

Who can help?

Landowner technical assistance in the Onslow Bight

A wide range of technical assistance is available to landowners to help with forest management. The first step is to have a resource professional visit your property and write a plan based on your objectives.

N.C. Forest Service

The county ranger is the key contact for services offered by the N.C. Forest Service (NCFS). Foresters and rangers can prepare woodland plans tailored to your management goals. Information about fees, if applicable, for woodland plan preparation are available at www.ncforestservice.gov.

The NCFS offers prescribed fire services, including site preparation burning, in-stand burning and fireline construction. Rates are based on acreage and equipment use.

County	Phone	E-mail
Beaufort	252-946-3944	beaufort.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Carteret	252-728-3793	carteret.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Craven	252-244-0295	craven.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Duplin	910-289-2735	duplin.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Jones	252-448-5531	jones.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Onslow	910-324-3633	onslow.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Pamlico	252-745-3775	pamlico.ncfs@ncagr.gov
Pender	910-259-7251	pender.ncfs@ncagr.gov

Forest management on private lands

Consulting foresters provide services on a fee or contractual basis. While the N.C. Forest Service and other public agencies can provide some free advice and assistance for managing your forestland, there are limitations. If you wish to know the value of your timber or how much timber volume you have, a public agency staff person cannot provide this service. Forest owners are encouraged to obtain the services of a consulting forester. For a private lands resources, including contact information for consulting foresters and prescribed burning contractors, please visit: <https://www.nclongleaf.org/landowners.html>



U.S. Department of Agriculture

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) provide a variety of cost share assistance programs for longleaf pine establishment and management.

County	FSA Service Center	NRCS Office
Beaufort	252-946-1076 X 2	252-946-4989
Carteret	252-637-3567 X 2	252-222-6360
Craven	252-637-3567 X 2	252-637-2547 X 3
Duplin	910-296-2193 X 2	910-259-2120 X 3
Jones	910-455-4164 X 2	252-448-2341
Onslow	910-455-4164 X 2	910-455-4472 X 3
Pamlico	252-745-5064 X 2	252-745-4303
Pender	910-259-9123 X 2	910-259-9123 X 3

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Wildlife conservation biologists assist landowners interested in managing their forest land for multiuse resources including timber, wildlife, soil and water quality, recreation and aesthetics.

Deanna Noble
252-526-1081
deanna.noble@ncwildlife.gov

The Safe Harbor Program is a landowner incentive program that benefits red-cockaded woodpeckers through voluntary habitat improvements. It provides regulatory assurance that no additional land restrictions will be imposed as a result of management actions.

John Carpenter
910-742-7231
john.carpenter@ncwildlife.gov

Quail Forever

Quail Forever works with landowners in Pender and Duplin counties, as well as the Cape Fear Arch area, for anything conservation and wildlife related, assisting with developing and funding habitat improvement through Farm Bill programs offered by NRCS and FSA.

Hackney Deans
910-840-0924
jdeans@quailforever.org

N.C. Cooperative Extension Forestry

N.C. Cooperative Extension offers research based information and technical assistance to landowners on a wide range of natural resource management topics. The forestry Area Specialized Agent (ASA) provides assistance to landowners concerning longleaf management, pine straw production, marketing and forest health (forestry.ces.ncsu.edu).

Colby Lambert
919-814-6041
colby_lambert@ncsu.edu

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program offers landowners with technical and financial assistance to restore longleaf pine and the wildlife it supports (www.fws.gov/office/eastern-north-carolina-ecological-services/get-involved). Luke Lollies 252-256-3676 luke_lollies@fws.gov

Prescribed Burn Associations

Prescribed Burn Associations (PBA) provide opportunities for landowners to partner with other landowners and prescribed burn professionals to utilize prescribed burning on private lands. Contact the Down East Landowner PBA for Onslow, Jones, Carteret, Pamlico, Craven and Beaufort counties, or Bladen Lakes Area PBA for Pender County.

Down East PBA
Derrick Moore
Derrick.moore@ncagr.gov
252-531-6078

Bladen Lakes Area PBA
Benjy Strope
benjy.strope@ncwildlife.gov
910-874-5562

National Wild Turkey Federation

The National Wild Turkey Federation offers programs to help manage wildlife habitat on your wood-land and specifically works with USDA Farm Bill Programs. Trey Oliver 910-874-1293 toliver@nwtf.net

Conservation easements

Conservation easements are voluntary legal agreements between landowners and land trusts or government agencies that limit future development while protecting and resorting wildlife habitat, natural resources and open space for long term conservation. For more information about conservation easements, contact any of the following:

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bill Edwards
919-751-0976, x106
bill.edwards@usda.gov

North Carolina Coastal Land Trust

Kenneth Lingerfelt
910-726-3065
kenneth@coastallandtrust.org

The Nature Conservancy

Kim Livingston
919-866-2334
kim.livingston@tnc.org

Online resources:

Onslow Bight Conservation Forum
www.onslowbightpartnership.org

The Longleaf Alliance
www.longleafalliance.org

NC Forest Service Claridge Nursery
www.buyntrees.com

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