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LET'S GROW

Rural Development Council

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**FORESTRY
STATE
IN THE
NATION**



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**GEORGIA
FORESTRY
ASSOCIATION**

**The leading advocate for a healthy
business and political climate for
Georgia's forest environment, forest
landowners and forest-based
businesses.**

NON-NEGOTIABLE

CORE PRINCIPLES



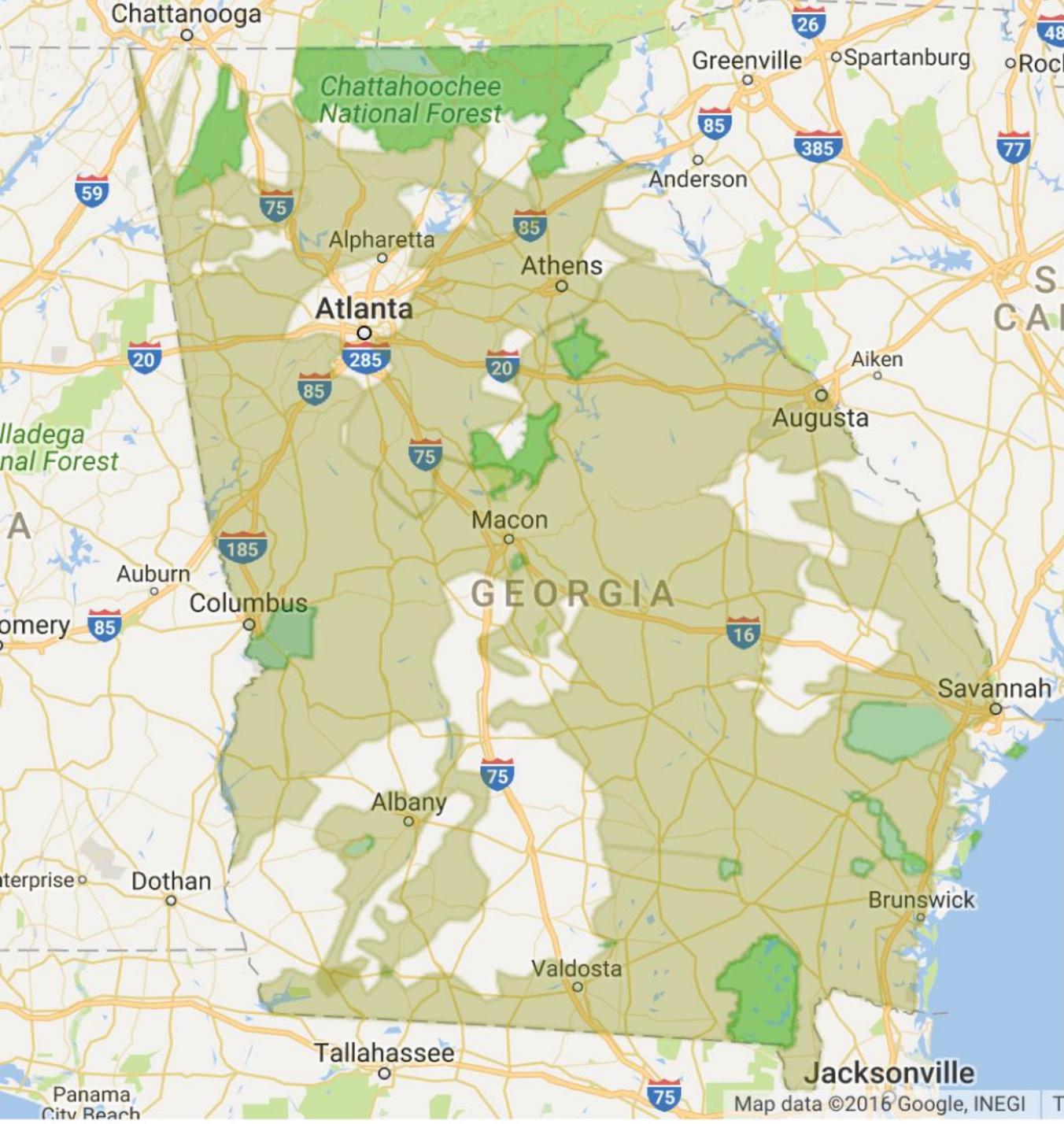
PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS



