

**State Landowner Programs
Florida**

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Florida	Landowner Assistance Program (LAP)	The FWC's Landowner Assistance Program (LAP) is a technical assistance program designed to help landowners maintain and enhance private working landscapes that benefit wildlife resources. The LAP can provide technical assistance and conservation plan preparation at no cost for private (non-governmental) landowners, as well as recognition and education to those participating in our programs.	Natural Resources; Wildlife Conservation; Technical Assistance	FL Fish and Wildlife Commission	https://myfwc.com/conservation/special-initiatives/lap/	
Florida	Private Lands Deer Management Permit Program	The voluntary Private Lands Deer Management Permit program allows greater flexibility in deer hunting seasons and deer harvest opportunities within sustainable herd management goals for individual properties. Management plans are required for enrolled lands and should include conservation actions to benefit wildlife and could include hunting heritage efforts.	Wildlife Conservation; Natural Resources	FL Fish and Wildlife Commission	https://myfwc.com/hunting/deer/private-lands/	
Florida	Gopher Tortoise Recipient Sites	Recipient sites are privately or publicly owned lands onto which tortoises that are displaced by development will be relocated under a new permitting system created under the management plan. The objective of the recipient site program is to provide the highest level of long-term security for the gopher tortoise and its habitat on permitted recipient sites. Landowners can have their properties certified as recipient sites and may receive financial compensation from the donor site owner (such as a developer).	Wildlife Conservation; Financial Assistance	FL Fish and Wildlife Commission	https://myfwc.com/license/wildlife/gopher-tortoise-permits/recipient-site/	
Florida	Safe Harbor Program	A voluntary conservation incentive plan for private landowners who want to manage their lands to provide habitat for imperiled species. Its purpose is to provide private landowners with assurances that they will not be penalized by endangered species laws, when they manage their land to conserve listed species.	Wildlife Conservation; Technical Assistance; Financial Assistance	FL Fish and Wildlife Commission	https://myfwc.com/conservation/terrestrial/safe-harbor/	
Florida	Rural and Family Lands Protection Program	The Rural and Family Lands Protection Program is an agricultural land preservation program designed to protect important agricultural lands through the acquisition of permanent agricultural land conservation easements. The program is designed to protect valuable agricultural lands, protect natural resources, and create easement documents to ensure sustainable agricultural practices and reasonable protection of the environment without interfering with agricultural operations.	Agriculture; Natural Resources; Technical Assistance	Florida Forest Service	https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/For-Landowners/Programs/Rural-and-Family-Lands-Protection-Program	
Florida	Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Program	The Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Program is offered to eligible non-industrial private forest landowners through temporary grants from the USDA Forest Service. The program offers partial cost reimbursement or incentive payments for first pulpwood thinning, prescribed burning, planting longleaf and/or slash pine, and mechanical underbrush treatments. The program is limited to 44 northern Florida counties located within the range of the southern pine beetle.	Forest; Wildlife Conservation; Natural Resources; Financial Assistance	Florida Forest Service	https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/For-Landowners/Programs/Southern-Pine-Beetle-Prevention	

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Florida	Forest Stewardship Program	The Forest Stewardship Program addresses the improvement and maintenance of timber, wildlife, soil and water, recreation, aesthetics, as well as forage resources. Program objectives are to encourage non-industrial landowners to manage their properties according to the multiple-use concept, increase awareness among the general public of the important amenities that Florida's forestlands, particularly non-industrial private forestlands, provide to all citizens of the state, and improve coordination among natural resource agencies and groups, both public and private, to better serve the state's landowners and achieve common goals. Private forest landowners with at least 20 acres of forest land and have a desire to manage their ownerships according to Stewardship principles can participate.	Forest; Wildlife Conservation; Natural Resources; Technical Assistance	Florida Forest Service	https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/For-Landowners/Programs/Forest-Stewardship-Program	
Florida	Longleaf Pine Private Landowner Incentive Program	The Longleaf Pine Private Landowner Incentives Program is intended to increase the acreage of healthy longleaf pine ecosystems in Florida by helping non-industrial private forest landowners to make the long-term investment required to establish and maintain this valuable ecosystem. The program offers incentive payments for longleaf pine seedling establishment, timber stand improvement, prescribed burning, native plant understory establishment, mechanical underbrush treatments, and invasive exotic plant treatment.	Forest; Wildlife Conservation; Natural Resources; Financial Assistance	Florida Forest Service	https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/For-Landowners/Programs/Longleaf-Pine-Private-Landowner-Incentive-Program	
