

# Landowner Tools and Opportunities

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## Timber Price Trends



https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/timberpricetrends/

- Stumpage- price landowner receives from timber buyer to harvest trees
- Volume-weighted average stumpage price
- Sources come from reporters (Feds, loggers, contractors, consultants, mills)
- Used to monitor general market trend (many factors go into timber sale)

### LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE: TIMBER PRICE TRENDS

Timber Price Trends aims to provide timely information on timber market conditions to improve decision making and foster fair transactions that benefit both buyer and seller and encourage conservation of the timber resource.

Average stumpage prices published in this report are calculated from actual timber sales as reported by up to 60 cooperators active in the East Texas timber market. Values are weighted by volume sold to filter out the effect that size of sale has on price paid. Thus, the average price reported is the average price paid per unit of wood, NOT per average timber sale.

### **View Timber Price Trends Frequently Asked Questions**

- + Timber Price Trends
- + Bi-Monthly Reports
- + Annual Summary Reports
- + Five-Year Stumpage Prices
- + Historical Timber Price Summary from 1984
- + Neighboring State Reports



## TEXAS TIMBER PRICE TRENDS September/October 2023

## Stumpage Prices in Texas



Product /Region	Averag	ge Price		Last Perio	d			Year Ago	Sawtimber
PINE									
Sawtimber	\$/Ton	\$/MBF	\$/Ton	\$/MBF	Chg		\$/Ton	\$/MBF	\$/Ton
Northeast TX	\$29.67	\$237.36	\$30.03	\$240.25	-1%	1	\$28.02	\$224.13	55
Southeast TX	\$28.48	\$227.83	\$31.11	\$248.88	-8%	Ţ	**	**	50 Pine Hardwood
Statewide	\$29.23	\$233.83	\$30.65	\$245.18	-5%	1	\$28.02	\$224.13	40 <del>-</del> - 35 <del>-</del>
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#### **Funding Connector**

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#### **Texas Forest Carbon Clock**

A widget that displays the real-time tons of carbon captured from the atmosphere and stored in Texas forests.

Forest Management



#### Forest Ecosystem Values

This application provides estimated economic values for certain ecosystem services and benefits provided by forests.

Forest Products



#### My Tree ID Mobile App

My Tree ID helps identify tree species based on leaves, flowers, seed, bark or location using a key, descriptions, and full-color images.

Landowner Tools





#### TreeMD

This app will help you find the root of your tree's problem. It will help you search by species or symptoms and filter by types of pests, or search pest records, list of symptoms and affected trees

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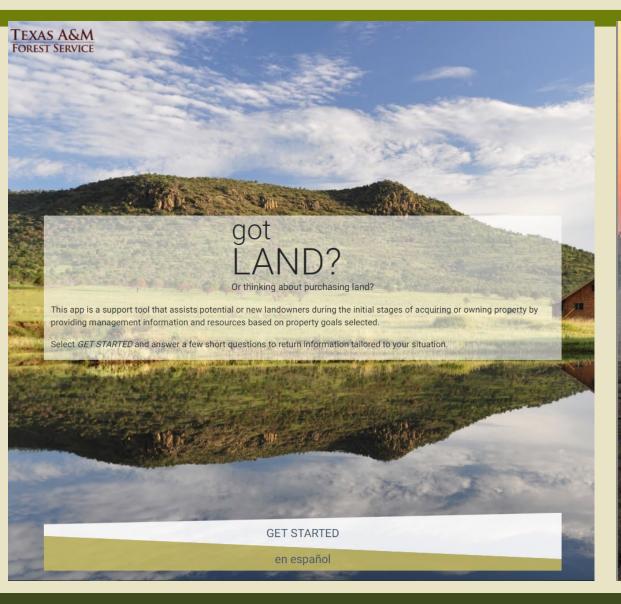


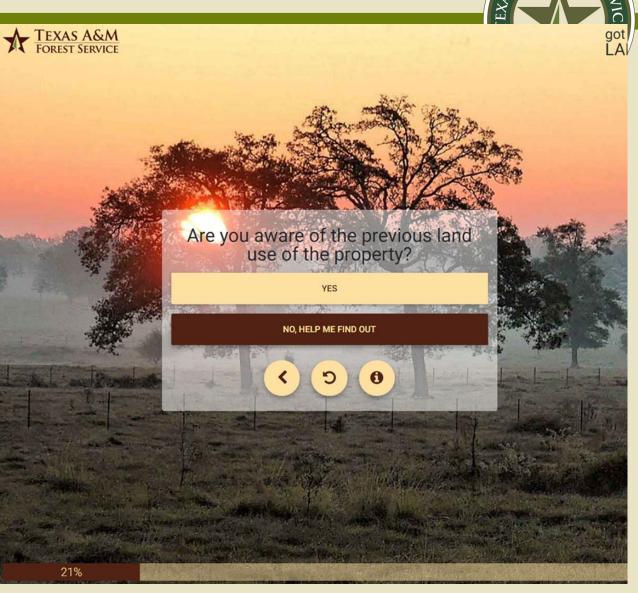
#### Map My Property

Map My Property provides landowners and other interested users a quick and simple tool for making a map of their property that can be shared with others.

Landowner Tools

## **Got Land?**





## **Got Land?**

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#### Resources Report

#### Map or Survey of Property

While a general map of your property is useful and can often be found at your County Appraisal District, a legal survey will identify restrictions on the property which may affect your use and future development. It should determine whether the property is in a floodplain and if it has any rights-of-way, easements, abandoned roads, joint driveways, water and utility lines, and ingress and egress. Because properties often lack visual boundary markers like an iron rod in the ground and fences may not be built along the actual boundary, a survey can help resolve a discrepancy over who owns what.

The Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University – Surveys https://www.recenter.tamu.edu/articles/tierra-grande/Sizing-Up-Surveys

Texas Society of Professional Surveyors https://www.tsps.org/page/fags

Map My Property

http://texasforestinfo.tamu.edu/mapmyproperty/

#### **Previous Land Use**

Knowing the historical land use of your property can identify the location of potential environmental contamination, as well as cut-and-fill processes that may affect soil composition and ability to grow vegetation. Many avenues exist for obtaining such historical information. These include:

- Tax records and maps at your county tax assessor's office https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/county-directory/
- County soil survey maps from the local NRCS office https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=TX
- Historical maps available at the local public library or online at the Library of Congress https://www.loc.gov/maps/
- Historical topographical maps from the U.S. Geological Survey https://www.usgs.gov/news/historical-maps-your-fingertips
- Historical aerial photographs and imagery from your county extension office, the local public library, the county planning office or online at Texas Natural Resource Information System <a href="https://tnris.org/spotlights/2015-04-09/historical-aerial-map/">https://tnris.org/spotlights/2015-04-09/historical-aerial-map/</a>
- Previously conducted environmental surveys or investigations
- Title records at the county recorder of deeds office

#### Clear Title

Clear title is the phrase used to state that the owner of real property owns it free and clear of encumbrances. Also known as clean title, a clear title is a title without any kind of lien or levy from creditors or other parties and poses no question as to legal ownership.

A *title search* will reveal if the property you intend to buy or have inherited has clear title. As the documents concerning conveyances of land are a part of public record, anyone can do a title



- Provides resources based on property goals
- Topics include:
  - Property Maps/Surveys
  - Clear title
  - Tax Valuations
  - Easements
  - Subsurface Rights
  - Surface Water
  - Management Efforts
  - And more!



## Map My Property



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USDA FSA, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, CNES/Airbus DS | Texas A&M Forest Service

Soils Within Property Boundary



Search Draw Load/Save Themes Soils TX Vegetation TX Geology ■ Visible Identify Transparency 0% 25% 50% 75% 100% of CLIP X CLEAR - Soils Report SUMMARY FULL Export to PDF

Darco fine sand, 1 to 8 percent slopes 137.8 41.9% 75.7 23.0% Kirvin-Sacul association, sloping Cuthbert stony soils, 5 to 20 percent slopes 53.2 16.2% Darco, Kirvin, and Tenaha soils, sloping 27.4 8.3% Trawick and Bub soils, moderately steep 11.6 3.5% 6.9 2.1% Lilbert loamy fine sand, 3 to 8 percent slopes Larue loamy fine sand, 1 to 3 percent slopes 6.3 1.9% 4.7 1.4% 3.9 1.2% LaD Larue loamy fine sand, 3 to 8 percent slopes 0.3% 328.5 Note: Small deviations possibly found in the table values are due to rounding in calculations. 1:9,028

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## Map My Property

- Site Index
  - Measure of site quality
  - Total average height of both the dominant and codominant trees in a forest stand at a given age.

#### Soil Select Attributes

Symbol	Slope Gradient (%)	Erosion Hazard	Flooding Frequency	Drainage Class	Hydric Rating (%)	pH Top Horizon
DaD	5	Moderate	None	Somewhat excessively drained	0	5.5
KnE	7	Moderate	None	Well drained	0	6.2
KrF	13	Severe	None	Well drained	0	5.5
DkF	10.6	Moderate	None	Well drained	0	5.5
TmF	15.8	Moderate	None	Well drained	0	6.5
FuD	6	Moderate	None	Well drained	0	5.3
LaB	2	Slight	None	Well drained	0	5.8
Th	0.5	Slight	Frequent	Moderately well drained	20	6.2
W		Not rated			0	
LaD	6	Moderate	None	Well drained	0	5.8

#### **Ecological Class**

Symbol	Ecological Class ID	Ecological Class Name
DaD	F133BY008TX	Northern Deep Sandy Upland
KnE	F133BY003TX	Loamy Over Clayey Upland
KrF	F133BY003TX	Loamy Over Clayey Upland
DkF	F133BY008TX	Northern Deep Sandy Upland
TmF	F133BY003TX	Loamy Over Clayey Upland
FuD	F133BY006TX	Northern Sandy Loam Upland
LaB	F133BY006TX	Northern Sandy Loam Upland
Th	F133BY014TX	Creek Bottomland
W		
LaD	F133BY006TX	Northern Sandy Loam Upland

