



The Texas Forests & Water Forum 2022 convened collaborators who are intimately connected with efforts to protect healthy forests and clean water. The “forest-water connection” highlights the overlap of environmental and human health benefits derived from managing healthy forests and protecting drinking water sources. Nearly 100 stakeholders from the forestry, water, and conservation communities met on September 13-14 in Nacogdoches to explore the forest-water connection in Texas and to brainstorm specific ways to collaborate for the protection of these two important and interdependent resources.

GOALS

- **Branch Out:** Continue to build the coalition through engagement of new sectors and cooperators. Find partners to help you reach your sustainability aspirations. Identify overlapping goals and objectives for source water protection through forest retention and management,
- **See the Forest for Its Trees:** Explore the crucial role that managed forests play in improving drinking water. Get to know the longleaf pine ecosystem and other Texas forest types on the Winston 8 Ranch. Learn how comprehensive land stewardship practices such as timber management, habitat restoration, prescribed fire and invasive species control contribute to overall ecosystem health, and
- **Safeguard Clean Water for the Future:** Understand innovative water treatment approaches, including collaborative forest-drinking water projects. Implement conservation on the ground by establishing solid action steps, setting deadlines, and making achievable plans to enhance the Texas landscape. Put planning into action.

PLANNING

The Texas Forests & Water Forum 2022 was the result of an extensive planning effort led by [The Longleaf Alliance](#), [Texas Longleaf Team](#), [TX Partnership](#), and [SE Partnership](#). Joined by private landowners and representatives from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Forestry Association, Texas Rural Water Association, and Houston-Galveston Area Council, planning team members volunteered their time to recruit participants and plan for meaningful presentations and an informative field trip focused on the connection between healthy forests and clean water in Texas.

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- Texas Longleaf Team
- Texas Rural Water Association
- Texas Section American Water Works Association
- The Longleaf Alliance
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Winston 8 Ranch

RESOURCES

- [2020 Texas Forest Action Plan](#)
- [Quantifying the Role of State and Private Forest Lands in Providing Surface Drinking Water Supply for Texas](#) (US Forest Service & Texas A&M Forest Service)
- [Texas Water Action Collaborative](#)
- [Texas Forests & Water Story Map](#) (Texas A&M Forest Service)
- [Longleaf Pine: A Tall Drink of Water](#)
- [Forests & Water Infographic](#)
- [Forest-Water Relationship Video Series](#)
- [Texas Geospatial Watershed Assessment Priority Map and Methodology](#)

FIELD TRIP & PRESENTATIONS

Day 1: Field Trip

- **Winston 8 Ranch & Tree Farm**
 - NRCS video featuring Winston 8 Ranch: “A Healthy Forest Starts with the Sun”
- **City of Nacogdoches Surface Water Treatment Plant**
 - Lake Nacogdoches

Day 2: Presentations & Panels

- **State of the Forests in Texas** – Rob Hughes, Texas Forestry Association, rhughes@texasforestry.org
- **State of the Water in Texas**
 - **Urban Perspective** – Venus Price, City of Houston, venus.price@houstontx.gov
 - **Rural Perspective** – Lara Zent, Texas Rural Water Association, lara.zent@trwa.org
- **Bringing Together Conservation & Business** – Amy Snelgrove, Texan by Nature, amy@texanbynature.org
- **Connecting the Longleaf Ecosystem to Water Sustainability** – Carol Denhof, The Longleaf Alliance, carol@longleafalliance.org
- **Working Forests for Wildlife, Wood, & Communities** – Jon Scott, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, jonathan.scott@nfwf.org
- **Communicating the Value of Keeping Forests as Forests** – Zach Clifton, Georgia Forestry Association, zach@gfagrow.org
- **Innovative Watershed Finance: Case Studies**
 - **Central Arkansas Water** – Raven Lawson, raven.lawson@carkw.com
 - **Texas Water Trade** – Quinn McColly, mccolly@texaswatertrade.org

POST-EVENT SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

- The event location was excellent (83%), good (17%).
- The field trip was excellent (83%), good (17%).
- Presentations were excellent (58%), good (42%).
- Networking opportunities were excellent (58%), good (42%).
- The Forum met my expectations: agree (58%), strongly agree (42%).
- The length of the Forum was sufficient: agree (67%), strongly agree (33%).
- I will attend the next Forum: strongly agree (58%), agree (42%).
- The next Forests & Water Forum should be in 1 year (58%), in 2 years (42%).
- The next Forests & Water Forum would be better if...
 - the Governor would attend.
 - there was a virtual option.
 - there was more time to listen to the panelists during the Q&A session.
 - the field trip had a larger water feature in the woodland to demonstrate the importance of SMZs.
 - there were breakout sessions that resulted in action items.
- Favorite parts: field trip, Arkansas case study/presentation, Q&A panels.

