



TENNESSEE FOREST RESOURCE ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY

A comprehensive forest resource assessment and strategy to address forest-related conditions, trends, threats and opportunities in Tennessee.



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The 2008 Farm Bill directed all states to develop a statewide assessment and strategy of forest resources. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry led this effort in Tennessee along with multiple government agencies and non-governmental organizations. It was a priority to establish this as a complement to other state agency plans such as the TWRA Wildlife Action Plan and TDEC's Recreation Plan.

The focus of Tennessee's assessment and strategy was on maintaining water quality and quantity through forest conservation.

THE ASSESSMENT & STRATEGY:

Assessed current forest resource conditions, trends, threats, & opportunities

Conditions

- Distribution & Abundance of Forests
- Ecological Regions & Forest Ecosystems
- Forest Ownership Characteristics

Benefits

- Forest-related Jobs & Economic Activity
- Urban & Community Forests
- Water Quality, Wetlands, & Riparian Areas
- Wildlife Habitat
- Natural Heritage
- Recreation
- Carbon Sequestration
- Open Space

Sustainability

- Urbanization
- Forest Parcelization & Fragmentation
- Bio-energy/Biofuels
- Forest Certification
- Forest Health
- Wildfire & Fire Suppression
- Climate Change
- Urban Forestry

Developed strategies to address issues with the aide of stakeholders

Core Issues

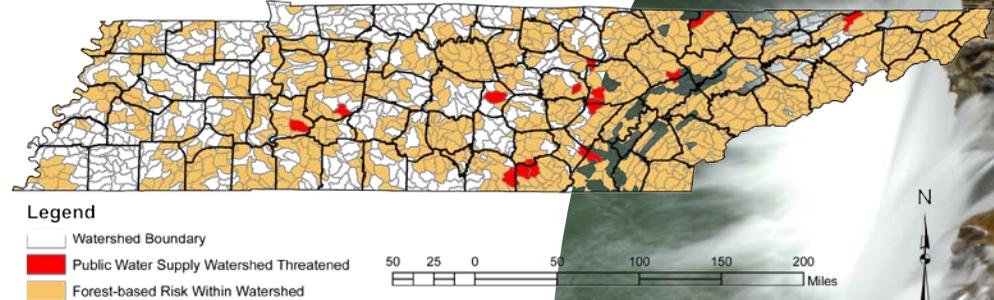
- Forest Health
- Public Benefits
- Private Lands
- Urban Forestry
- Forest Industry
- Education & Outreach
- Wildlife and Natural Heritage

Identified priority areas for implementation

Priority Areas

- Stewardship (shown)
- Wildfire
- Urban
- Legacy

Forest Stewardship priority areas composite map



The complete Tennessee Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy document is available in print or can be found on the Tennessee Division of Forestry website:
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