#### Productivity

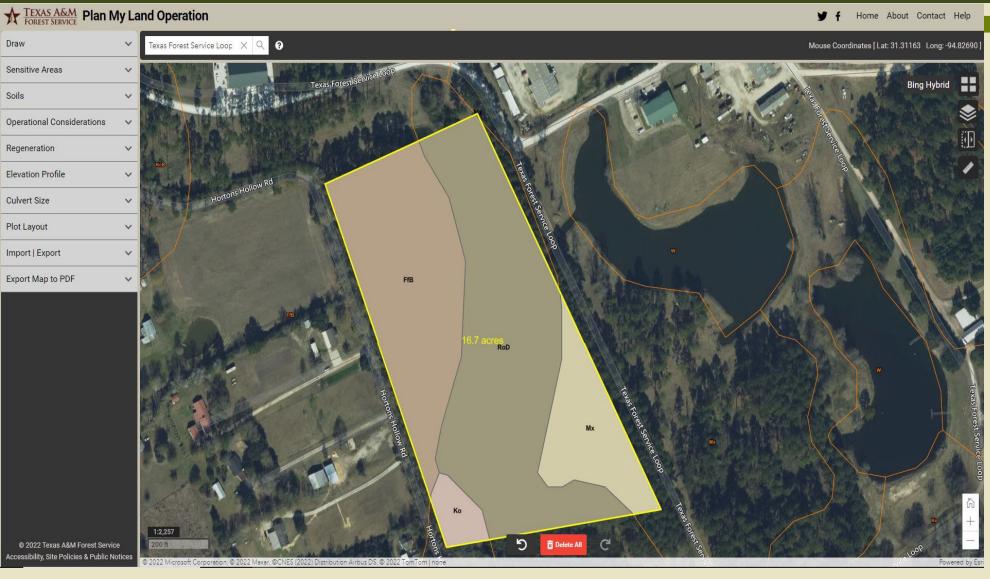
Symbol	Maximum Site Index	Site Index Species	Range Productivity (lb/ac/yr)	Forest Productivity (cuft/ac/yr)
DaD	81	loblolly pine		114
KnE	83	loblolly pine		119.4
KrF	76	loblolly pine		100
DkF	81	loblolly pine		117.8
TmF	80	loblolly pine		106.6
FuD	88	loblolly pine		129
LaB	80	loblolly pine		114
Th	110	loblolly pine		172
W				
LaD	80	loblolly pine		114

#### Version

Symbol	Soil Survey Area	Tabular	Spatial
DaD	v18, Sep 14, 2018	v16, Sep 14, 2018	v5, Jan 10, 2014
KnE	v18, Sep 14, 2018	v16, Sep 14, 2018	v5, Jan 10, 2014
KrF	v18, Sep 14, 2018	v16, Sep 14, 2018	v5, Jan 10, 2014
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LaD	v18, Sep 14, 2018	v16, Sep 14, 2018	v5, Jan 10, 2014

Source of Soil Information: Soil Survey Staff, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) Database. Available online at <a href="https://sdmdataaccess.sc.egov.usda.gov">https://sdmdataaccess.sc.egov.usda.gov</a>.

## Plan My Land





- Defines sensitive areas
- Map of Soils
- Operational Considerations
- Regeneration
- Elevation Profile
- Culvert Size
- Measurement tools

	1 200	Characteristics a	nd Ra	tings for Map Unit		
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Nar	ne				
Ко	Koury loam,	occasionally floo	ded			
Acres in Project Area	Percent of Pro	oject Area	Мар	Unit Dominant Com	ponent	Percent of Map Unit
51.7	29.0%		Kou	ry		85%
Taxonomic Classification						
Coarse-silty, siliceous, the	ermic Dystric Fl	uventic Eutrochr	epts			
A Horizon		B Horizon			Slope Gra	dient (%)
N/A		N/A			0.5	1
Erosion Class		Drainage Class			Depth to	Water Table (cm)
N/A		Moderately wel	ll drai	ned	N/A	
Hydric Rating		Flooding Frequen	ncy		Presence	of Ponding (%)
Predominatly Nonhydric		Occasional			0	
Harvest Operations				No. of the last	Tella 11	Section of the second
Harvest Activity		Rating		BMP Awareness		
Construction limitations f and log landings	or haul roads	Moderate		Follow basic BMP areas.	recomme	Minimize soil disturbance. ndations. Stabilize disturbed eration/docs/RoadsAndLandings.pdf
Harvest Equipment Opera	ability	Moderately su	iited	periods. Minimize recommendation performance exp	soil distu s. Remedia ected.	ime operations to avoid wet rbance. Follow basic BMP ation may be necessary. Fair eration/docs/EquipmentOperationsSiteC
Erosion Hazard: Off-Road	/Off Trail	Slight		BMP recommend	ations.	disturbance. Follow basic
Erosion Hazard: Road/Tra	il	Slight		BMP recommend	lations.	disturbance. Follow basic
Soil Rutting Hazard		Severe		except during ext disturbed areas.	remely dry	egularly. Avoid operations periods. Remediate eration/docs/EquipmentOperationsSiteC
Suitability for Roads and I	Log Landings	Moderately su	iited	Maintenance nee measures. Fair pe	eded. Imple erformance	Minimize size and extent. ement erosion control e expected. Stabilize. eration/docs/RoadsAndLandings.pdf



## Plan My Land

## Plair IVIY Land Operation

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### Watershed Size/Culvert Size Report

This report was produced using the *Plan Land My Operation* application that is accessed from the Texas Forest Information Portal found at <u>TexasForestInfo.com</u>. It calculates size of watershed that drains to a user-defined point along a streamand recommends the minimum size culvert to use at that point. In determining the recommended culvert size, the application uses (1) acres drained, (2) soil texture, and (3) slope as provided in the culvert sizing chart found in the <u>Texas Forestry Best Management Practices Handbook</u>.

#### Results of this analysis are:

Latitude: 31.311858

Acres Drained: 124.32

Mean Stope (70). 2.70

Soil Texture: Sandy Loam

Sand (%): 59.80 Silt (%): 30.60 Clay (%): 9.60

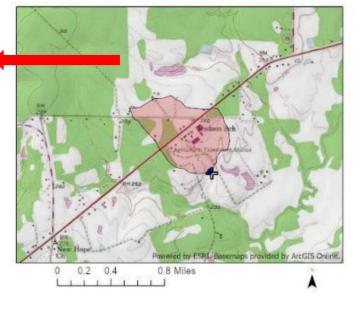
Recommended Minimum Culvert Diameter:

