longleaf through establishment, management practices, and prescribed fire, benefitting northern bobwhite, Bachman’s sparrow and southern hognose snake.

Sewee Longleaf Ecosystem Restoration and Landowner Outreach (SC)

Grantee: The Longleaf Alliance
 Grant Amount:..... \$322,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$328,400
 Total Project Amount:..... \$650,400
 Restore, manage and conserve more than 4,500 acres of longleaf pine and bottomland hardwood forest in the South Carolina Coastal Plain, north of Charleston. Project will provide public and private landowner outreach and financial assistance for longleaf establishment, prescribed burning, and working forest conservation easements, benefitting northern bobwhite, Carolina gopher frog and Bachman’s sparrow.

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Restoring Longleaf Pine in the Big Thicket and Longleaf Ridge Regions of East Texas

Grantee: Texas A&M Forest Service
 Grant Amount:..... \$490,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$498,200
 Total Project Amount:..... \$988,200
 Coordinate education, outreach, technical, and financial assistance to restore, enhance, and conserve the longleaf pine ecosystem in East Texas through prescribed burning, plantings and silvicultural management, benefitting northern bobwhite, brown-headed nuthatch and game species, such as eastern wild turkey. Project will plant 775 acres of new longleaf stands, implement prescribed burning on 4,100 acres, enhance 250 acres through woody plant control and educate 150 private landowners.

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MULTIPLE STATES**Engaging Landowners in Longleaf Restoration to Benefit At-Risk and Listed Species (FL, LA, MS)**

Grantee: American Forest Foundation

Grant Amount:..... \$154,000

Matching Funds:..... \$154,400

Total Project Amount:..... \$308,400

Restore and maintain longleaf pine forests in Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi to benefit populations of at-risk and listed species, such as gopher tortoise, southern hognose snake, and red-cockaded woodpecker. Project will provide technical and financial assistance to restore or maintain more than 1,100 acres of longleaf pine habitat and secure long term agreements with family forest owners to provide access to the land for monitoring the effects of these activities on species populations.

Engaging Large-Scale Landowners for Longleaf Pine Restoration (AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TX, VA)

Grantee: Forest Landowners Association

Grant Amount:..... \$250,000

Matching Funds:..... \$557,500

Total Project Amount:..... \$807,500

Establish 2,500 acres of longleaf pine and improve 5,500 acres of existing longleaf forest with prescribed fire on large-acreage private lands within the historical longleaf pine range. Project will address barriers to restoring longleaf pine on large-acreage private lands by building trust among stakeholders to achieve collaborative conservation for at-risk and listed species and providing technical and financial assistance to support planting and management of longleaf pine.

Engaging Underserved Landowners for Longleaf Pine Restoration (AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TX, VA)

Grantee: National Wildlife Federation

Grant Amount:..... \$411,500

Matching Funds:..... \$100,000

Total Project Amount:..... \$511,500

Expand outreach, education, and technical and financial resources for historically underserved landowners to restore and manage longleaf pine habitat across the historical longleaf pine range. Partners will engage 500 landowners through outreach events, workshops, demonstration sites and hands-on trainings to restore and manage more than 1,000 acres of longleaf pine habitat benefitting Bachman's sparrow, northern bobwhite and other longleaf-dependent species.

Expanding Longleaf Pine Restoration and Management in the Talladega Mountains (AL, GA)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$375,000

Matching Funds:..... \$500,000

Total Project Amount:..... \$875,000

Maintain and restore the unique montane longleaf ecosystem in northeast Alabama and northwest Georgia that bridges ecological connectivity from the coastal longleaf ecosystem

into the foothills of the Appalachians through the increase of prescribed fire capacity and support of reforestation efforts. Project will retain three prescribed fire crews and add a full-time regional burn boss to burn 41,500 acres, restore 2,125 acres of longleaf through plantings, and will target 400 landowners with outreach and education.

Improving Longleaf Pine Habitat in the Apalachicola Partnership Landscape (FL, GA)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$450,000

Matching Funds:..... \$349,100

Total Project Amount:..... \$799,100

Restore and manage more than 32,000 acres of longleaf pine habitat within the Florida Panhandle located between the Aucilla and Choctawhatchee rivers. Project will plant longleaf pine, implement prescribed fire, thinnings and invasive species treatments in existing longleaf habitat on the Apalachicola National Forest and other public lands, and provide financial assistance to private landowners to restore longleaf pine, improving habitat for the eastern indigo snake and Bachman's sparrow.

Longleaf Ecosystem Restoration in the Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem (AL, FL)

Grantee: The Longleaf Alliance

Grant Amount:..... \$565,000

Matching Funds:..... \$1,716,300

Total Project Amount:..... \$2,281,300

Restore the longleaf pine ecosystem, with a focus on improving habitat and conservation of several rare species in the Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem, such as the red-cockaded woodpecker, gopher tortoise, and Bachman's sparrow. Project will improve more than 181,000 acres of longleaf pine habitat through prescribed burns, control of invasive species, and plantings of longleaf pine and groundcover, and will reach 900 landowners in Alabama and Florida with education and technical assistance.

Longleaf Restoration, Enhancement and Management in the Mississippi and Louisiana Piney Woods

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$291,500

Matching Funds:..... \$177,000

Total Project Amount:..... \$468,500

Restore longleaf pine on private lands through plantings, prescribed fire and other management treatments within priority areas in Mississippi and Louisiana, benefitting gopher tortoise, northern bobwhite and Bachman's sparrow. Project will help address long-term prescribed fire capacity issues as well as provide financial assistance to landowners and contractors offset some of the costs associated with managing fire-maintained habitats, resulting in improved management of longleaf pine forests.