WHO CAN HELP?
Longleaf Pine Assistance in the Cape Fear Arch

A wide range of technical assistance is available to landowners to help establish and manage longleaf pine forests. The first step is to have a resource professional visit your property and write a plan based on your objectives.

North Carolina Forest Service

The County Ranger is the key contact for services the NC Forest Service offers. NC Forest Service Foresters and Rangers can prepare a woodland plan tailored to your management goals.

Information about fees, if applicable, for the preparation of woodland plans are available at www.ncforestservice.gov. There are no fees associated with verbal forest management assistance for insect infestations, disease, and water quality concerns.

Prescribed Burn Resources

Bladen Area Burners is an group dedicated to providing neighbor to neighbor burning assistance, educational events, and burn mentoring opportunities. Area of focus is Bladen, Sampson, and Pender Counties; however, anyone can join.

NC Forest Service offers prescribed fire services, including site preparation burning, in-stand burning, and fireline construction. Rates are based on acreage and equipment use. Contact your County Ranger for more information.

For a list of private service providers, including prescribed burning contractors, that can help landowners, please visit: www.ncforestservice.gov/Managing_your_forest/

NC Wildlife Resources Commission

Wildlife Habitat Technical Assistance
Biologists help landowners with the development of wildlife management plans and serve as liaisons with USDA Farm Bill Programs.

Forest Stewardship Technical Assistance
Biologists assist landowners interested in managing their forest land for multi-use resources, including timber, wildlife, soil and water quality, recreation, and aesthetics.

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.

www.nclongleaf.org
US Fish and Wildlife Service

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides technical and financial assistance to restore habitat for the benefit of migratory birds and rare species. [www.fws.gov/partners](http://www.fws.gov/partners)

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US 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.

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National Wild Turkey Federation

The National Wild Turkey Federation offers programs to help manage wildlife habitat on your woodland and specifically works with USDA Farm Bill Programs in the Cape Fear Arch region.

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Quail Forever

Quail Forever works with landowners for anything conservation and wildlife-related, assisting with developing and funding habitat improvement through Farm Bill Programs offered by NRCS and FSA.

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NC Cooperative Extension Forestry

NC 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](http://forestry.ces.ncsu.edu)

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Consulting Foresters

Consulting foresters provide services on a fee or contractual basis. While the NC 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.

A list of Consulting Foresters who conduct business in North Carolina is maintained on by the N.C. Forest Service at: [www.ncforestservice.gov/managing_your_forest/consulting_foresters.htm](http://www.ncforestservice.gov/managing_your_forest/consulting_foresters.htm)

Online Resources:

Cape Fear Arch Conservation Collaboration [capefeararch.org](http://capefeararch.org)

North Carolina Longleaf Coalition [www.nclongleaf.org](http://www.nclongleaf.org)

The Longleaf Alliance [www.longleafalliance.org](http://www.longleafalliance.org)

NC Forest Service Claridge Nursery [www.buyntrees.com](http://www.buyntrees.com) 1-888-NCTREES (628-7337)

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