### 24 inches

#### Legend:

- User input point
- Pourpoint
- Watershed

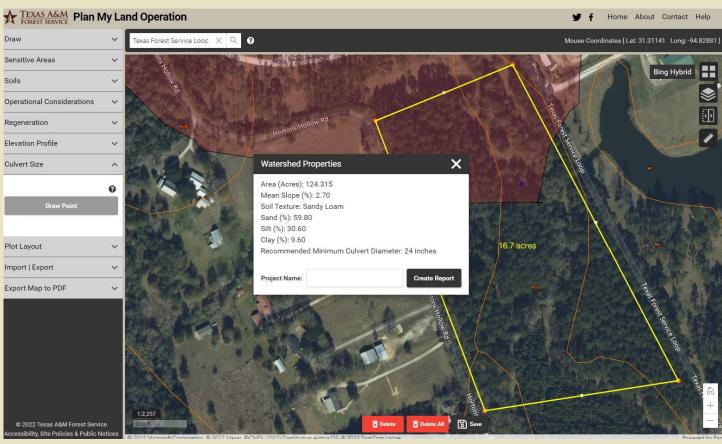
Note: Pour point is a point within 30 meters of the user-defined point that drains the mast area of the watershed.



#### **Culvert Sizing Chart**

		Light Soils (Sands)	E28	183	MediumSoils (Loams)	9/		HeavySoils (Clays)	88
Acres Drained	Flat	Moderate	Steep	Flat	Moderate	Steep	Flat	Moderate	Steep
Diamed	<5%	5-15%	>15%	<5%	5-15%	>15%	<5%	5-15%	>15%
				Minimum	Culvert Diamete	er in Inches			
5	18	18	18	18	18	24	24	24	24
10	18	18	18	24	24	30	30	30	36
20	18	18	18	24	30	36	36	36	42
30	18	18	18	30	30	36	36	42	48
40	18	18	18	30	36	42	42	48	
50	18	18	18	30	36	48	48	48	
75	18	24	24	36	42		57.75		
100	24	24	24	36	48				
150	24	24	24	42		•			
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250	30	30	30						
300	30	36	36						
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400									





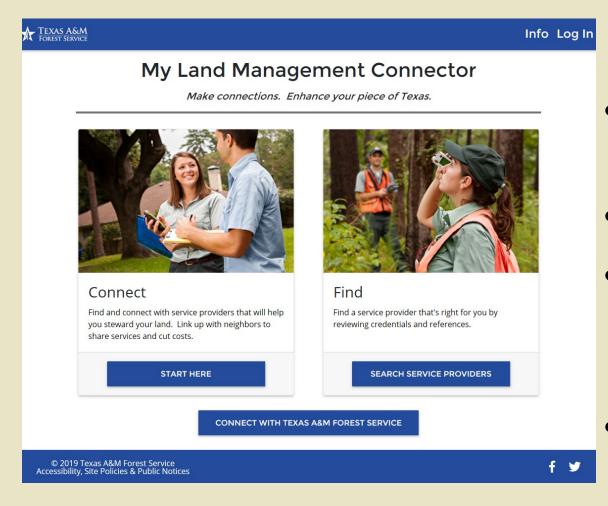
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## My Land Management Connector



## Make Connections

- Landowner to Landowner
- Landowner to Service Provider
- Requires an account



## Search

- Search for service providers
- Check credentials
- Find seedling and native plant nurseries
- Does not require an account

# Landowner Steps: Sign up





### **Get Started**



LOG IN

CREATE LANDOWNER ACCOUNT

CREATE SERVICE PROVIDER ACCOUNT

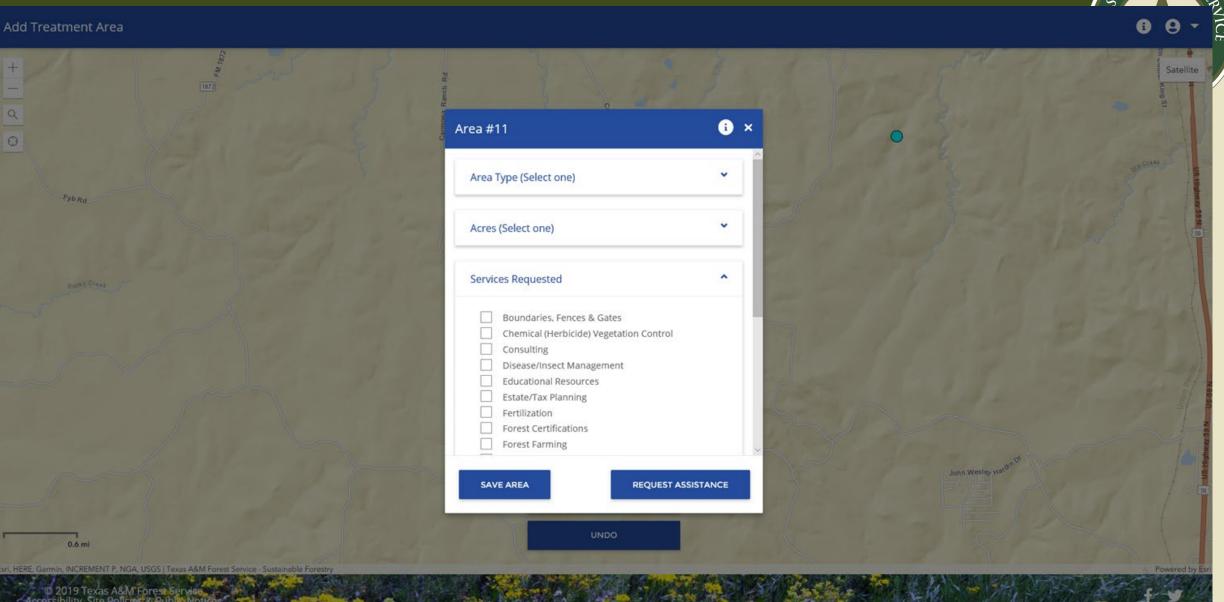


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This web application and all data herein are official State of Texas Resources and as such are available only for authorized purposes by authorized users. Usage may be subject to monitoring and security testing. Your email address, name and any other information you provide, will not be sold, and will not be shared outside of the "My Land Management Connector" application. User privacy is provided by applicable privacy laws.



