



SERPPAS Circular

November/December 2019

The SERPPAS Circular is a bimonthly collection of media coverage, funding opportunities and upcoming events/webinars from SERPPAS Partners across the Southeast. Updates are collected from websites, press releases, and newsletters, and organized according to the focus areas outlined in the [2018 – 2020 SERPPAS Strategic Plan](#). If you have information to share in the next SERPPAS Circular, please email your input directly to the SERPPAS Coordinator, Addie Thornton, at Addie.Thornton@ag.tamu.edu. You may also contact her at 919-515-3931.

Message from the Coordinator –

I'd like to take this opportunity to send a big thank you and congratulations to Drew Nix and Linda Rimer on their upcoming retirements. Drew has served as our State Steering Committee Co-chair over the last year, and we thank him for his leadership in SERPPAS and wish him the best in retirement! Linda has been an active and supportive member of SERPPAS from the very beginning and has had a huge influence in SERPPAS's coastal resilience and regional adaptation efforts. Linda will be dearly missed for her energy, insight, and dedication to the Good Map! Thank you Linda for always being a wonderful SERPPAS partner, we wish you the best in retirement!

As we head into 2020, we prepare to celebrate 15 years of the SERPPAS partnership! As a way to reflect on where we've been, where we are, and where we're going, I am conducting another survey that will be sent early in the new year. This will be used to compare changes from the survey that was conducted in 2016, feed into the 15 year celebration in 2020, as well as get a sense of how to continue to make SERPPAS successful moving forward. Please be on the lookout for this in January and take the time to complete it. Anyone on the SERPPAS list serve is welcome to participate.

Thank you for all that you do and I look forward to working with you in 2020!

– Addie Thornton

Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

FEATURE

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Please mark your calendars for the next two SERPPAS meetings.
 - ▶ **March 4-5, 2020:** SERPPAS Spring 2020 Steering Committee Meeting in Atlanta, GA, at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Logistics information and registration is now available: <https://serppas.org/events/serppas-meetings/spring-2020-steering-committee-meeting/>
 - ▶ **May 11-13, 2020:** 2020 SERPPAS Principals Meeting in Beaufort, NC, hosted by MCI East. (May 11 will be a travel day, with the official meeting on May 12-13)



- (LLA) The Longleaf Alliance recently released a new outreach video, *Longleaf for the Long Run*, that weaves together a great short story about longleaf for people who are not familiar with the ecosystem and hopefully will raise awareness and inspire engagement. To view the video, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1nSoktY3UY&feature=youtu.be>
- (USAF) Through connections made and information shared at the SERPPAS/Sea Grant *Collaborating Towards Coastal Resilience in the Southeast* workshop in August, the Arbor Day Foundation has committed to providing funding for 6,000,000 containerized longleaf pine seedlings to reforest 9,000 acres on Tyndall Air Force Base over the next 3-4 years! This new relationship is a direct success of the SERPPAS/Sea Grant coastal resilience meeting and will significantly help Tyndall AFB with their restoration and resilience efforts after Hurricane Michael.

IN THE NEWS

- **Spotlight – Funding Opportunities**

- ▶ (NFWF) The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation recently released the 2020 Request for Proposals for the Longleaf Stewardship Fund, inviting all interested to submit applications for project grants that restore, enhance, and maintain the longleaf pine ecosystem on private and public lands. Additional funding this year is also available to support bottomland hardwood restoration and enhancement in focal areas of Texas, Louisiana, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Full proposals are due Thursday, February 6, 2020 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time. To learn more, click here: <https://www.nfwf.org/longleaf/Pages/2020rfp.aspx>
- ▶ (REPI) The [2020 REPI Challenge Pre-Proposal form](#) is now available. The 2020 REPI Challenge seeks projects that preserve and enhance military installations or ranges which host key capabilities identified in the National Defense Strategy. Additional consideration will be given to those projects that leverage the REPI Program’s authority to promote and maintain installation resilience, particularly in the areas of coastal resilience and addressing wildfire threats, as well as projects that leverage multiple authorities to accomplish project goals. The Pre-Proposal Form is due on Friday, January 24, 2020, by 8:00 PM ET, and from those selected, full proposals are due on April 24, 2020, by 8:00 PM ET. To learn more, please visit: https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/2020%20REPI%20Challenge%20RFP_FINAL_31OCT19.pdf
- ▶ (NFWF) The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will award approximately \$10 million in grants through its Hurricane Response Marine Debris Removal Fund. The fund will support projects that address marine debris that was caused by or moved by hurricanes Florence and Michael, and Typhoon Yutu. The grants are intended to assist in removing damaging marine debris from coastal areas of communities to reduce impacts to communities and industry, and prevent further harm to habitats and fish and wildlife populations. Full proposals are due Wednesday, January 15th, 2020. To learn more, click here: <https://www.nfwf.org/hurricane-response/Pages/hurricane-response-marine-debris-rfp.aspx>
- ▶ (EDA) The U.S. Economic Development Administration, in collaboration National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), is seeking applications from eligible parties to create a nationwide network or networks of organizations working to address the nation’s most pressing disaster response and resiliency (R2) challenges with innovative technologies. The Accelerate R2 Network Challenge seeks to connect stakeholders engaged in response innovation (innovation in the communications, technology, and equipment first responders’ use when responding to disasters and events) and resiliency innovation (finding new ways to build, protect, and connect networks and infrastructure to help communities recover and build readiness and resilience in the face of future disasters). The application process includes a pre-application Letter of Intent and Full Application, due January 8, 2020 and March 11, 2020, respectively. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.eda.gov/oie/accelerate-r2/>
- ▶ (SERDP) The DoD Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program is seeking to fund environmental research and development proposals in the following areas: environmental restoration, munitions response, resource conservation and resiliency, and weapons systems and platforms. The Core SERDP Solicitation provides funding in varying amounts for multi-year projects and all Core Solicitation pre-proposals are due to SERDP January 7, 2020 by 2:00 p.m. ET. For more information, please visit: <https://serdp-estcp.org/Funding-Opportunities/SERDP-Solicitations>

