



USDA Forest Service Forest Legacy Program



Purpose:

To ascertain and protect environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses

Jocassee Gorge: South Carolina



Forest Legacy Protection Tools



**Conservation
Easements**

Full fee purchase

**Reserve Interest
Deed**



Pettiford Creek Tract – North Carolina



Eligible Lands



To be eligible, lands shall have significant environmental values or be threatened by present or future conversion to nonforest uses, and be located in a Forest Legacy Area.



Balsam Creek – North Carolina



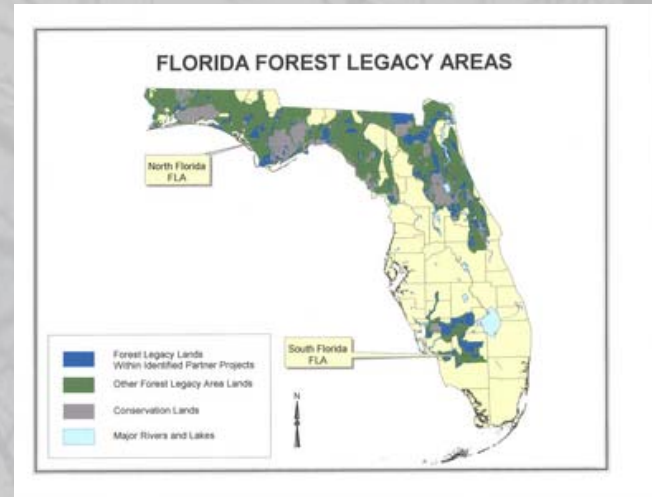
Turkey Creek, Big Thicket – Texas



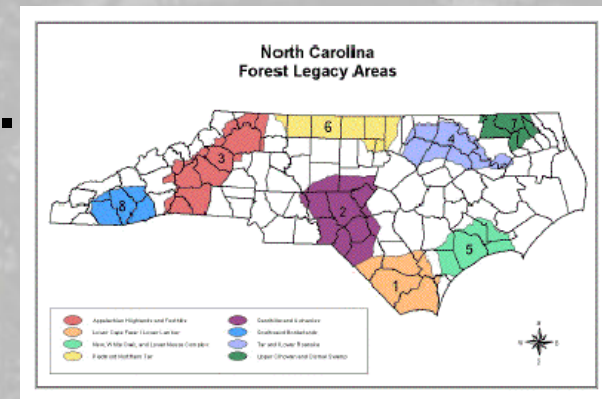
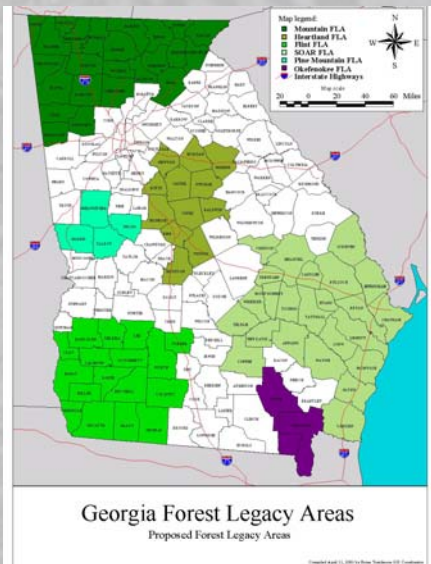
Assessment of Need Forest Legacy Areas



Forest tracts within the Forest Legacy Area may be eligible for the Forest Legacy Program.



Boundaries must include forest lands with significant environmental values.



Values Protected



Traditional Use



Wildlife



Scenic



Cultural



Recreational



Watershed



Forest Legacy Strategic Priority



**Conserve Private Forests that
Provide Environmental and Economic
Benefits to People and Communities**



Scott's Gulf – Tennessee



Goal: Conserve forests that protect the Nation's waters



- Pursue projects that conserve riparian areas, forested wetlands, shorelines, riverine systems.
- Protect drinking water by selecting projects that conserve and protect public water supply areas, sole source drinking water aquifers, and aquifer recharge areas.