# Landowner Steps: Add Property



## My Land Management Connector- Service Provider Email



Service provider,

A landowner has added a new area to "My Land Management Connector" application that needs land management services. If you are interested in providing service to this landowner, you can view the area and service needs by visiting <a href="http://TexasForestInfo.tamu.edu">http://TexasForestInfo.tamu.edu</a>, "My Land Management Connector" application, and then send the landowner a service request.

Area #13-11

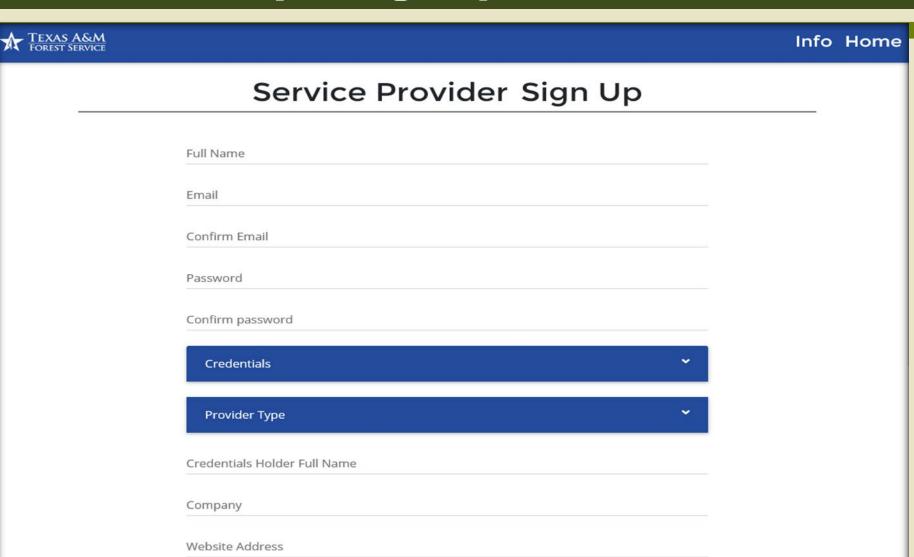
Area Type: Timberland Acreage: 10 - 29 acres

Services Needed:

Consulting Fertilization

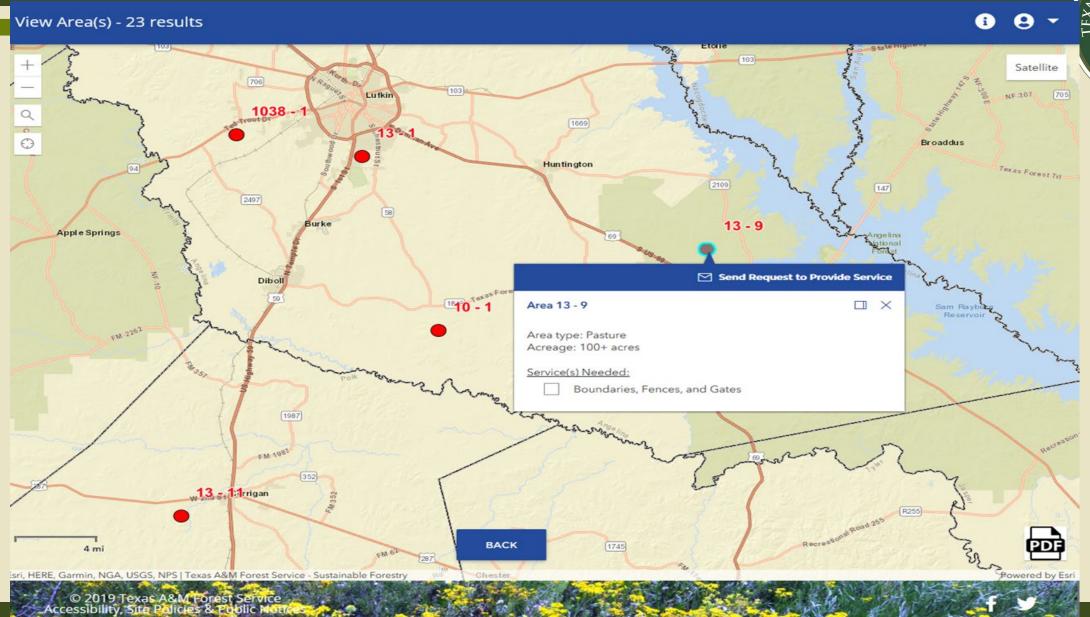
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# Service Provider Steps: Sign up





# Service Provider Steps: Send Request



## Landowner Emails

Hello John Henry, ,

The service provider below would like to provide the following land management service(s) to your area 1038 - 1:

- Consulting
- Tree Valuation



Michelle Moore Michelle's Trees 567 Tree Lane Dallas, TX 52525 555-556-8989

Michellestrees@abc.com

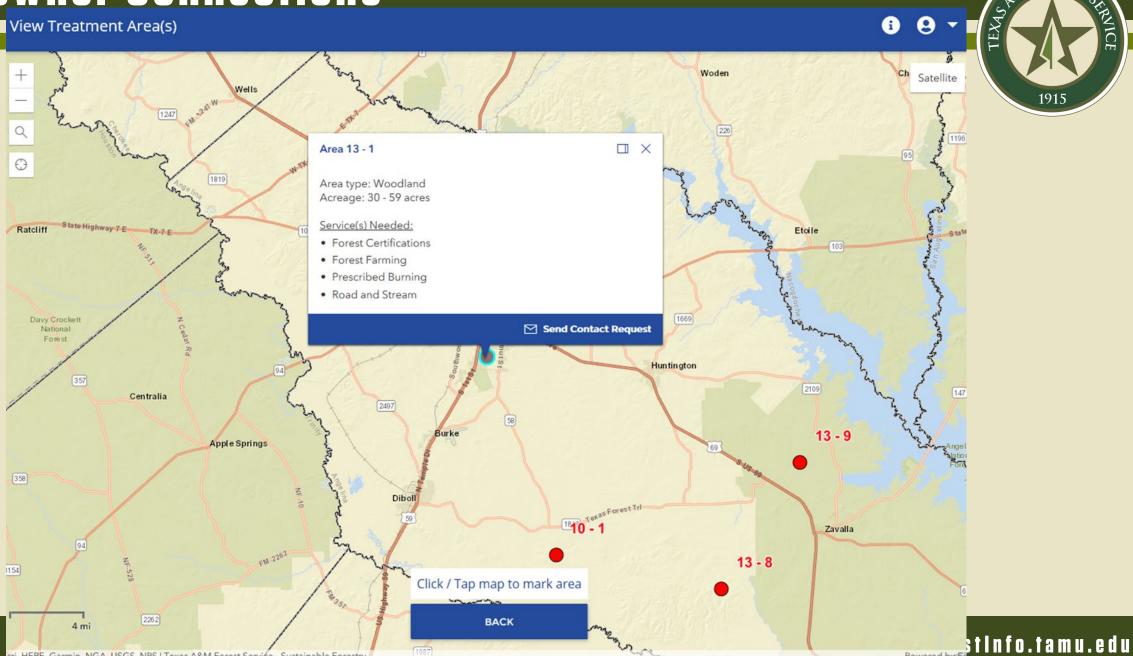
www.mmtrees.com

Credentials: Certified Burn Manager (TDA), Licensed Landscape Irrigator, SAF Certified Forester, Texas Accredited Forester, Texas Licensed Real Estate Broker/Sales Agent, Texas Oak Wilt Qualified (Texas ISA), Texas Pro Logger

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# Landowner Connections



## **Landowner Connections Email**



Hello

A landowner would like to connect with you to potentially aggregate land management service(s) on your area shown below:

Area #13-1

Area Type: Woodland Acreage: 30 - 59 acres

Services Needed:

Forest Certifications

Forest Farming

Prescribed Burning

Road and Stream

Please contact the following landowner for more information.



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# Service Provider Search



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## Service Provider Selection

Provider Type		^
Certified Arborist		
Environmental Scientist		
Professional Forester		
Vendor		
Wildlife Biologist		
Regions Serviced		¥
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Regions Serviced  Services Provided  VIEW LIST	CHECK CREDENTIALS	

# My Land Management Connector-Provider List





### **Service Providers**

### Chemical (Herbicide) Vegetation Control

#### Trees Bees Knees

Chris Christopherson

Certified Arborist, Professional Forester

123 Tree Street

Oakville, TX, 12345

- **(**111) 111-1111
- @ sickoaks@trees4lyfe.com
- billybob.com

Credential Holder Name: Chris Christopherson

Credentials: American Society of Consulting Arborists, Association of Consulting Foresters, ISA Certified Arborist, Licensed Landscape Irrigator, Licensed Pesticide Applicator, SAF Certified Forester, Texas Accredited Forester, Texas Oak Wilt Qualified (Texas ISA)



#### **Bob's Trees**

Bob Tree

Professional Forester

123 ABC Ln

Conroe, TX 55815

- **4** (546) 454-7678
- @ bbtree@tree.com

Credential Holder Name: Bob Tree

Credentials: Certified Burn Manager (TDA), NRCS Technical Service Provider, SAF Certified Forester, Texas Oak Wilt Qualified (Texas ISA), Texas Pro Logger



#### Michelle's Trees

Michelle Moore

Professional Forester

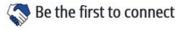
567 Tree Lane

Dallas, TX 52525

- **(**555) 556-8989
- @ Michellestrees@abc.com

Credential Holder Name: Michelle Moore

Credentials: Certified Burn Manager (TDA), Licensed Landscape Irrigator, SAF Certified Forester, Texas Accredited Forester, Texas Licensed Real Estate Broker/Sales Agent, Texas Oak Wilt Qualified (Texas ISA), Texas Pro Logger