Florida	Florida Native Plant Society Conservation Grant	FNPS Conservation Grants annually provide grants for conservation projects leading to the conservation of Florida native plants and preservation or enhancement of their habitats. Projects must promote the preservation, conservation, or restoration of rare or imperiled native plant taxa and rare or imperiled native plant communities.	Wildlife Conservation; Natural Resources; Financial Assistance	Florida Native Plant Society	https://www.fnps.org/what-we-do/conservation_grants	https://www.fnps.org/assets/pdf/awards/conservation_grant_application_guidelines_2019.pdf
Florida	Florida Forever	Florida Forever assists communities in protecting important natural resources, providing recreational opportunities and preserving Florida's traditional working waterfronts through the competitive criteria. Local land acquisition grant programs provide funding to local governments and eligible non-profit organizations to acquire land for parks, open space, greenways and projects supporting Florida's seafood harvesting and aquaculture industries.	Water and Other Resources; Natural Resources; Wildlife Conservation; Habitat Conservation; Financial Assistance	FL Dept. of Environmental Protection	https://floridadep.gov/lands/environmental-services/content/florida-forever	https://floridadep.gov/lands/lands/content/faq-florida-forever
Florida	Military Base Protection Program	The Military Base Protection Program was created to secure non-conservation lands to serve as a buffer to protect military installations against encroachment and support local community efforts to engage in service partnerships with military installations. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity evaluates information provided by military installations regarding potential encroachment threats and provides its recommended rankings to the Florida Defense Support Task Force. The DEO assists the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in accomplishing non-conservation acquisitions authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Governor and Cabinet) and funded by the Legislature.	Military; Technical Assistance	FL Dept. of Economic Opportunity	http://www.floridajobs.org/military-community-programs	

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Georgia	Private Lands Program (PLP)	Assists private landowners who are interested in integrating wildlife within their land management objectives.	Wildlife Conservation; Technical Assistance	Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division	https://georgiawildlife.com/privatelandsprogram	
Georgia	Bobwhite Quail Initiative (BQI)	Provides technical assistance for private landowners interested in increasing quail populations through habitat restoration. Landowners are advised about available financial incentives. Any private non-industrial landowner is eligible for a management plan	Forest; Wildlife Conservation; Water and Other Resources; Technical Assistance	Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division	https://georgiawildlife.com/bobwhite-quail	
Georgia	Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)	Helps private landowners manage their natural resources with a written management plan that integrates and focuses their objectives of sustaining quality native timber, wildlife populations, soil and water resources, aesthetics, and recreation. Plans prescribe select conservation practices for specific areas of land. The program's focus is lands managed mainly for silvicultural (forest agricultural) purposes.	Forest; Wildlife Conservation; Water and Other Resources; Technical Assistance	Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division; Georgia Forestry Commission	http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/forest-management/private-forest-management/management-plans/	https://georgiawildlife.com/privatelandsprogram#forest-stewardship-program
Georgia	Project WINGS (Wildlife Incentives for Nongame and Game Species)	A rights-of-way management campaign funded by Georgia Power, Georgia Transmission Corporation, the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and Atlanta Gas Light Resources. The program is designed to improve wildlife habitat along gas and electrical transmission lines by establishing healthy wildlife habitat while ensuring that tall or woody vegetation does not encroach on utility rights-of-way, potentially damaging power and gas lines. This incentives program provides cash grants and professional wildlife management advice to convert woody growth to preferred wildlife habitat along electrical or gas transmission rights-of-way.	Wildlife Conservation; Financial Assistance; Technical Assistance	NRCS?	http://tworiversrcd.org/wings/	http://tworiversrcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/wings-brochure.pdf