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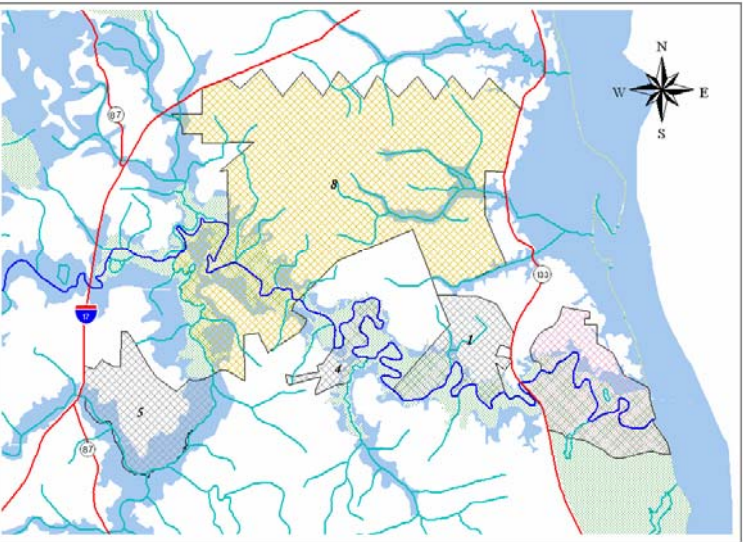
- Work closely with other federal, state and local partners to develop FLP projects that produce water related benefits for communities.
- Promote the FLP with other programs aimed at protecting critical lands for water resources, build stronger relationships with agencies overseeing those programs to maximize cooperation.



Town Creek



Town Creek Parcels



Key to Features

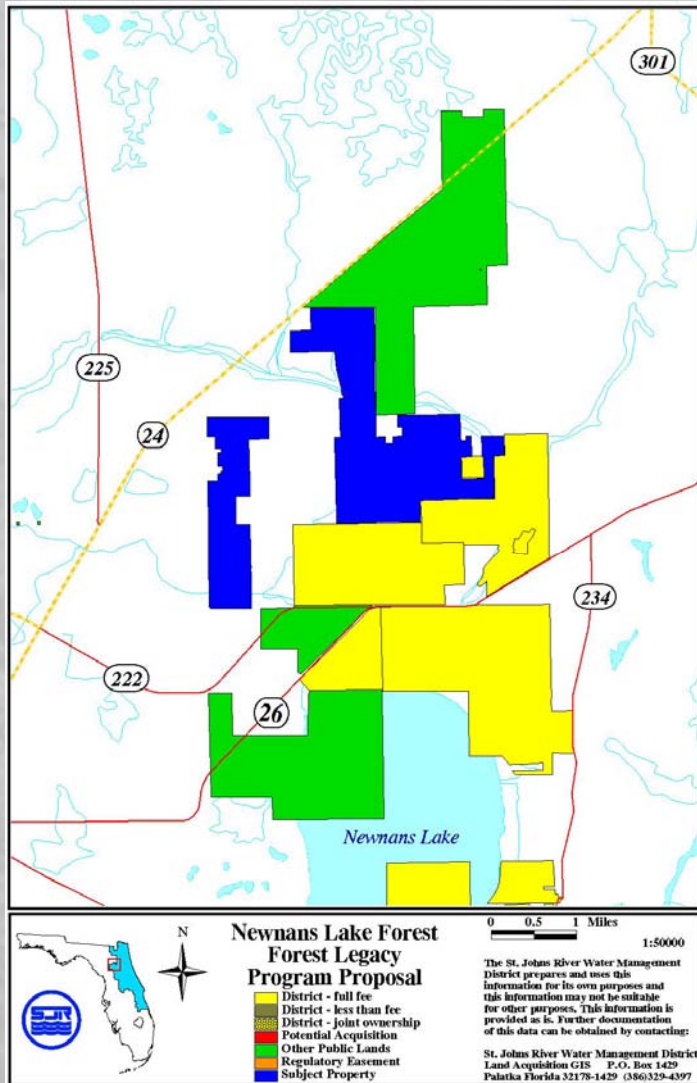
- Highways
- Town Creek
- Other Hydrography
- County Boundary
- 100-year Floodplain
- Significant Natural Heritage Area*
- Approximate Land Trust Easements
- Parcels
- Questionable parcel

* Courtesy of N.C. Natural Heritage Program





Newnan's Lake



Newnan's Lake – Florida



Forest Legacy Program Accomplishments



Tracts Protected	Acres Protected	Value of Interests Acquired	Forest Legacy Payment
280	1,040,917	\$435,799,365	\$221,876,811

As of October 2005



Edisto River Corridor – South Carolina



How to Participate?



- **Contact the State forestry agency**
- **A list of the State Foresters can be found at the National Association of State Foresters Web site: <http://www.stateforesters.org>.**
- **State programs vary; check the State Assessment of Need for Forest Legacy Program goals and application information.**