### Consulting

#### Fernando's Landscaping

John Smith

#### **Bob's Trees**

Rob Troo

#### Michelle's Trees

Michelle Moore

## **Funding Connector**





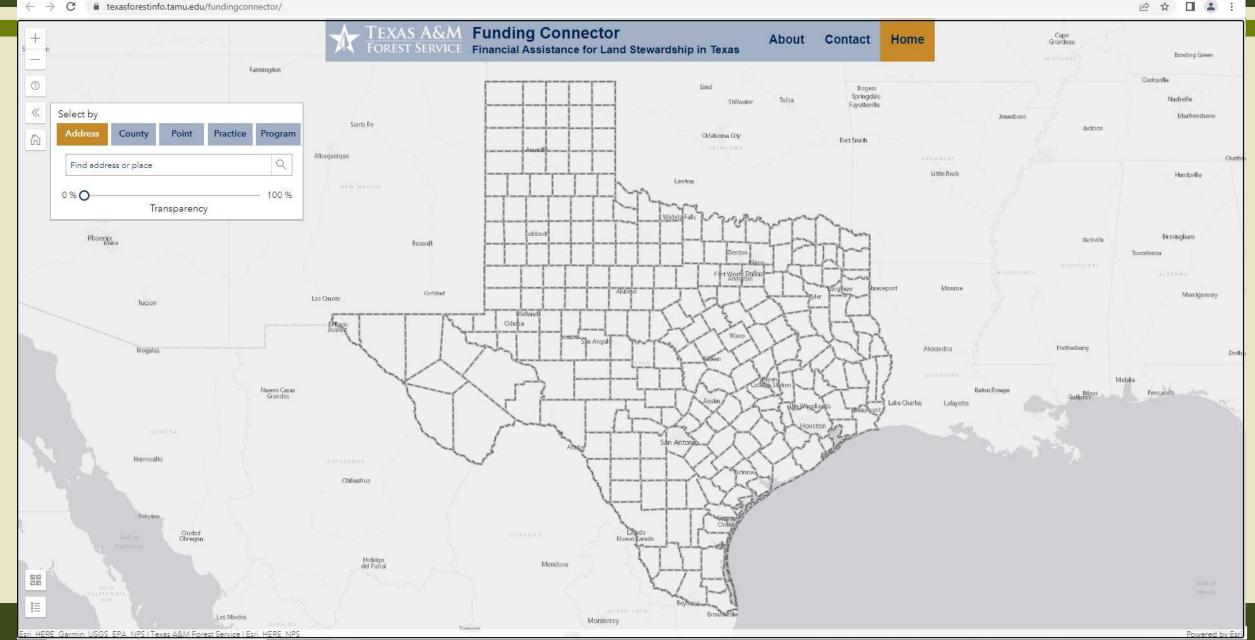
## **Funding Connector**

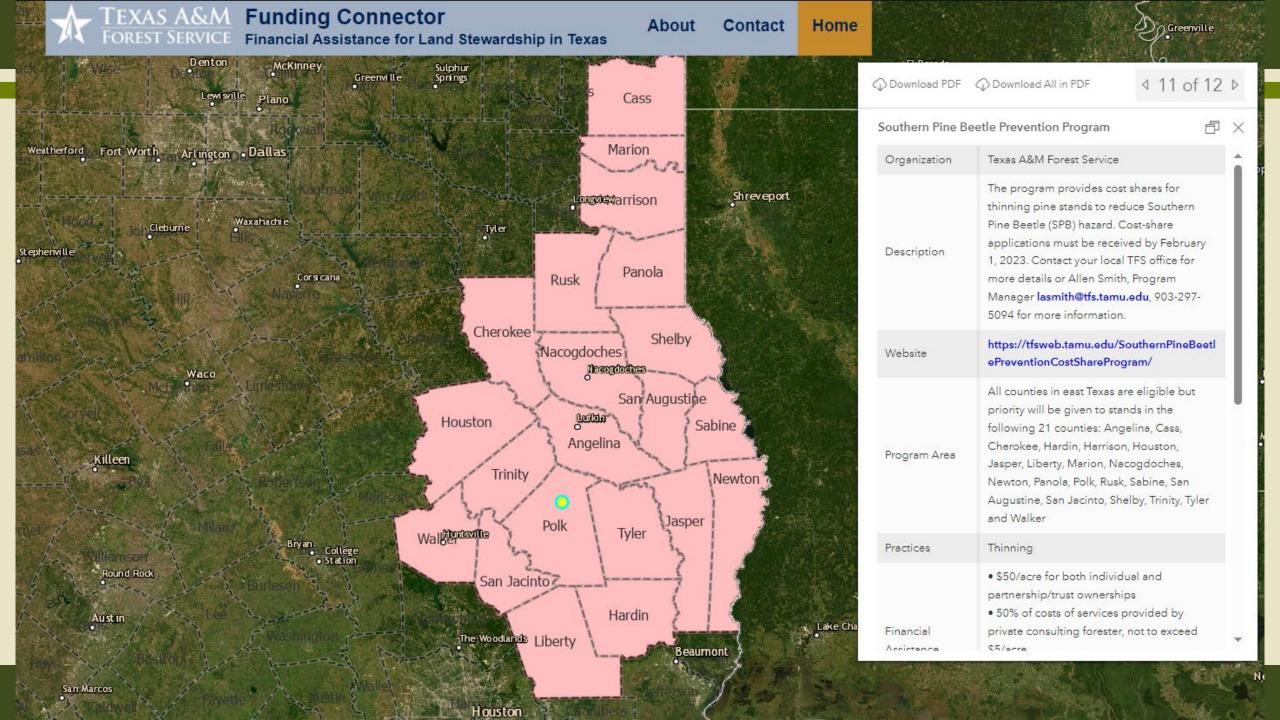
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# **Funding Connector**









Funding Connector: Financial Assistance for Land Stewardship in Texas

### **Southern Pine Beetle Prevention Program**

#### Organization

Texas A&M Forest Service

#### Description

The goal of this program is to improve forest health to minimize or prevent future infestations of the Southern Pine Beetle (SPB).

#### Link to Webpage

https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/SouthernPineBeetlePreventionCostShareProgram/

#### Project Area

Angelina, Cass, Cherokee, Hardin, Harrison, Houston, Jasper, Liberty, Marion, Nacogdoches, Newton, Panola, Polk, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, and Walker counties.