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TEXAS FORESTS & WATER FORUM 2022

Tuesday & Wednesday,
September 13 & 14, 2022
The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center
200 N Fredonia St. | Nacogdoches, Texas

Welcome to the 4th Texas
Forests and Water Forum
in historic Nacogdoches, Texas!

This event brings together partners from across the state to discuss the benefits of managed forests for watershed health and the connection to longleaf pine forests, public and private forest landowner perspectives, funding resources, partnership collaboration and approaches, and watershed project implementation.

HEALTHY FORESTS = CLEAN WATER

Event Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Field Trip | Winston 8 Tree Farm | Nacogdoches' Drinking Water Treatment Plant

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Field Trip

Meet in the lobby of Fredonia Hotel & Conference Center to carpool at 8:30 a.m. or meet at the Winston 8 Tree Farm Clubhouse at 9:00 a.m. located at 7200 US Hwy 59 S, Nacogdoches, TX 75964. (Boxed lunch provided.)

See the benefits of managed forests and longleaf pine ecosystem restoration at the Winston 8 Tree Farm. Then, tour the City of Nacogdoches' Drinking Water Treatment Plant.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Networking Social

Refreshments & hors d'oeuvres in the Banita Ballroom at the Fredonia, followed by dinner on your own.

DAY 2: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Full-Day Conference | Fredonia Hotel and Conference Center | Convention A

8:30 a.m. Registration & Networking

Lobby in front of Convention A (Breakfast on your own)

9:00 a.m. Welcome

Al Davis, Interim Director
Texas A&M Forest Service

9:10 a.m. Forum Goals & Objectives

Hughes Simpson, Division Chief Operating Officer
Texas A&M Forest Service

9:15 a.m. State of the Forests in Texas

Rob Hughes, Executive Director
Texas Forestry Association

9:30 a.m. State of the Water in Texas

Venus Price, Managing Engineer
Drinking Water Operations, City of Houston
Lara Zent, Executive Director & General Counsel
Texas Rural Water Association

10:00 a.m. Bringing Together Conservation & Business

Amy Snelgrove, Data and Project Manager
Texan by Nature

10:15 a.m. BREAK

10:30 a.m. Connecting the Longleaf Ecosystem to Water Sustainability

Carol Denhof, President
The Longleaf Alliance

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10:50 A.M. Forest Landowner Panel

A discussion of the key role private working forests play in the health and sustainability of Texas' water resources

MODERATOR:
Jenny Sanders
Texas Longleaf Team

PANELISTS:
Julie Shackelford, Texas Director
The Conservation Fund
Stan Cook, Sustainability Manager
TTG Forestry Services
Rufus Duncan, Private Forest Landowner
Amanda Haralson, Private Forest Landowner

11:40 A.M. Working Forests for Wildlife, Wood & Communities

Jon Scott, Program Director, Southern Forests
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

12:00 P.M. LUNCH
Banita Ballroom

12:40 P.M. Water Challenges Facing Texas

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Cody Harris, Texas State Representative, District 8
& Vice Chair, House Natural Resources Committee

1:00 P.M. BREAK
Return to Convention A

1:15 P.M. Communicating the Value of Keeping Forests as Forests

Zach Clifton, Communications Specialist
Georgia Forestry Association

1:35 P.M. Forests and Water Panel

A discussion of overlapping goals and interests of forest and water sectors and the importance of forming partnerships and sharing resources to achieve mutually beneficial goals

MODERATOR:
Lisa Lord, Conservation Programs Director
The Longleaf Alliance

PANELISTS:
Justin Bower, Principal Planner
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Raven Lawson, Watershed Protection Manager
Central Arkansas Water
Mason Miller, Source Water Protection Program
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Hughes Simpson, Division Chief Operating Officer
Texas A&M Forest Service

2:30 P.M. BREAK

2:45 P.M. Innovative Watershed Finance: Case Studies

Raven Lawson, Watershed Protection Manager
Central Arkansas Water
Quinn McColly, Conservation Finance Director
Texas Water Trade

3:15 P.M. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Unique Solutions to Advance Partnerships & Projects

Opportunity to discuss partnership development, to brainstorm strategic project planning and new communication opportunities and to develop action steps toward project implementation

4:00 P.M. Collaborative Discussion

Key Points and Action Items from the Breakout Session

4:15 P.M. WRAP-UP & ADJOURN

Safe Travels!

Thank you for attending our event. It has been our honor to host you.

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A special thank you to our keynote speaker, guest speakers, moderators and panelists.



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