Rural Development Council
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Waycross, GA
#1 in Forestry

STATE IN THE NATION
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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Source: Georgia Tech
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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

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**Total Economic Impact of $32 Billion**

Source: American Forest & Paper Assoc.
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