#### Practices

Thinning

#### Financial Assistance

- \$50/acre for both individual and partnership/trust ownerships
- 50% of costs of services provided by private consulting forester, not to exceed \$5/acre
- Maximum cost share allowed per federal fiscal year (October 1 September 30) is \$5,000 for all approved cases

### Eligibility

- Must own a minimum of 10 contiguous acres of pine species
- Stand must be a minimum of 120 sqft basal area
- Stand must be a minimum of 70% pine
- Stand must be located within one of 21 priority counties
- Stand must be thinned to 80 sqft basal area or less
- . Thinning must be completed within 12 months







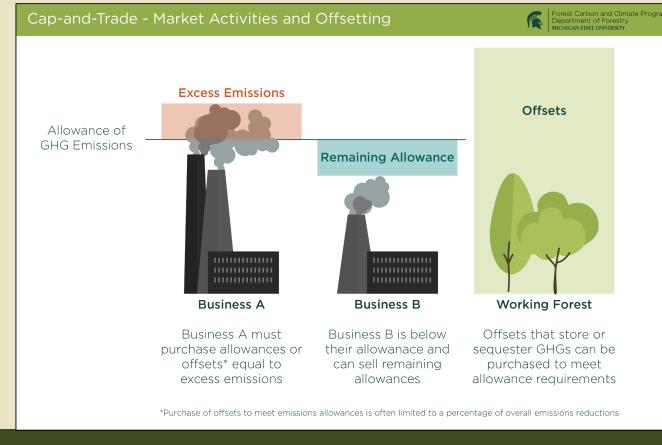
## **Carbon Markets**

- Not currently listed under Funding Connector, but there are additional resources and opportunities for forest landowners within the private sector
- Carbon Markets are an option for some forest landowners
- Revenue can be generated off the land from carbon sequestration projects



## Two Types of Carbon Markets

- Compliance Markets (Cap and Trade)- government regulated
- Voluntary Carbon Marketsparticipation is voluntary, no federal regulation





## **Who's Buying Carbon Credits**

 Largely corporations who want to offset their carbon emissions to improve their ESG rating





# **ESG** Rating Explained









## What is a Carbon Credit?

 A tradable certificate or permit representing the right to emit one tonne (1.1 ton) of CO<sub>2</sub> or equivalent amount of a different greenhouse gas

Average person is responsible for about 10 tonnes of carbon emissions/year





## **How Carbon is Stored**

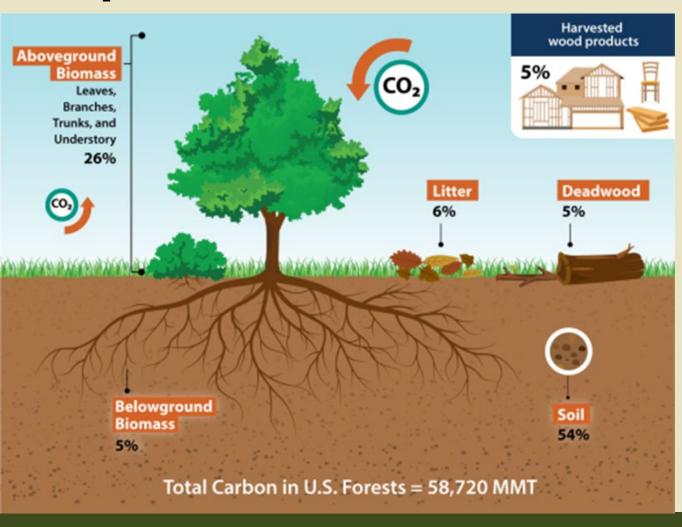
## Physical/Mechanical

Direct air capture technology

## Nature Based Solutions

- REDD+ Reduce emissions from deforestation & degradation (reductions)
- IFM- improved forest management (reductions and removals)
- A/R- afforestation and reforestation (removals)
- Soil Carbon, Forest Carbon, Blue Carbon

## Why Forests



Cost-effective methods to mitigate climate change through

- Decreasing GHG emissions and
- Increasing carbon sequestration in an ecosystem

### Low-hanging fruit

 Conservation, restoration, and improved management in forests, grasslands, agricultural lands, and wetlands.

Forestry has co-benefits,

- Biodiversity / habitat
- Air filtration
- Water filtration
- Flood control



# Carbon Credit Cycle

- 1. Develop project using registry protocols
- Have project validated and verified
- 3. Credits are issued
- 4. Credits are sold
- 5. End buyer takes ownership of credit and retires credit. (Prevent reselling)
- 6. Credits can be generated and sold yearly

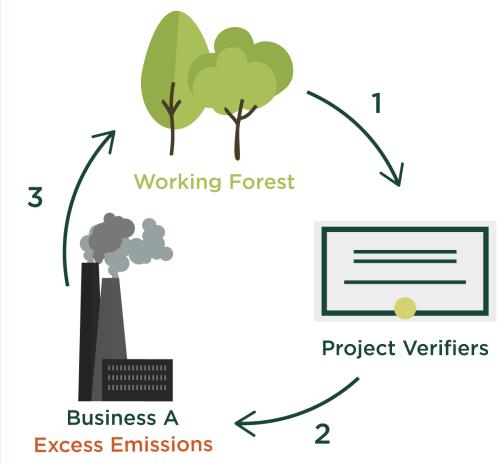


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## **Carbon Registry**

- The voluntary carbon market requires the use a registry
- Several large registries on the block
- Various protocols for diff projects
- Helps legitimize/verify/record credits







**Gold Standard** 



## What does a project look like in E. Texas

- Depends on landowner's objective: Fiber production or conservation
- Different programs have different acreage requirements
- Contracts generally stay with the land. Contracts can last 10yrs up 65yrs+
- Depending on protocol, E.TX. Forests generate ~2 credits/ac/yr



# Carbon Market Summary

- ESG pressure and goals support a healthy voluntary market place for IFM and A/R carbon credit based projects
- Landowner works with a project developer and registry to develop, implement, verify, sell credits, and maintain project for length of contract
- Not all credits are created equal
- One way to sustainable manage forest land while providing for multiple ecosystem benefits. Good fit for long term conservation or long rotation fiber production



# Questions

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