

Cape Fear Arch Longleaf Initiative

*Enhancing Partnerships for the Restoration
& Maintenance of Longleaf Pine*

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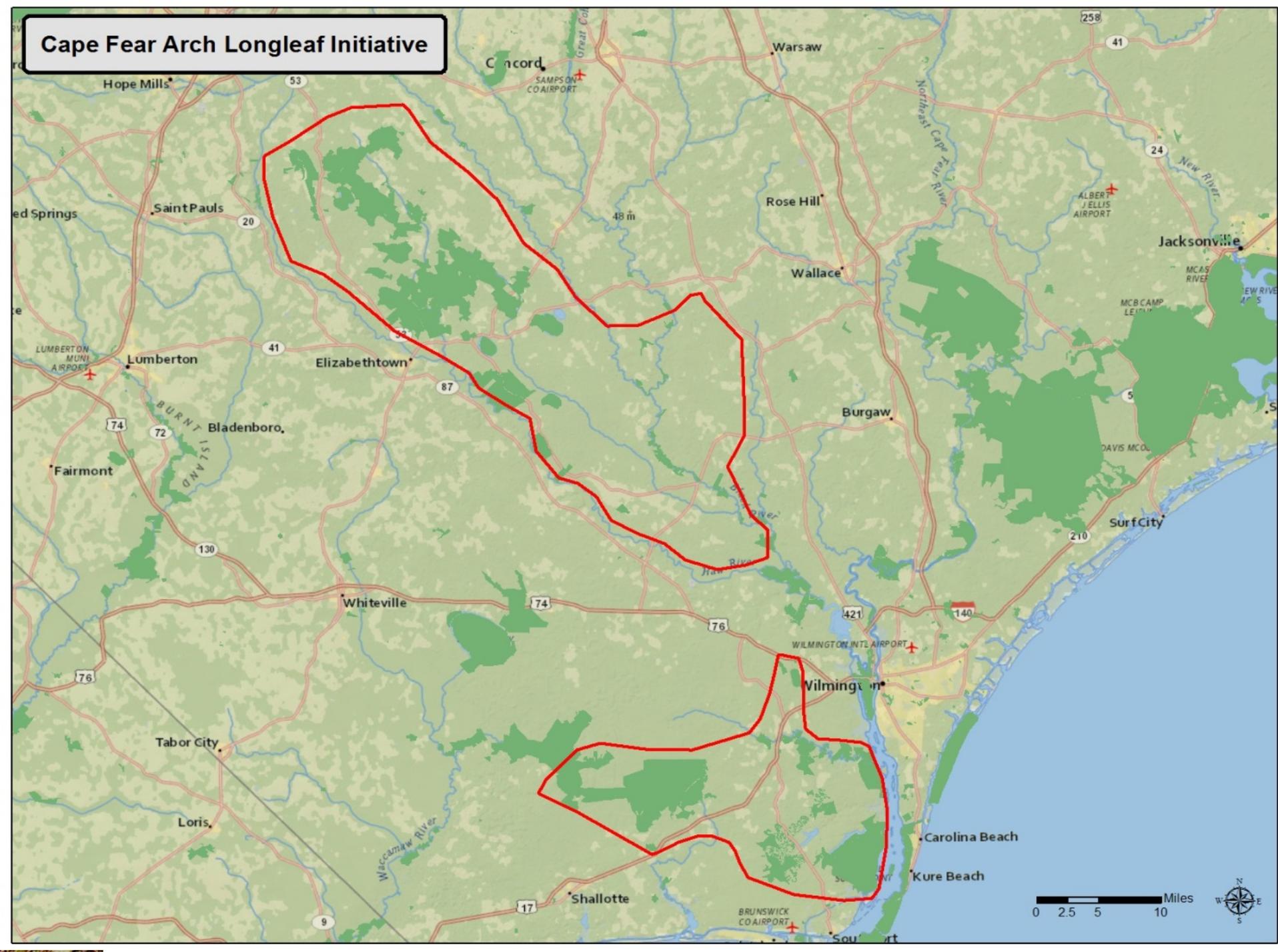
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Project Overview

- Project endeavors to increase the establishment of LLP, enhance existing habitat and develop techniques to implement controlled burns in the WUI and the organic soils of the coastal plain.
- Project Importance:
 - Bringing partners together to truly implement projects for the first time.
 - Developing a cohesive strategy in two discrete significant areas.
- Expected Results
 - 1,276 ac planted, 5,220 ac burned, 1,937 ac of understory planted, & 800 citizens engaged in education and outreach activities.
 - Improved habitat for bobwhite quail, Bachman's sparrow and RCW
 - Complementary SFI grant encouraging forest certification.
- Timeframe
 - Expected project completion: September 2015.

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Implementation

- Geographic priorities:
 - Bladen Lakes SGA
 - Greater Green Swamp Subarea
- Status:
 - On-Track for Completion
- Restoration Challenge:
 - Relying on Private Burn Contractors
 - Expanding opportunities for growing season fire.



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Communication

- Examples of positive exposure
 - Media Coverage (press releases, tv)
- Upcoming planned activities
 - Fire in the Pines, October 11.
- Additional key milestones and events or opportunities
 - Leveraging SFI & Pepsico grants.

Looking Forward

- What is the long-term commitment & maintenance?
 - Wherewithal to manage increasing acreage of restored lands and maintain habitat with prescribed fire.
 - Developing business case to encourage partners to contribute to a shared growing season burn crew into the future.
- Opportunities to expand on or add to this project in the future (by any organization)
 - Continue focus on large private landowners in Greater Green Swamp & incorporate Bladen Lakes State Forest.

Summary

Leveraging resources within a partnership is the means to an effective landscape-scale initiative.



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