

South Carolina Landowner Resource Guide



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State Agencies				
SC Forestry Commission	Assist with prescribed fires and fire breaks, burn notifications, offers equipment rentals, write management plans	Forest Renewal Program, Southern Pine Beetle Program	Learn-and-burn, Youth forestry education	Website, guides, publications, forest industry directory, regulations and rules guidance
SC DNR	Provides permits for specific land management activities (ex. depredation permits)	Free Wood Duck Box program	Land and management area tours	Website, regulation and rules guidance, state wildlife action plan, wildlife management guides
Federal Agencies				
USDA NRCS	Conservation Technical Assistance Program, management plan writing	Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), native plant and wildlife protection, pollinator planting	Webinars, landowner financial assistance workshops	Website, technical guides
USDA Farm Service Agency	Farm number application	FSA loans, supplemental disaster assistance, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	---	Website, guides, program finder
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Partners for Fish and Wildlife -free technical and financial assistance for habitat restoration projects	Conservation banking	---	Farm Bill Conservation Program brochure, endangered species management guidance
Professional Organizations				
SC Prescribed Fire Council	Inter-agency and -organization that aids in prescribed fire implementation, educates public	---	---	Network of professionals educated about prescribed fire
Forestry Association of South Carolina	Hunting club insurance	---	Local landowner association meetings, annual conference	A Landowner's Guide to Forestry, SC Forestry Journal
Association of Consulting Foresters	Find a Forester search tool	---	---	---
Forest Landowners Association	Aid in advocating for policy initiatives that affect forest landowners	FLA's Longleaf Pine Program	Landowner Learning Series, conferences	webinars, timber market news
SC Association of Conservation Districts	---	Feral Hog Exclusion Fencing for Agricultural Land	Monthly board meetings, annual conference	---
National Woodland Owners Association	---	Woodland Liability and Hunting Lease Liability Insurance Options for NWOA Members	---	educational publications

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Non-profit Organizations				
<u>The Longleaf Alliance</u>	1-on-1 assistance with Longleaf establishment, prescribed burn assistance	Longleaf Planting Fund	The Longleaf Academy, restoration and habitat trainings, educational workshops	The Longleaf Library, website, guides, publications, magazine
<u>South Carolina Wildlife Federation</u>	---	---	Habitat workshops, volunteer days, webinars and classes	State bill tracker
<u>South Carolina Land Trust Network</u>	Assistance identifying landtrusts to meet landowners needs	---	---	Directory of land trusts in SC, land protection guide
<u>Center for Heirs' Property</u>	Assistance navigating legal impacts of heirs property, 1-on-1 technical assistance, management plan writing, legacy planning	---	Estate planning and wills clinics, landowner education workshops	Website, blog
<u>Help for Landowners</u>	1-on-1 property consultation and assessment, hands-on forestry and management services	---	Workshops	---
<u>SC Quail Forever</u>	Assistance burning, management plan writing	<u>PFLAP - Piedmont Landowner Assistance Program</u>	Workshops and events	Website, blog, habitat university and guides
<u>SC Wildlife Partnership</u>	Game population management through hunting opportunities	---	Public hunts on private land	<u>SCWP Landowner Packet</u>
<u>Land Conservation Assistance Network</u>	Assistance connecting landowners to financial, technical, and educational conservation tools and programs	---	---	Private Landowner Toolbox, Land Conservation Toolbox, website, article library, blog
<u>Ruffed Grouse and American Woodcock Society in SC</u>	Management plan writing in priority habitat areas	---	Landowner Resource Fair	Website, blog, podcasts
<u>Arbor Day Foundation</u>	Arbor Day Carbon program,tree education and care	Assistance acquiring seedlings		Tree database, tree identification resources