- **Sentinel Landscapes**

- ▶ (REPI) The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership has released an Interactive Landowner Resources Tool. The goal for this product is to make it easier for landowners to find voluntary state and federal landowner assistance programs. The tool streamlines the search process by compiling over 300 landowner assistance programs in a single, user-friendly location. Users can filter by different categories, see important program information, and export filtered results to a PDF. To try it out, click here: <https://sentinellandscapes.org/landowner-resources>. A helpful user guide is also available [here](#).
- ▶ (ENCSL) The Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes partnership is offering a series of landowner outreach meetings in several NC counties in 2020. Attendees will be exposed to federal, state, and private resources and programs all geared to keep agriculture and forestry lands in production by meeting the objectives of the private landowner and producers. To register for these workshops or receive more information, please visit: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9Ys_xdm-lgeuiocdewGEbrDGmhGKe_INjkkFwoDI-5a24wQ/viewform
- ▶ (REPI) The Fall 2019 Edition of the REPI Quarterly Newsletter is available. This edition includes a recap of the 2019 Land Trust Alliance Rally, details about the relaunch of the Sentinel Landscapes website, and recently released funding opportunities. To read more, please visit: <https://repiprogram.createsend1.com/t/ViewEmail/d/2A9DD529B200877A2540EF23F30FEDED>
- ▶ (GA SL) The Georgia Sentinel Landscape released its quarterly newsletter, keeping partners informed of the incredible work happening across the landscape. To read the Fall 2019 update, please visit: <https://mailchi.mp/0d87dad5142b/georgia-sentinel-landscape-newsletter?e=e4fe09747c>
- ▶ (NLC) The Network for Landscape Conservation released its bimonthly newsletter, The Landscape Conservation Bulletin, sharing timely news, information, topics, and upcoming conferences and opportunities within the field of landscape conservation:
 - November 2019: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/November-Bulletin-Network-for-Landscape-Conservation.html?soid=1128366788872&aid=ZSk5bZQ3oCI>

- **Threatened, Endangered, and At-Risk Species**

- ▶ (PGCLC) The Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation released a new report exploring successful landscape conservation partnerships and framing land conservation best practices for its members operating in the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf Partnership's new report, *Recommended Best Practices in Land Conservation for the Gulf of Mexico Region*, is designed to be a practical aid to the leaders of Gulf ecosystem restoration, as well as land trusts and land conservation practitioners. The report summarizes eight recommendations for implementing landscape scale conservation. To read the full report, please visit: <http://gulfpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Recommended-Best-Practices-in-Land-Conservation.pdf>
- ▶ (NFWF) The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has released a request for proposals for the Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund for 2020. The Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund seeks to support the implementation of the [Forestland Stewards Partnership Business Plan](#), which includes strategic priorities and goals to enhance forest ecosystems for the benefit of wildlife species and freshwater systems, while promoting and supporting working forests. Projects within the Cumberland Plateau in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia are eligible to

apply. Full proposals are due Thursday, February 20, 2020 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time. To learn more, click here: <https://www.nfwf.org/cumberland/Pages/2020rfp.aspx>

