



Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund

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- Altria Group
- Bezos Earth Fund
- International Paper
- Occidental
- One Tree Planted
- 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

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Loggerhead shrike

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, Bezos Earth Fund, International Paper's Forestland Stewards Partnership, Occidental, One Tree Planted, 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 more than \$75 million into projects that will establish more than 245,000 acres of longleaf pine and improve more than 4 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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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.

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



2023 LONGLEAF LANDSCAPE STEWARDSHIP FUND AWARDS

In 2023, the Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund awarded \$18 million in funding to 26 new forest conservation projects and two amendments to existing projects, leveraging over \$14.7 million in grantee matching contributions to generate a total conservation impact of over \$32.7 million. Together, these grants are expected to establish over 50,000 acres of new longleaf pine, and will enhance an additional 450,000 acres through prescribed burning and other practices. Grantees will engage private landowners through workshops, trainings and one-on-one technical assistance to restore and maintain longleaf pine habitat on their lands. These projects will also collaborate with and support seedling nurseries, seed orchards and tree improvement experts to produce more than 20 million longleaf seedlings over the next five years and bolster seedling production and quality long-term, which is critical to expanding and sustaining longleaf pine restoration.

Croatan National Forest