Georgia	Georgia Land Conservation Program (GLCP)	The Georgia Land Conservation Program (GLCP) offers financing options, including grants, low interest loans, and tax incentives, to local governments, state agencies and non-profits to permanently conserve Georgia's land resources and protect water quality throughout the state. The GLCP works to ensure these projects align with the state's culture of conservation and resource stewardship.	Water Resources; Natural Resources; Financial Assistance	State of Georgia?	https://glcp.georgia.gov/	
Georgia	Georgia Conservation Tax Credit	A financial incentive for landowners to help protect Georgia's natural resources. Landowners who donate fee-title lands or permanent conservation easements to a government entity, state agency, or a Land Trust Alliance accredited land trust qualified organization may apply for a credit against their state income taxes.	Natural Resources; Financial Assistance	State of Georgia?	https://glcp.georgia.gov/georgia-conservation-tax-credit	
Georgia	Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) Cost Share Program	The purpose of the SPB cost share program is to help landowners implement various silvicultural practices that will prevent (or minimize) impacts of southern pine beetle infestations, restore healthy, more beetle resistant forests and suppress current beetle infestations. The primary silvicultural practices targeted under this prevention program are those that enhance the health and vigor of existing pine stands by controlling density/stocking rates and competition levels.	Forest; Financial Assistance	Georgia Forestry Commission	http://www.gatrees.org/forest-management/forest-health/pine-bark-beetles/spb-cost-share-program/index.cfm	

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Georgia	Forest Legacy Program	The Forest Legacy Program protects environmentally important working forests threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. The program allows for the donation and/or purchase of conservation easements or fee simple land from willing participants who wish to keep the land in forestry use. Landowners may continue to own their land or sell it to someone who wants undeveloped forestland.	Forest; Financial Assistance	U.S. Forest Service	http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/forest-management/private-forest-management/landowner-programs/forest-legacy/	
Georgia	Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA)	Certain properties, including agricultural lands, forestlands and environmentally sensitive areas, may be eligible for reduced property tax assessments through conservation use valuation. These properties are assessed according to a combination of soil type, productivity and use. This typically results in a significant reduction of property taxes. Landowners receive a reduced ad valorem tax assessment for their property.	Agriculture; Forest; Financial Assistance	GA Dept. of Revenue	http://epd.georgia.gov/sites/epd.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/CUVA%20fact%20sheet.pdf	
Georgia	Community Forestry Assistance Program (CFAP)	Through the CFAP program, the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) uses federal funding provided through the USDA Forest Service to assist small and large communities with projects that help build local capacity and a sustainable community forest in all regions of the state. GFC's Community Foresters will provide initial technical advice and then work in partnership with the Georgia Urban Forest Council to connect communities with a qualified urban forestry consultant that will help effectively manage urban forestry projects and provide additional thorough, hands-on assistance from start to finish.	Forest; Technical Assistance	U.S. Forest Service	http://www.gatrees.org/community-forests/public-programs/CFAP/	
Georgia	Coastal Incentive Grant Program (CIG)	The CIG Program is intended to balance economic development in Georgia's coastal area with preservation of natural, environmental, historic, archaeological and recreational resources for the benefit of Georgia's present and future generations. Grant themes include Oceans and Wetlands; Public Access and Land Conservation; Sustainable Communities; and Disaster Resiliency and Coastal Hazards. Eligible recipients include qualified county and municipal governments, regional commissions, state-affiliated research or educational institutions, or state agencies (except GA DNR), provided the project takes place entirely within the eleven-county service area of the program.	Water Resources; Natural Resources; Financial Assistance	GA Dept. of Natural Resources - Coastal Management Program	https://coastalgadnr.org/GrantPrograms	
Georgia	Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)	Program to protect coastal and estuarine lands considered important for their ecological, conservation, recreational, historical or aesthetic values. The CELCP is administered by NOAA and provides state Coastal Management Programs funds to purchase significant coastal and estuarine lands, or conservation easements on such lands, from willing sellers. Lands or conservation easements acquired with CELCP funds are protected in perpetuity so that they may be enjoyed by future generations.	Water Resources; Natural Resources; Financial Assistance	GA Dept. of Natural Resources - Coastal Management Program	https://coastalgadnr.org/GrantPrograms	
Georgia	Land & Water Conservation Fund Grants				https://georgiawildlife.com/LWCF	

