



Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund

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Young longleaf pine

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and 11 partners awarded a 2025-year round of funding for Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund projects. Twenty-two new forest conservation grants and one amendment to an existing grant totaling \$23.6 million were awarded. The 23 awards leveraged more than \$14 million in matching contributions from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$37.6 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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Advancing Longleaf Pine Restoration in the Cape Fear Arch and Onslow Bight Regions (NC)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$850,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$2,339,600
 Total Project Amount:..... \$3,189,600

Restore and enhance longleaf pine habitat through prescribed fire and the planting of longleaf pine seedlings and native grasses in eastern North Carolina. Project will plant 1,451 acres of longleaf, implement prescribed burns on 125,900 acres of existing longleaf pine habitat, and engage 12,000 community members through Fire in the Pines festivals that will build community support for prescribed fire, benefiting species like northern bobwhite, red-cockaded woodpecker and Carolina gopher frog.

Engaging Landowners to Restore Longleaf Pine Habitat and Wildlife (AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC, TX, VA)

Grantee: Forest Landowners Association

Grant Amount:..... \$2,000,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$1,025,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$3,025,000

Engage private landowners in voluntary longleaf pine forest planting and management through technical assistance for seedling acquisition, planting and prescribed burning, improving habitat for forest birds and other wildlife within the historical longleaf pine range. Project will complete prescribed burns on 1,000 acres of private land and plant longleaf seedlings on 4,000 acres, including assisting landowners impacted by hurricanes Helene and Milton with debris removal and longleaf pine plantings.

Expanding Fire Capacity and Prescribed Burning of Longleaf Pine Habitat on Private Lands (NC, SC)

Grantee: Pheasants Forever

Grant Amount:..... \$500,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$120,600
 Total Project Amount:..... \$620,600

Engage private landowners in longleaf pine management through workshops, learn and burns, Prescribed Burn Association development and one-on-one mentoring. Project will hire a prescribed fire coordinator who will facilitate the prescribed burning of 10,000 acres of private land in addition to over-story and mid-story treatments such as commercial thinning.

Expanding Longleaf Pine Restoration and Prescribed Burning in the Talladega Mountain Region (AL, GA)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$900,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$542,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$ 1,442,000

Improve longleaf pine forest health and habitat connectivity across the Talladega Mountain landscape in northeast Alabama and northwest Georgia, which will benefit northern bobwhite, fox squirrel and northern pine snake. Project will

plant 1,795 acres, implement prescribed burning on 21,350 acres of private and public lands, apply herbicides for mid-story treatments on 150 acres, create a prescribed burn association to assist private landowners and support other longleaf activities.

Expanding Longleaf Seedling Availability for Longleaf Pine Reforestation (FL, GA, MS, SC)

Grantee: American Forests

Grant Amount:..... \$1,250,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$625,800
 Total Project Amount:..... \$1,875,800

Build capacity and support the reforestation supply chain for longleaf pine seedlings by expanding longleaf seed supply and workforce capacity and engaging private landowners in improved management practices. Project will expand longleaf seed availability; provide job training for orchard management, assessing cone crops and cone collection; restore 1,420 acres through plantings; and provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to promote longleaf pine habitat restoration.



Red-cockaded woodpecker

Expanding Technical and Financial Assistance to Restore Longleaf Pine in Horry County (SC)

Grantee: Horry Soil & Water Conservation District
 Grant Amount:..... \$300,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$15,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$315,000

Engage private and public landowners to restore and manage longleaf pine and bottomland hardwood forest habitats through trainings and technical and financial assistance in Horry County, South Carolina. Project will plant 500 acres of longleaf pine, complete prescribed burns on 2,000 acres and remove invasive species from 300 acres to improve existing longleaf pine habitat benefiting northern bobwhites, black bears and Venus flytraps.

Improving Longleaf Pine Habitat on Public and Private Lands in North Florida and Southeast Georgia

Grantee: Alachua Conservation Trust
 Grant Amount:..... \$3,000,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$981,800
 Total Project Amount:..... \$3,981,800

Provide technical assistance to private landowners for prescribed burning, longleaf plantings and removal of competing vegetation within existing longleaf pine habitat in north central Florida and southeast Georgia, benefiting gopher tortoise. Project will burn 11,150 acres of public and private land, plant longleaf pine seedlings on 1,758 acres of public and private lands, remove 423 acres of invasive species and complete 22 training workshops on management practices for private landowners.