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University Extension				
Clemson Extension	Extension foresters and specialists, soil testing, on-site visits, management demonstration sites	---	Master Tree Farmer Course, Women Owning Woodlands, Learn-to-Burn, Chainsaw Training, Landowner Workshops	Website, Videos, Publications, Blogs, Articles, Guides, Research
Cooperatives				
Prescribed Fire Co-ops: Aiken, Broad River, and Piedmont	Shared expertise, time, and resources to support conducting prescribed burns	Membership requires payment of dues; Equipment available for member use	---	Facebook pages, peer-to-peer learning, join on burns
Indian Creek Landowners	Landowner co-op, unites landowners with indsutry professionals to promote restoration and management that benefits wildlife and forests	---	Promotes partner workshops and events, meet third Thursday of every month	---
Private Sector				
Company	Services			Office Location
American Forest Foundation	Family Forest Carbon Program, American Tree Farm System, The Family Forest virtual community			Nationwide
Milliken Advisors	Forestry consulting, hunting lease management, professionals with expertise on forest carbon, wetlands, solar energy, conservation easements, and forest certification; podcast for landowners			Columbia, SC
Renew Land Management	Wood waste elimination, land clearing, forestry mulching, access and roads			Statewide, SC
Thompson Forest Consultants	Timberland and forest management, reforestation, timber sales, prescribed burning, certification			Midlands and Upstate, SC
White Oak Forest Management	Forest management plans, mapping, wildlife and aesthetics, brush cutting and mulching, prescribed burning, timber appraisal and sales, reforestation and planting			Georgetown, SC
Southeastern Forestry	Forest management plans, land and timber analysis, timber management practices (invasive species removal, herbicide, mid-rotation release, etc.), timber appraisals, GIS mapping, wildlife management			Columbia, SC
Compass South	Appraisals, timberland and recreational land sales, land and timber management activities (invasive species removal, herbicide, mid-rotation release, etc.)			Walterboro, SC
Folk Land Management	Timber management plans, timber sales, reforestation, timber inventory, pond and wetland management, hunting lease management, wetland permitting, aboriculture consultation, wetland mitigation planning, GIS and mapping services			Green Pond, SC

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<u>Sabine and Waters Natural Resource Management</u>	Traditional timber forestry planning and implementation, environmental services (permitting and compliance), GIS mapping and modeling, stormwater management, urban forestry	Summerville, SC
<u>Palmetto Land and Brush Works</u>	Brush clearing, vegetation management, forestry mulching, and overgrown property clean-up	Chapin, SC
<u>Greentree Land Management</u>	Forestry and land management, forest infrastructure, pond and fisheries management, environmental consulting, endangered species surveys, mine permitting, wetland delineation, GIS mapping, land sales	Charleston, SC
<u>American Forest Management</u>	Forest management plans, land and timber analysis, timber appraisals, GIS mapping, wildlife management, real estate and acquisitions, forest carbon	Walterboro, SC

**** Not an exhaustive list of all companies in the private sector of natural resources and land management in South Carolina. This list is not recommendations, but provides examples of available services in SC.****

Online Resources	
<u>The Timberland Investor</u>	Create a free account for access to mapping, inventory, and growth tools designed for the average landowner; provides educational resources, blog posts, and a forestry services finder.
<u>Rx Burn Planner</u>	Versatile and cost-effective tool to help landowners and land managers plan prescribed burns on their property
<u>The Family Forest</u>	Virtual community for forest landowner to start conversation, share ideas, and ask questions to peers
<u>Forest*A*Syst</u>	Self-assessment guide and module with the goal of helping new forest landowners articulate their objectives in a written management plan and foster a working relationship with a resource professional who can provide them with technical assistance
<u>Forestry.com</u>	New, blogs, publications, and articles on forestry management topics
<u>National Timber Tax Website</u>	Publications and educational resources for timberland owners as well as natural resources professionals regarding the tax treatment of timber related activities

Publications

[Landowners Guide to BMPs](#)

[SC Best Management Practices for Forestry](#)

[NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program Activity List 2026](#)

[Pine Forest Landowners Guide for Hurricane Preparedness](#)

[Landowners Guide to Establishing and Managing Pollinator Meadows](#)

[Landowners Guide to Leasing to a Farmer](#)

[Managing the Family Forest in the South](#)

[Climate-Smart Longleaf Management Guide](#)

[Landowners Guide to Forestry in South Carolina](#)

[American Tree Farm Landscape Management Plan for SC](#)

[NRCS Forest Management Plan Template](#)

[Management Planning Worksheets](#)

[Tax Tips for Forest Landowners](#)

[SC DNR List of Forestry and Wildlife Assistance Contactors](#)

[Timber Stand Improvement \(TSI\)](#)

[Invasive Plant Species of South Carolina](#)

[Promoting Healthy Forest on Your Land](#)

[Carbon Credits for Landowners](#)

[A Landowners Guide to Carbon Offsets, Credits and Incentives](#)

[Practicing Forestry Under Local Regulations](#)

[Protecting Your Forest Asset](#)

[An Introduction to Forest Certification](#)

[The Conservation Forestry Program Forest Operations Manual](#)

[Silvicultural Prescriptions for Managing Old-Growth Forests](#)

[Silviculture with Birds in Mind](#)

[Protecting Working Forests with Conservation Easements](#)

[Conducting a Successful Timber Sale](#)

[Estate Planning for Forest Landowners](#)



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