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North Carolina	Present-Use Value Tax Program (PUV)	Allows certain agricultural land, horticultural land, and forestland to be assessed at a value consistent with its present use rather than its higher market value. To qualify there is a minimum acreage requirement of ten acres for agriculture, five acres for horticulture and twenty acres for forest use and wildlife.	Agriculture; Forest; Wildlife Conservation; Water and Other Resources; Financial Assistance	NC Forest Service	https://www.ncforestservice.gov/managing_your_forest/managing_presentuse.htm	https://files.nc.gov/ncdor/documents/files/2019_puv_program_guide.pdf
North Carolina	Wildlife Conservation Land Program (WCLP)	A program that allows landowners who have owned their property for at least 5 years and want to manage for protected wildlife species or priority wildlife habitats to apply for reduced property tax assessment.	Wildlife Conservation; Water and Other Resources; Financial Assistance; Technical Assistance	NC Wildlife Resources Commission	https://www.ncwildlife.org/Conserving/Programs/Land-Conservation-Program	
North Carolina	Voluntary Agricultural Districts (VAD) and Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural Districts (EVAD)	Designed to encourage and protect commercial agriculture through the voluntary preservation of farmland, support its productive use for agriculture, and limit urban development of farmland. EVAD: In addition to VAD benefits, landowners may be eligible to receive a higher percentage of cost-share under the Agricultural Cost Share Program-as high as 90 percent assistance	Agriculture; Forest, Financial Assistance; Technical Assistance	NC Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services	https://www.ncagr.gov/Farmlandpreservation/VAD/	https://connectourfuture.org/tools/voluntary-agriculture-districts/
North Carolina	Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Voluntary conservation program for private landowners which targets removing highly erodible cropland from production and improving habitat for declining wildlife species on cropland and pastureland. CRP protects groundwater and improves the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds, and streams. Landowners may use the cropland converted under the program to grow trees, wildlife habitat, grasses and legumes, or combinations of permanent covers.	Agriculture; Water and Other Resources; Wildlife Conservation; Financial Assistance; Technical Assistance	USDA Farm Service Agency	https://ncforestservice.gov/Managing_your_forest/crp.htm	
North Carolina	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	Assists landowners in addressing high-priority conservation issues, identified by local, state, or tribal governments or nonprofit organizations. In exchange for introducing conservation practices, farmers, ranchers and agricultural landowners are paid an annual rental rate.	Agriculture; Water and Other Resources; Financial Assistance; Technical Assistance	USDA Farm Service Agency	https://ncforestservice.gov/Managing_your_forest/crep.htm	
North Carolina	North Carolina Forest Development Program (FDP)	Cost-share program designed to encourage private landowners to reforest after harvest and to place their idle and under-productive forestland into full timber production. The goals of the program include timber production and the creation of the benefits associated with active forest management.	Forest; Financial Assistance	NC Forest Service	https://www.ncforestservice.gov/Managing_your_forest/fdp.htm	
North Carolina	Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFP)	Program designed to provide information and assistance to landowners for VADs, EVADs, and Farmland Protection Plans.	Agriculture; Forest; Financial Assistance	NC Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services	https://ncadfp.org/	
North Carolina	Conservation Trust for North Carolina (CTNC)	Works with landowners to conserve land through conservation agreements. Also supports and represents 23 local land trusts in NC so they can conserve land in the communities they serve.	Agriculture; Forest; Water and Other Resources		https://www.ctnc.org/find-your-local-land-trust/	Not State Run
North Carolina	Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)	Cost-share program to help address water quality and pollution problems by providing technical and financial assistance to landowners of an existing agricultural operation that has been operating for more than three years.	Water and Other Resources; Financial Assistance; Technical Assistance	NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission	http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/costshareprograms/ACSP/index.html	http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/costshareprograms/ACSP/documents/ASCPBROCHURE_REVISED_proof.pdf
North Carolina	Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP)	Cost-share program designed to identify opportunities to increase water use efficiency, availability and storage, implement best management practices (BMPs) to conserve and protect water resources, increase water use efficiency, and increase water storage and availability for agricultural purposes.	Water and Other Resources; Financial Assistance; Technical Assistance	NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission	http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/costshareprograms/AgWRAP/index.html	