Increasing Restoration and Management of Longleaf Pine Forests in Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia

Grantee: Alabama Forestry Foundation
 Grant Amount:..... \$1,995,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$1,119,800
 Total Project Amount:..... \$3,114,800

Increase longleaf pine restoration by engaging family forest owners, large-acreage private forest owners and government partners through voluntary plantings and seed cone collection efforts in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. Project will plant 5,900 acres of longleaf pine, complete prescribed burns on 8,100 acres, improve 900 acres for red-cockaded woodpecker habitat, and treat invasive species on 215 acres, benefiting Bachman's sparrow, northern bobwhite and other longleaf-dependent species.

Longleaf Pine Restoration and Management in the Sewee Region of South Carolina

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy
 Grant Amount:..... \$380,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$380,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$760,000

Restore and maintain more than 90,665 acres of longleaf pine habitat on public and private lands in the South Carolina coastal plain, benefiting forest-dependent birds

and amphibians. Project will engage a seasonal fire crew to expand prescribed burning, engage private landowners through learn-to-burn workshops, increase capacity to plan and organize prescribed fire implementation, host a fire festival to build a culture supportive of burning and implement a longleaf webmap tool to expand landowner engagement.

Providing Landowner Assistance in Mississippi to Increase Longleaf Restoration

Grantee: The Longleaf Alliance
 Grant Amount:..... \$600,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$50,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$650,000

Provide technical assistance to private landowners, including enrollment in USDA Farm Bill programs for financial assistance, to increase longleaf restoration and improve existing longleaf forests within south Mississippi. Project will implement prescribed burns on 3,000 acres, restore 1,500 acres through plantings and restore 1,300 acres through the implementation of other forest management practices on private lands, benefiting northern bobwhite, wild turkey, bats and other forest wildlife.

Providing Technical Assistance to Private Landowners to Improve Longleaf Forest Health (MS)

Grantee: Wildlife Mississippi
 Grant Amount:..... \$375,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$516,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$891,000

Provide technical assistance to private landowners and assist landowners with accessing USDA Farm Bill financial assistance programs in south central Mississippi to restore and manage longleaf pine habitat. Project will complete prescribed burns on 1,000 acres, implement silvicultural practices to improve longleaf habitat conditions and reduce wildfire risks, and remove invasive species like cogongrass on 600 acres, improving habitat for gopher tortoises and northern bobwhites.

Restoring and Improving Longleaf Pine Habitat in the Pineywoods of West Central Louisiana

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy
 Grant Amount:..... \$417,100
 Matching Funds:..... \$241,200
 Total Project Amount:..... \$658,300

Restore longleaf pine habitat on private lands in Louisiana through technical assistance and helping landowners enroll in USDA Farm Bill programs to implement restoration and management practices. Project will plant longleaf pine seedlings on 1,900 acres, complete prescribed burns on 2,800 acres, and improve the health of 1,700 acres of existing longleaf pine forest by removing competing vegetation, expanding habitat for northern bobwhite, Bachman's sparrow and other forest and grassland species.



Eastern tiger salamander

Restoring and Managing Longleaf Pine Habitat for Healthy Forests and Wildlife (AL, FL, GA, LA, SC)

Grantee: The Longleaf Alliance

Grant Amount:..... \$2,250,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$1,068,900
 Total Project Amount:..... \$3,318,900

Maintain, enhance and restore longleaf pine habitat across the Southeast through outreach and technical assistance for private landowners. Project will impact more than 12,000 acres with prescribed fire, plant 4,800 acres with longleaf, improve 2,800 acres with midstory control and improve 4,200 acres using silvopasture. Additionally, 32 red-cockaded woodpeckers will be translocated, and 450 nest box inserts will be installed to provide suitable nesting sites.

Restoring Longleaf Pine Across the Chattahoochee Fall Line Region (AL, GA)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

Grant Amount:..... \$400,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$165,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$565,000

Restore longleaf pine habitat in Alabama and Georgia by engaging private landowners in voluntary management practices such as prescribed fire through cost-share programs, benefiting gopher tortoise, northern bobwhite and wild turkey. Project will implement prescribed burns on 40,000 acres of existing longleaf pine habitat, plant 326 acres of longleaf pine, continue the management of red-cockaded woodpecker populations on private land and engage more than 600 landowners in outreach programs.

