



FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM - PUBLIC DISCUSSION

What is the Forest Legacy Program?

In the 1990 Farm Bill, Congress established the Forest Legacy Program to help landowners, state and local governments, and land trusts to identify and protect environmentally important forestlands that are threatened by present and future conversion to non-forest uses.

Who administers the Forest Legacy Program in Alabama?

The Governor has appointed the Alabama Forestry Commission as the lead agency who, in consultation with the State Forest Stewardship Committee, has overall responsibility for the program. The Alabama Forest Resources Center will assist the Alabama Forestry Commission in administering the program. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will hold the land or interest in any land acquired.

How does the Forest Legacy Program work?

The Forest Legacy Program is designed to protect threatened forestland from increasing development pressure by acquiring lands or conservation easements from willing buyers based on fair market value.

What is the current status of the program?

Alabama will be seeking approval from the US Forest Service to participate in this program later this year. The application process requires Alabama to develop an Assessment of Need document. Part of this Assessment of Need process involves soliciting feedback from interested parties and incorporating this input into the document. Currently, we have a draft Assessment of Need document and are seeking input from interested parties.

How can I find out more?

For more information about the Forest Legacy Program, visit the US Forest Service website www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/flp.htm. To view Alabama's Draft Assessment of Need document, visit PRÉCEDA's website www.preceda.com

How can I participate?

PRÉCEDA Education & Training will be conducting the public participation process in cooperation with the Alabama Technology Network. There are currently two ways to participate.

PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS

A series of 6 public discussions have been scheduled around the state and any interested parties are invited to attend.

August 13	2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Huntsville	Technology Hall - Univ. of Alabama-Huntsville - Room #N140
August 14	2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Tuscaloosa	249 Bidgood Hall - University of Alabama
August 15	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Mobile	Harrigan Learning Center - University of Mobile
August 20	2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Birmingham	Jefferson State Manufacturing Center (Jeff. State Comm. College)
August 21	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Troy	Troy State Arboretum
August 22	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Thomasville	WJ Paul Bldg. (teleconference room) (AL Southern Comm. Coll.)

For directions to the facility, please visit our website www.preceda.com or call us at 334.514.3000.

QUESTIONNAIRE

A convenient questionnaire has been developed to solicit feedback from individual who cannot attend one of the scheduled public discussions. A copy of this questionnaire is available online at www.preceda.com or by calling 334.514.3000.

Invitation to Attend

We invite you to attend any of the public discussions or provide us your written feedback. We need your input as we develop Alabama's Forest Legacy Program.

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