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# Forestland Stewards

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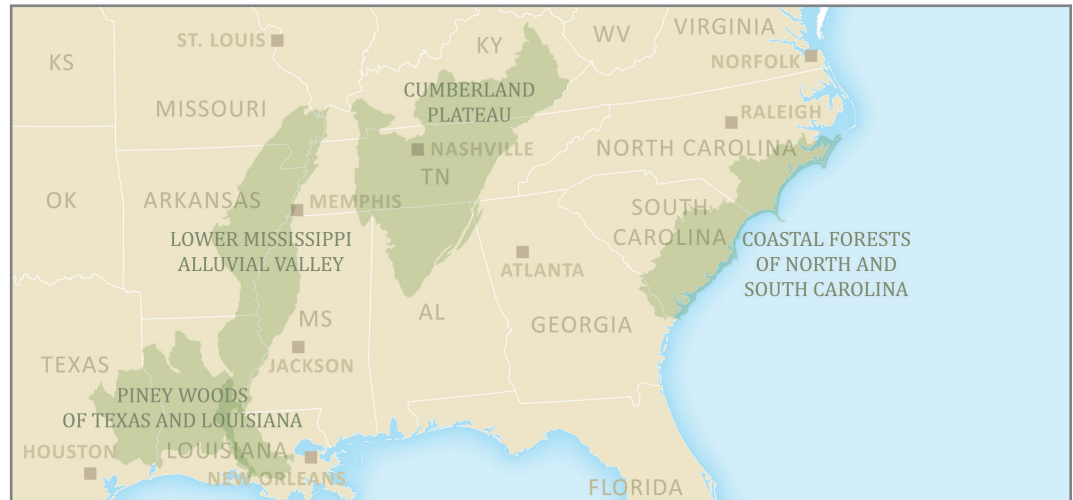
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## ABOUT NFWF

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](http://www.nfwf.org)

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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 \$30 million in projects through the Forestland Stewards partnership. These investments are leveraging more than \$143 million in additional funds from grantees, for a total conservation investment of more than \$173 million. These projects, once fully implemented, will establish and enhance more than 1 million acres of native forest and wildlife habitat, improve more than 550 miles of stream habitat, and engage nearly 20,000 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

Forestland Stewards awards grants 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, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. 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.