- ▶ (TCF) The Conservation Fund and Open Space Institute purchased the largest undeveloped, unprotected areas of the Atlantic coastline in Georgia. TCF and OSI will work with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GA DNR) and federal agency partners over the next several years to permanently protect the entire property under conservation easements and transfer ownership to GA DNR for the establishment of a new wildlife management area. To read more, click here: <https://www.conservationfund.org/news/press-releases/2151-16-000-acres-of-atlantic-coastline-purchased-in-georgia?fbclid=IwAR3mzD2J4HLSvzkUvvEZnGxEtEUhiwqg0Sbyhh2u3rW7frkPUMfszwfj4ng>
- ▶ (LLA) The Longleaf Alliance has a new resource on the importance of groundcover in the restoration of longleaf pine. The new brochure explains the role groundcover plays in longleaf health, tips on how to establish proper groundcover, and different management techniques to increase biodiversity. To read the brochure, please visit: https://spark.adobe.com/page/splLIDAjBNhWQ/?fbclid=IwAR39pHxzOlg9AHI7fvgIVZebWh2HbOHTriEjcNQnkPGY3_6uOB4n3uKGNTw
- ▶ (USDA) USDA and Georgia recently signed a Shared Stewardship agreement strengthening the commitment between federal and state agencies to work together to accomplish mutual natural resource management goals, further common interests, and effectively respond to the increasing ecological challenges and natural resource concerns in the state. The agreement establishes a framework for collaboration between USDA's Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Georgia Forestry Commission. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2019/11/23/usda-and-georgia-sign-shared-stewardship-agreement-highlighting>
- ▶ (SEPPFW) The Southeastern Partnership for Forests and Water released its quarterly newsletter, sharing information about the Southeastern Partnership, funding, state, and watershed news. To read the most recent newsletter, please visit: <https://mailchi.mp/f011755b9163/southeastern-watershed-news-you-can-use?e=33e9269b06>
- **Southeast Prescribed Fire Initiative**
 - ▶ (TNC) The Nature Conservancy recently released a new video promoting the Women-In-Fire Prescribed Fire Training Exchanges (WTREX) program. Our own Prescribed Fire Work Group lead, Jenn Fawcett, is included in the video at the 2:36 mark! To view, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6G-opAS1CI>
 - ▶ (SERPPAS) The SERPPAS Prescribed Fire Work Group published the 38 and 39 editions of the Driptorch Digest, which contains prescribed fire news, events, articles and more from across the region. Learn more here:
 - November: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/November-Driptorch-Digest-Now-Available.html?soid=1117561491017&aid=dXfxN39awts>
 - December: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/December-Driptorch-Digest-Now-Available.html?soid=1117561491017&aid=PkwLHoVegXE>
 - ▶ (SFE) The Southern Fire Exchange released its bimonthly newsletter sharing research, resources, news and upcoming events from around the Southeast and nationwide: <https://mailchi.mp/southernfireexchange/fire-lines-newsletter-volume-9-issue-1229445?e=bb53816d54>.

- **Coastal Resilience and Regional Adaptation**

- ▶ (SECAS) The Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy released a report measuring recent trends in Southeastern ecosystems and progress towards the SECAS goal. The 2019 report is based on the most recent 3-6 years of available data from existing Southeast-wide monitoring programs. To read more, please visit: <http://secassoutheast.org/our-goal>
- ▶ (SACB) The South Atlantic Conservation Blueprint released its November and December Newsletters, listed below. To read, please visit:
 - November: <https://mailchi.mp/02e8ba2dc453/pmx0j3o71h-3044013?e=e86655520f>
 - December: <https://mailchi.mp/11a8a4ffe7d3/pmx0j3o71h-3086025?e=e86655520f>
- ▶ (SECASC) The SE Climate Adaptation Science Center released its November and December Newsletters, which include climate related news, resources, publications, webinars and more for the Southeast region:
 - November: <https://secasc.ncsu.edu/2019/11/26/november-2019-newsletter/>
 - December: <https://secasc.ncsu.edu/2019/12/18/december-2019-newsletter/>
- ▶ (NFWF) The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation awarded nearly \$109 million from its Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund (GEBF) to 20 new projects, including projects in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi that address high-priority restoration and conservation needs, including the acquisition, protection, and restoration of wetland habitats and the restoration of oyster reefs. To read more, click here: <https://www.nfwf.org/howeare/mediacenter/pr/Pages/nfwf-approves-nearly-109-million-for-new-restoration-projects-on-the-gulf-coast.aspx>

- **Energy Development and Siting**

- ▶ (U.S. Army) The U.S. Army Regional Environmental & Energy Office released its November and December editions of the Southern Review of Legislative & Regulatory Actions. This newsletter includes environmental and energy related developments for DoD/Army leaders and installation staff, giving early notice of legislative and regulatory activities relevant to DOD interests.
 - November: <https://serppas.org/media/2962/southern-review-11-2019.pdf>
 - December: <https://serppas.org/media/2963/southern-review-12-2019.pdf>

