



## The Nature Conservancy, North Carolina Chapter: Sustaining Working Forests and Restoring Longleaf Pine in the Cape Fear Arch

### Project Overview

The Nature Conservancy, North Carolina Chapter will receive \$27,000 over two years from the SFI Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant program to conduct private landowner outreach within the Cape Fear Arch. By focusing on priority conservation areas, this project creates a clear scientific link between ecologically significant features and landowner outreach, and complements a 2013 SFI grant to American Forest Foundation to develop new methods for reaching and engaging landowners. The Cape Fear Arch is part of a larger landscape identified mutually by a number of agencies and NGOs as a significant landscape for longleaf conservation and restoration. This project will result in engagement of landowners in forest management and longleaf restoration, and create opportunities for certification under the American Tree Farm System or SFI. The optimal outcome will be a mix of restoration, certification and working forest conservation easements in this highly significant landscape. The project addresses a number of elements within the SFI Standard, including broadening the practice of sustainable forestry, managing lands that are ecologically, geographically, or culturally important in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities, and conservation of biological diversity.

### Project Partners

The Nature Conservancy, North Carolina Chapter will partner National Wild Turkey Federation and Resource Management Service, LLC.