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 Longleaf Ridge 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

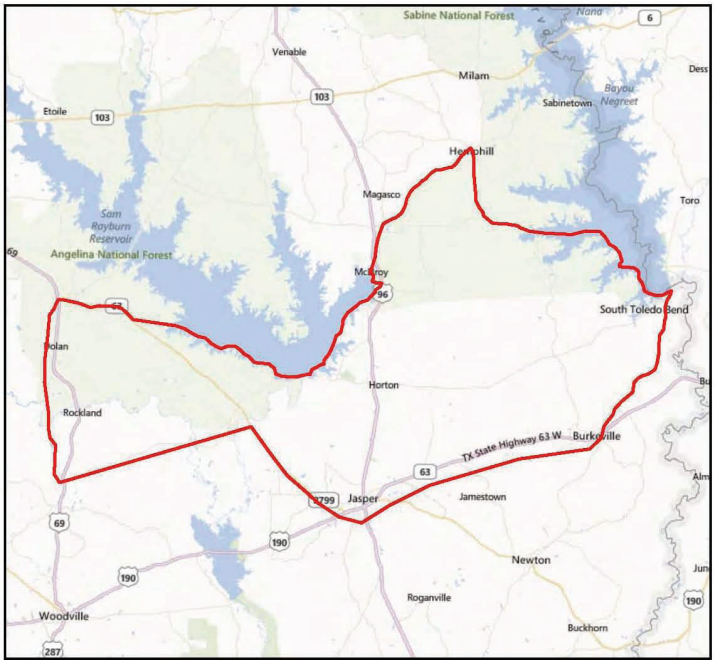
How to Apply

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 Longleaf Ridge Significant Geographic Area



Additional Information

- Continuous sign-up, applications can be submitted at anytime
- First funding cycle scheduled for October 17, 2014 (additional funding cycles will be scheduled and those dates posted to http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/longleaf
- Approved conservation practices must be completed before August 2016
- Participants must provide invoice of implemented practice for reimbursement

Internal Use
Receive Date _____

Project ID _____

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

Applicant Contact Information

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Name Address Phone Number

Property Location

County _____ Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Located with Longleaf 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

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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

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Can Practices be installed within 18 months? ☐ 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

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

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Current Management Plan for Property* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Forester Involvement ☐ Consulting ☐ Industry ☐ TIMO/REIT ☐ TFS ☐ None

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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

THIS REQUEST is submitted by the undersigned owners and/or producers (who individually may be referred to as "the Applicant"). By signing this form, the Applicant agrees to the following: 1) the Applicant is requesting cost-share assistance to perform a practice(s) designed to meet the objectives of the program (i.e. longleaf establishment and/or enhancement); 2) the Applicant agrees that this practice(s) would not be performed without cost-sharing; and, 3) if cost-sharing is approved for the practice(s) requested, the Applicant agrees to refund all or part of the funds paid to him/her, as determined by the Approving Official, if, before expiration of the lifespan of the specified practice(s), the Applicant (a) destroys the approved practice(s), or (b) voluntarily relinquishes control of or title to, the land on which the approved practice(s) has been established, and the new owner and/or operator of the land does not agree in writing to properly maintain the practice(s) for the remainder of its life span. The Applicant further agrees that if he or she begins the practice(s) before receiving written approval, he or she may be denied cost-share funding. Further, the Applicant hereby authorizes a representative of Texas Longleaf Implementation Team to have access to the practice site area(s). Further, the applicant understands that form TX-LLP-014 is by reference incorporated herein. BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: TX-LLP-014 AND ANY ADDENDUM THERETO.

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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 by a LIT verifying practices applied for have been implemented and cost-shared

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

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Approved TFS/LIT Member Signature Date