

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



Georgia Forestry Commission

Georgia Natural Resource Conservation Service

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Wildlife Resources Division

*Private Lands Program
& other Conservation Partners*

The Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) provides technical help for landowners to manage forested property based on integrated & free advice from a team of professional soil/water experts, foresters & wildlife biologists. Recommendations will help you reach your objectives.

- ❖ Quality, customized advice ensured through in-person, on-site visits to your property.
- ❖ Written management plans tailored based on landowner objectives: timber, wildlife, soil & water, recreation, aesthetics, & co-equal resource concern.
- ❖ Plans encourage long-term sustainability of forest ecosystems.
- ❖ Advice founded on blended input from a united variety of professionals.

Why is FSP Important?

Forested ecosystems & the way they are treated are essential for air quality, clean water, wildlife habitat, economics, aesthetics, recreational use & much more. The FSP helps restore & maintain critical characteristics of natural ecosystems throughout lands that are managed predominantly for either silvocultural (forest agriculture) or natural ecosystem purposes.

Envision the world's landscapes in a way that guarantees that our future families will be able to make a living from our land while helping to take care of the abiotic resources (soil, water, air, fire) that support entire ecosystems which are unique blends of native plant, tree & wildlife communities that, in turn, support us.

Your FSP Plan will include: 1) maps that delineate locations of natural resource stand types, 2) descriptions & recommendations for each, 3) 10-year management schedules, 4) notification of special natural resource concerns such as archaeological, cultural & historical resources, wetlands & rare, threatened & endangered species, 5) financial assistance programs, & 6) guidance for accessing further information & services that interests you.

Eligibility Requirements & Financial Incentives: Any private, non-industrial landowner with a minimum of 25 total acres, of which at least 10 is forested, is eligible. Landowners have no obligation to implement recommendations. FSP should advise you of financial incentive opportunities, of which many give priority to FSP plan holders.



How to Get Started: If wildlife is an *important* objective for you, call a professional wildlife biologist who will help you get started working with a GFC forester to visit your property & co-write a plan. For lands in north GA call 770-761-1697 & in south Georgia call 229-420-1290. If wildlife is *somewhat important* for you, call your local GFC forester by visiting www.gfc.state.ga.us & "contact us" or 1-800-GA-TREES.

