



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

AS WE REFLECT ON 2022,

we give thanks and celebrate the return of the IN PERSON Landowner Workshop! EcoForesters is at its best when engaging one on one with landowners, learning about what they value and how to best help them. The new twist to this long time EcoForesters outreach tradition is partnering with NC Extension to reach more landowners and help restore valuable conservation land. This method of community outreach is centered in the traditions of helping agricultural communities and we are proud to partner with Extension. Partnerships with conservation minded agencies and non-profit organizations help us fulfill our mission and scale our outcomes. Thank you to all of our partners in 2022!

We also value the ongoing support of our donors and funders that allow us to do this important work. We are growing strategically thanks to an engaged board of directors that helps keep our growth fiscally responsible. There is more work to be done in the woods and we are honored by your commitment to our mission.



TOTAL ACRES TREATED AND
COVERED BY FOREST
STEWARDSHIP PLANS TO DATE

202K

732

 ACRES OF FOREST RESTORATION
ACCOMPLISHED IN 2022

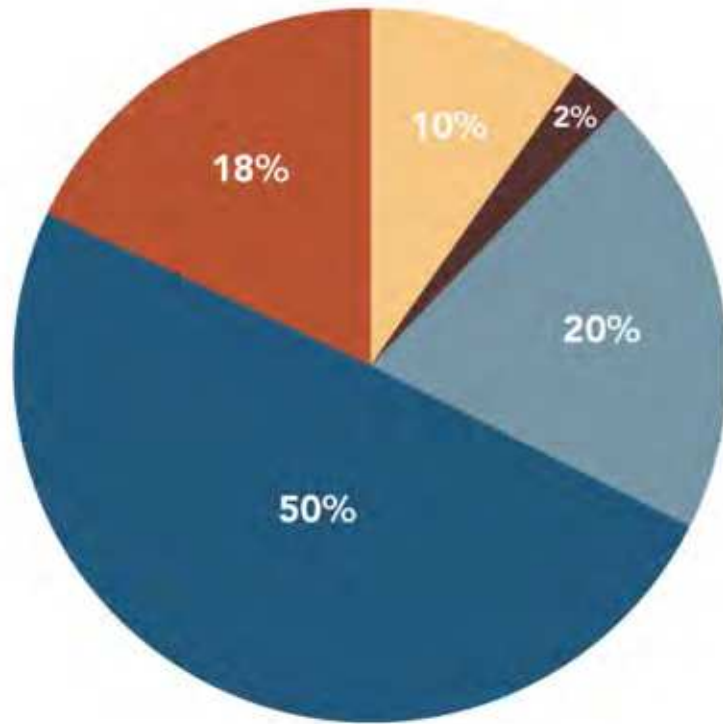
2 IN PERSON WORKSHOPS IN 2022
3 WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED FOR 2023



FINANCIAL REVIEW

INCOME

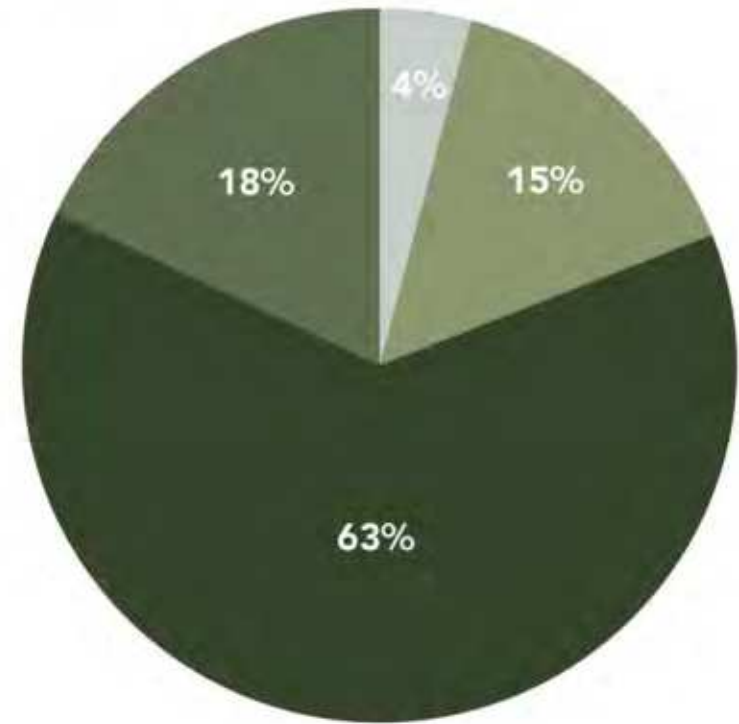
Demand for invasive species control and forest stand improvement allowed for the creation of a second restoration crew. We also saw growth helping landowners through our community forestry project in Sandy Mush, which was expanded to serve more landowners in need.



