



Forest Action Plan: GFC's Five-Year Strategic Plan

The Georgia Statewide Forest Resources Assessment and the Forest Resources Strategy were produced in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill in order to position Georgia to receive funds under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act.

The Assessment provides a science-based foundation that analyzes forest conditions and trends in the state and defines priority rural and urban forest landscape areas.

The Strategy addresses top priority issues identified by the Assessment and serves as the basis for the five-year plan.

Together, these documents are known as The Forest Action Plan.



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Vision

Healthy, sustainable forests providing clean air, clean water and abundant products for future generations.

Mission

To provide leadership, service and education in the protection and conservation of Georgia's forest resources.

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Georgia's Threats

1. Water Quality and Quantity
2. Urbanization
3. Forest Health
4. Biodiversity
5. Air Quality
6. Fire Management
7. Fragmentation and Parcelization
8. Economics and Changing Markets



**Sustainable forests -
meet the environmental, economic and social needs of the present
without compromising those capabilities for the future.**

What role can county commissioners play in protecting Georgia's forests?

- Learn about local invasive species threats at GaTrees.org.
- Help your communities earn Firewise and Tree Cities USA designations.
- Learn about fire protection and the benefits of forest management tools such as prescribed burns.
- Support local forestland owners & industry by learning about initiatives including carbon sequestration and cost-share programs at GaTrees.org.
- Continue working with your local GFC unit to protect forests, air and water quality using Best Management Practices.

The Forest Action Plan focuses on three state and private forest national priorities:

1. Conserve working forest landscapes.
2. Protect forests from harm.
3. Enhance public benefits from trees and forests.

Georgia's forestland, which encompasses 24 million acres, is a rich and renewable resource that provides a myriad of benefits to citizens across the state.

Talk with your county's GFC rangers and foresters to see how your resources and forestland can be sustained!