- **Military Services News**

- ▶ (TCF) The Conservation Fund has partnered with the Midlands Area Joint Installation Consortium (MAJIC) in South Carolina to prevent urban encroachment around the five MAJIC installations - Fort Jackson, Shaw Air Force Base, McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Poinsett Bombing Range, and McCrady Training Center. Utilizing funding from the REPI Program, The Conservation Fund is conserving priority lands to limit incompatible development that would threaten the training missions of the MAJIC installations. To read more, click here: https://serppas.org/media/2964/fact-sheet_majic_love-farms_10-22-19.pdf

UPCOMING WEBINARS

- ▶ Archived: [SERPPAS 101 Webinar](#) by SERPPAS
- ▶ Archived: [Measuring Impacts: Developing Mission Benefit Metrics](#) by REPI
- ▶ Archived: [REPI and the Farm Bill](#) by REPI
- ▶ Archived: [NCA4, Volume II: The Southeast; Key Message 3 Natural Ecosystems will be Transformed](#) by SECASC

- ▶ Archived: [NCA4, Volume II: The Southeast; Key Message 4 Economic and Health Risks for Rural Communities](#) by SECASC
- ▶ Archived: [Scenarios and Projections for the USDA Forest Service 2020 RPA Assessment](#) by U.S. Forest Service
- ▶ Archived: [Resilient Coastal Sites in the South Atlantic](#) by SA LCC
- ▶ December 19, 2019: [2020 Cumberland Plateau Stewardship Fund Applicant](#) by NFWF
- ▶ January 8, 2020: [The Ocean: From Victim to Solution to Climate Change](#) by NOAA
- ▶ January 15, 2020: [How to Introduce Local Businesses into your REPI Partnership](#) by REPI
- ▶ January 16, 2020: [Collaboratively Developing Decision-quality Species Distribution Models](#) by SA LCC
- ▶ January 29, 2020: [Ecosystem Services Indicators for Community Resilience](#) by GOMA
- ▶ January 30, 2020: [SFE Webinar: Air Quality 101](#) by Southern Fire Exchange
- ▶ February 13, 2020: [A New Coast: Strategies for Responding to Devastating Storms and Rising Seas](#) by NOAA
- ▶ February 20, 2020: [How Decision-makers View the Evolution of Wildlife Conservation Challenges in the Southeast](#) by SA LCC
- ▶ March 20, 2020: [Vulnerability and Adaptation Planning](#) by GOMA

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ January 14-16, 2020: [Longleaf Academy: Longleaf 101](#) (Ridgeland, SC)
- ▶ January 22, 2020: [Learn & Burn Workshop](#) (Chipley, FL)
- ▶ January 25, 2020: [Red Hills Fire Festival](#) (Tallahassee, FL)
- ▶ February 11-13, 2020: [Longleaf Academy: Fire & Longleaf](#) (Tallahassee, FL)
- ▶ February 18, 2020: [Learn & Burn Workshop](#) (Baker, FL)
- ▶ March 2-6, 2020: [Southeastern Partners in Plant Conservation \(SePPCon\) Symposium & Workshop](#) (Atlanta, GA)
- ▶ March 3-5, 2020: [Longleaf Academy: Fire & Longleaf Academy](#) (Tallahassee, FL)
- ▶ **March 4-5, 2020: [SERPPAS Spring 2020 Steering Committee Meeting](#) (Atlanta, GA)**
- ▶ March 10-11, 2020: [Forest Economic Contributions Summit](#) (New Orleans, LA)
- ▶ March 18-20, 2020: [Southeast Land Conservation Conference](#) (Chattanooga, TN)
- ▶ March 30-April 10, 2020: [4th Women-in-Fire Prescribed Fire Training Exchange](#) (southeastern VA)
- ▶ March 31-April 1, 2020: [Longleaf Academy: Herbicides & Longleaf](#) (Andalusia, AL)
- ▶ April 18, 2020: [Party for the Pine Festival](#) (Southern Pines, NC)
- ▶ April 20-24, 2020: [3rd International Smoke Symposium](#) (Raleigh, NC)
- ▶ **May 11-13, 2020: 2020 SERPPAS Principals Meeting (Beaufort, NC)**
- ▶ May 12-14, 2020: [Longleaf Academy: Longleaf 101](#) (Florence, SC)
- ▶ August 3-5, 2020: [1st National Stream Restoration Conference: Stream Restoration 2020 Sharing Visions for the Future](#) (Nashville, TN)
- ▶ August 10-13, 2020: [2020 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference](#) (San Antonio, TX)
- ▶ September 13-16, 2020: [Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies 110th Annual Meeting](#) (Sacramento, CA)

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