

Texas Longleaf Conservation Assistance Program

Overview

The Texas Longleaf Conservation Assistance Program provides both financial and technical assistance to eligible landowners for the establishment and management of Longleaf Pine.

Historically, Longleaf Pine covered much of the Southeast including Southeast Texas. However, as the country began moving west, many of those acres were lost. Today, many groups are working together to restore Longleaf Pine to its historical range while also managing existing areas of Longleaf Pine.

The Texas Longleaf Implementation Team, a multi organization group including federal, state, private and NGO partners, through funds provided by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, is working with landowners to increase and manage Longleaf acres in Texas.



Benefits

Eligible program participants can receive financial and technical assistance to establish or enhance Longleaf Pine through implementing conservation practices such as prescribed burning, site preparation, reforestation, and forest stand improvement. Payments are made to participants after conservation practices and activities identified in an approved forest management plan are implemented.

Eligibility

Landowners with property located within the Big Thicket Significant Geographical Area (see map) are eligible to apply. Eligible land includes pastureland, forestland, and other farm and ranch lands. Approved participants may receive up to 50% payment not to exceed a standard cap rate for implementing approved conservation practices.

Applicants must:

- Control or own eligible land
- Already possess or develop a written forest management plan
- Comply with all Texas Forestry Best Management Practices
- Agree to all program restrictions and requirements

TEXAS LONGLEAF IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

Allowable Program Rates*

Prescribed Burning - \$30/ac

Site Preparation/Tree Planting - \$450/ac

Forest Stand Improvement - \$275/ac

** approved participants will receive 50% payment of total cost up to the maximum amounts listed above*

Longleaf Pine Quick Facts

Where to Plant: well drained sandy and sandy loam sites within the approved SGA

Seedling Options: containerized seedlings

When to Plant: November—February provided adequate soil moisture

Site Preparations:

- Prescribed Burning
- Shearing
- Raking
- Piling
- Bedding
- Ripping
- Herbicides

For More Information

(979) 458-6650

<http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/longleaf>

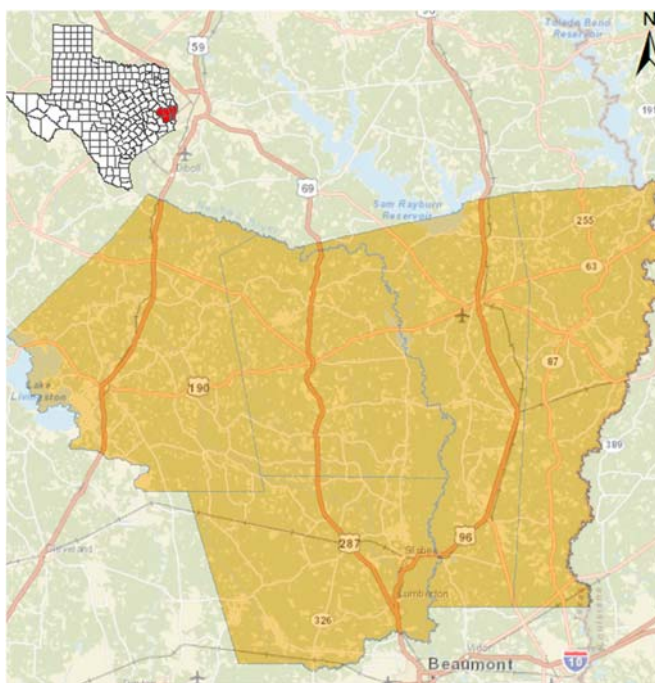
How to Apply

Interested landowners must complete an application form which can be provided by calling (979) 458-6650 or by visiting <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/longleaf>.

Members from the Texas Longleaf Implementation Team can assist eligible landowners with developing a forest management plan and schedule of activities. This will become the basis of the Texas Longleaf Conservation Assistance Program contract.

All applications will be ranked based on a number of factors including, but not limited, to: site suitability, tract size, ability to complete prescribed practices, ecosystem diversity, and Longleaf connectivity.

Figure 1: Map of Big Thicket Significant Geographic Area



Additional Information

- Continuous sign-up, applications can be submitted at anytime
- Landowner must own property within the SGA boundary
- Approved conservation practices must be completed before March 2018
- Participants must provide invoice of implemented practice for reimbursement
- For more information visit <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/longleaf>

**Application for Texas Longleaf Conservation Assistance Program
TX-LLP-014**

Internal Use
Receive Date _____
Project ID _____

Applicant Contact Information

Name _____	Address _____	Phone Number _____
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Property Location

County _____ Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Located with Big Thicket Ridge SGA Yes No

General Location* _____

**General location map should be attached and/or GIS shape file submitted, if you need a map created Texas A&M Forest Service and/or LIT member can assist in preparing one for your application*

Property Information

Total Acres _____ Total Treatment Acres* _____ Ownership Type** _____

Current Site Condition _____

**Maps with treatment areas delineated should be attached and/or GIS shape file submitted, if you need a map created Texas A&M Forest Service and/or LIT member can assist in preparing one for your application*

***Ownership Type – Private, TIMO/REIT, LLC, Family Trust, etc.*

Management Objective

- Longleaf Pine Establishment
- Longleaf Pine Enhancement

Practices Applied For

- Prescribed Burning
- Site Preparation
- Tree Establishment
- Forest Stand Improvement

Description of Proposed Management Activities

Can Practices be installed by March 2018? Yes No

Projected Project Completion Date _____

Estimated Project Cost:

Prescribed Burning \$ _____ Tree Establishment \$ _____

Site Preparation \$ _____ Forest Stand Improvement \$ _____

Total Estimated Project Cost \$ _____ Total Funds Requested \$ _____

General Information

Are You Currently Receiving any Federal/State Cost-Share Funds for the Treatment Acres

Yes No

If Yes, Please List Which Program, Practices and the Year Cost-Shared and provide maps of all funded project areas

Program (ex. EQIP, etc.)	Practice (Rx Burn, etc.)	Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Current Management Plan for Property* Yes No

Forester Involvement Consulting Industry TIMO/REIT TFS None

Forester Name _____ Forester Address _____ Forester Phone _____

**Copy of management plan should be submitted either electronically or mail, if you need a management plan created Texas A&M Forest Service and/or LIT member can assist in preparing one for your application*

The applicant should sign and return the application along with all pertinent information relating to the proposed project. By signing the application the Applicant is only requesting consideration for project funding.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Please submit signed application with all supporting documents including a signed W9 form to:

Texas Longleaf Conservation Assistance Program
Texas A&M Forest Service
200 Technology Way, Ste. 1281
College Station, TX 77845
Phone: (979) 458-6658

Project/Practice Certification

The following table should be completed and signed verifying practices applied for have been implemented and cost-shared

Date Completed	Practice/Activity	Acres Treated	Cost Share Paid (Yes/No)	Date Paid

Approved TFS/LIT Member Signature

Date