- TIMBER HARVESTS
- STEWARDSHIP PLANNING
- DONATIONS
- FOREST RESTORATION
- GRANTS

EXPENSES

Our staffing has grown from six in 2019 to over 22 in three years. Our measured growth through planning and board oversight has helped improve both capacity and efficiency. Opportunities for 2023 include expanding outreach to rural counties in need of funding and forestry assistance

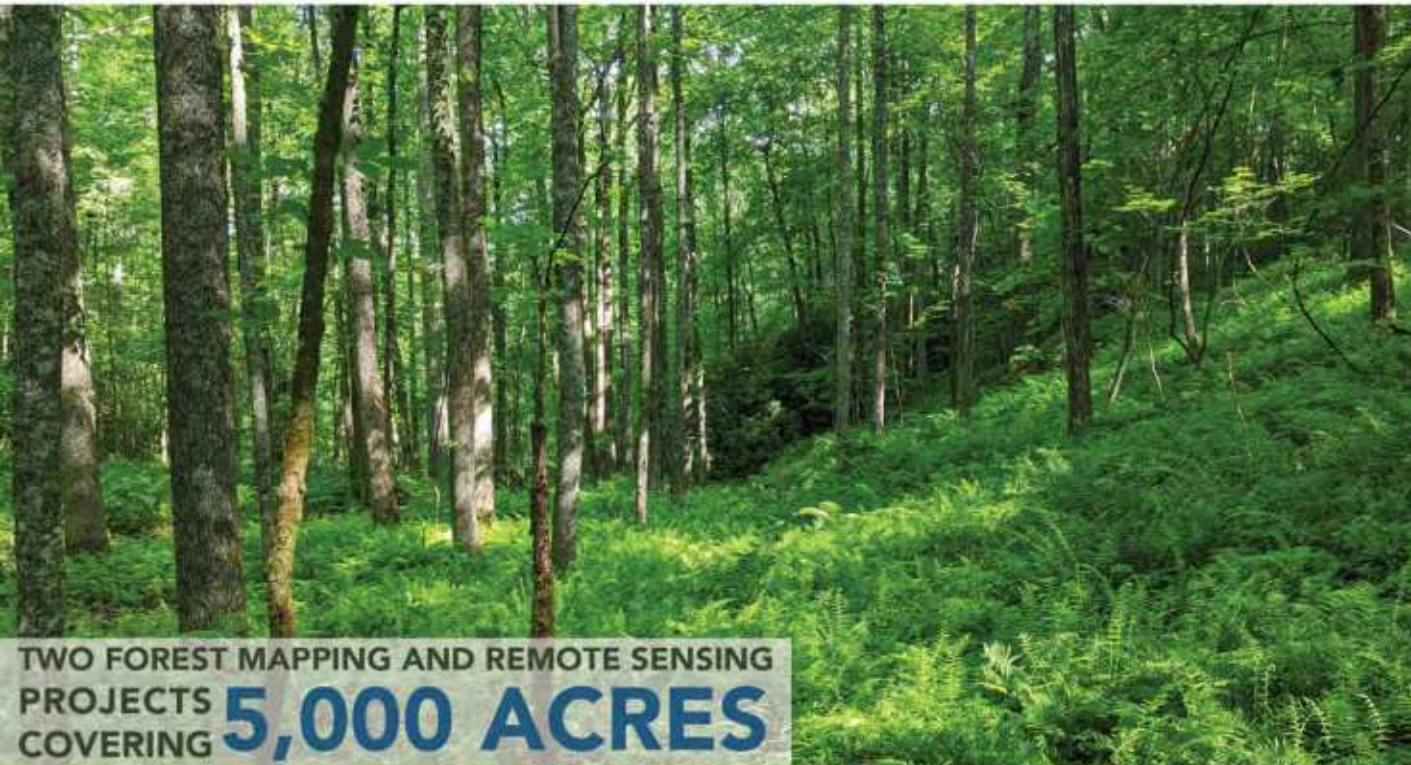


- FUNDRAISING
- FORESTRY PROGRAMS
- EDUCATION/OUTREACH
- ADMIN/OVERHEAD

2022 ECOFORESTERS HIGHLIGHTS

THROUGHOUT 2022 **41**
OUR FORESTRY TEAM WROTE
ECOLOGICAL FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLANS
COVERING OVER 3000 ACRES

These ecological forest stewardship plans addressed everything from forest health, wildlife habitat, recreation, sustainable timber management, non-timber forest products, wildlife habitat, carbon storage, and aesthetics. This also included one plan for the Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District to support county conservation easements, with two more planned for next year.



TWO FOREST MAPPING AND REMOTE SENSING
PROJECTS **5,000 ACRES**

6 TIMBER APPRAISALS
CONDUCTED
OVER **750 ACRES**

EcoForesters clients rely on us to carefully plan and manage ecologically sound and profitable timber harvests. By following best management practices, water sources can be protected and desirable species can be promoted. Each harvest is implemented with landowner objectives in mind. From improving forest structure to creating wildlife habitat, timber harvest design and implementation can improve long term forest health and resiliency.

WORKED ON
THREE
TIMBER SALES



PARTNERSHIPS



CONSERVING CAROLINA
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY
NORTH CAROLINA FOREST SERVICE
SANDY MUSH GAME LANDS
SOUTH MOUNTAIN GAME LANDS
WILDLANDS ENGINEERING
AND MANY PRIVATE LANDOWNERS!



ENROLLED SEVEN LANDOWNERS AND OVER
3,500 ACRES IN FOREST CARBON
SEQUESTRATION MARKETS
TO HELP COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE



FOREST Fund

Our first full year of funding restoration projects on conservation lands resulted in improved health for permanently protected forests. Riparian corridors, mountain bogs, and legacy forestlands were targeted for forest planning and project funding. Thank you to our Land Trust partners who help make this work possible.



TREATED OVER
15
DIFFERENT
TYPES OF
NON-NATIVE
INVASIVE
SPECIES