SENSIBLE TAXES AND REGULATION



HEALTHY MARKETS



BIRD'S EYE VIEW

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38 million acres

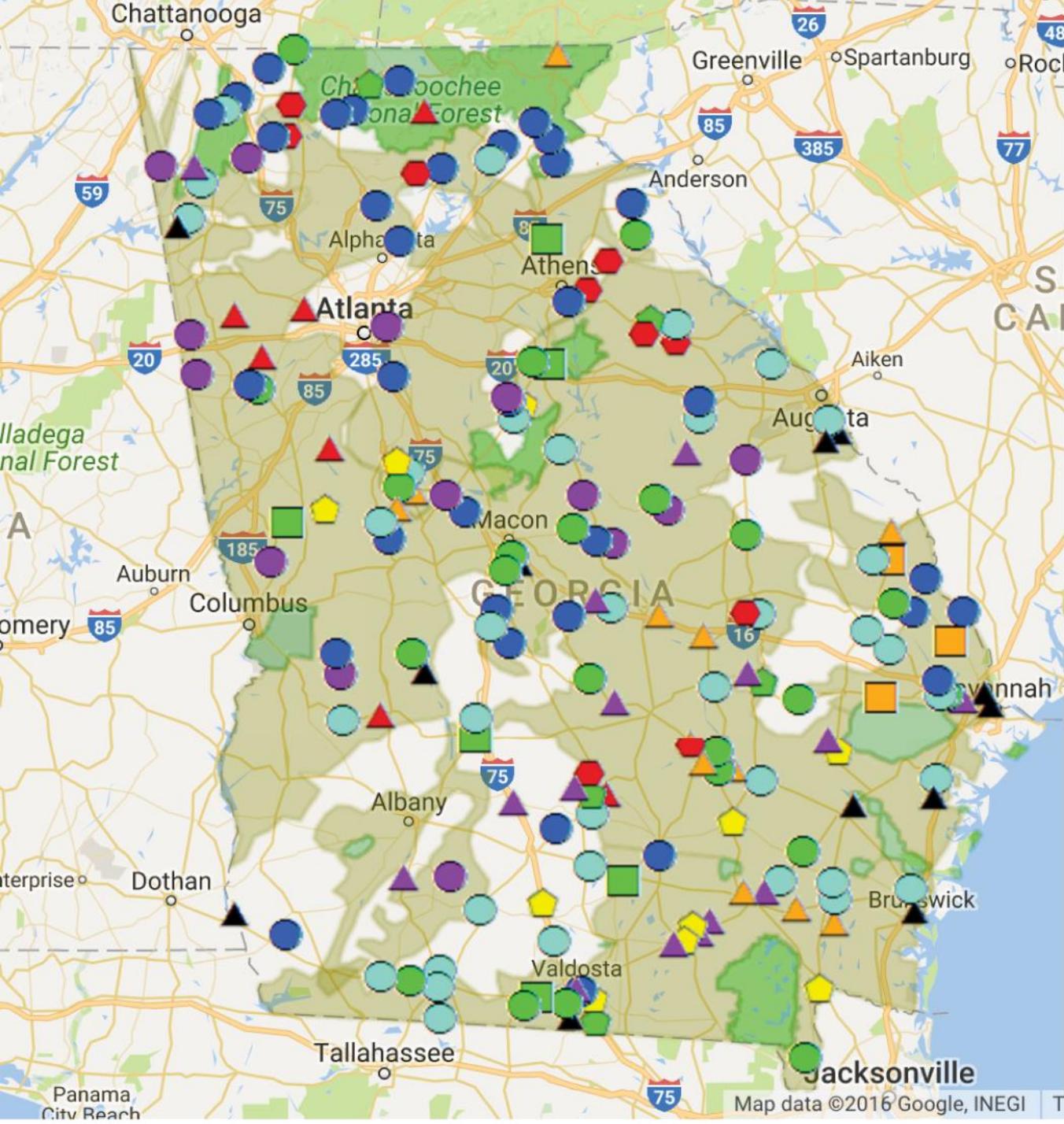
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- ▲ **PULP AND PAPER**
12 mills
- **SAWMILLS (HARDWOOD, SOFTWOOD & BOTH)**
95 mills
- **CHIP MILLS**
23 mills

TOTAL NUMBER OF WOOD-USING FACILITIES
206 mills

Source: Georgia Tech

Being #1

Source: American Forest & Paper Assoc.

STATE	Total Timberland Acres	Private Timberland Acres	Industrial Facilities	Industrial Output
Georgia	24.35 million	22.2 million	209	\$16.2 billion
Alabama	22.8 million	21.3 million	113	\$11.8 billion
Oregon	24.11 million	9.3 million	174	\$10.7 billion

Total Economic Impact of \$32 Billion

Competitiveness Drives Jobs

Tax

- Competitive rates with surrounding states

Logistics & Infrastructure

- Roads and bridges capable of handling trucks
- Review of weight and routing regulations

Workforce

- Job readiness programs designed to deliver value to industry

Markets & Trade

- Elimination of market distorting policies that are arbitrary and non-science based (ie Lumber Bans)
- Encourage new adoption of mass timber construction
- Georgia championing forestry