Restoring Longleaf Pine and Improving Wildlife Recovery and Response Monitoring (AL, FL, GA)

Grantee: Tall Timbers Research

Grant Amount:..... \$2,999,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$750,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$3,749,000

Increase longleaf pine restoration and prescribed burning of longleaf pine habitat through a new prescribed burn association and increase the capacity of landowners and forest practitioners to complete prescribed burns through trainings. Project will conduct 2,000 acres of prescribed burning, plant 1,500 acres of longleaf pine, conserve 1,500 acres of existing longleaf habitat with voluntary conservation easements and translocate 20 red-cockaded woodpeckers to restored habitat on private lands.

Restoring Longleaf Pine Forests in Mississippi through Private Landowner Engagement

Grantee: Mississippi Forestry Association

Grant Amount:..... \$600,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$207,400
 Total Project Amount:..... \$807,400

Improve longleaf pine habitat for gopher tortoises, wild turkeys and other wildlife species through landowner engagement and implementation of restoration and management practices on private lands in south central Mississippi. Project will complete prescribed burns on 5,000 acres of existing longleaf pine, plant 3,000 acres of new longleaf pine and partner with county forestry associations to host 15 workshops and field days focusing on longleaf pine restoration for private landowners.

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Restoring Longleaf Pine Habitat for Reptiles, Amphibians and Other Wildlife Species (FL, GA, MS, SC)

Grantee: Amphibian and Reptile Conservancy
 Grant Amount:..... \$580,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$208,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$788,000
 Restore and recover habitat for longleaf-dependent reptiles, amphibians and other wildlife species such as the black pine snake and gopher tortoise through private landowner engagement, forested wetland restoration and prescribed fire in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina. Project will improve forest management on 545 acres of longleaf forests, complete prescribed burns on 3,736 acres, plant longleaf on 200 acres and create forest management plans to guide forest restoration efforts.

Restoring Longleaf Pine in Georgia through Technical Assistance and Management Implementation

Grantee: Pheasants Forever
 Grant Amount:..... \$550,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$154,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$704,000
 Increase technical assistance to restore longleaf pine habitat and address barriers to habitat management on public and private lands in Georgia, including assistance with longleaf pine restoration within hurricane-impacted areas, benefiting northern bobwhites and eastern indigo snakes. Project will support habitat restoration crews to assist with 3,900 acres of invasive plant removal, prescribed burning on 30,000 acres of existing longleaf pine, and host 20 landowner workshops and trainings.

Restoring Longleaf Pine in Virginia through Outreach, Technical Assistance and Implementation

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy
 Grant Amount:..... \$1,000,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$1,009,900
 Total Project Amount:..... \$2,009,900
 Restore longleaf pine forest habitat on private and public lands through landowner outreach, increased partner coordination, workforce development and implementation of restoration practices in southeast Virginia. Project will build landowner-to-landowner learning networks, plant 1,900 acres of longleaf pine, implement prescribed fire on 9,000 acres and increase groundcover restoration and the availability of native Virginia longleaf pine seedlings, benefiting northern bobwhite and prairie warbler.

Restoring Longleaf Pine on Private Lands in Alabama through Technical Assistance

Grantee: Alabama Wildlife Federation
 Grant Amount:..... \$212,200
 Matching Funds:..... \$212,200
 Total Project Amount:..... \$424,400
 Engage private landowners interested in wildlife management in technical assistance to develop and implement conservation plans for managing longleaf pine stands in Alabama. Project will complete prescribed burns

on 500 acres of existing longleaf pine habitat, plant 2,000 acres with longleaf pine seedlings, and implement improved management practices on 2,500 acres on private lands, benefiting northern bobwhite, Bachman’s sparrow and other forest and grassland dependent species.

Restoring Longleaf Pine on Private Lands in East Texas through Technical and Financial Assistance

Grantee: Texas A&M Forest Service
 Grant Amount:..... \$1,650,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$580,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$2,230,000
 Restore, enhance and conserve the longleaf pine ecosystem on private lands in East Texas by coordinating strategic planning, outreach, and technical and financial assistance, benefiting forest and grassland birds. Project will complete prescribed burns on 10,400 acres of private land, plant longleaf pine seedlings on 2,000 acres, and host prescribed burn trainings, longleaf management field days and webinars for private landowners and to address workforce shortages in the Texas forest sector.

Increasing Prescribed Burning Capacity in the South (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA)

Grantee: North Carolina State University
 Grant Amount:..... \$60,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$0
 Total Project Amount:..... \$60,000
 Increase prescribed burning capacity in the Southeast through coordination, education and outreach. Project will work with private landowners to restore, maintain, and improve longleaf pine ecosystems, benefiting open pine and grassland species including Bachman’s sparrow and northern bobwhite.



Controlled burn demonstration