### **The Family Forest Carbon Program:**

Leveraging Climate Finance to Support America's Family Forest Owners



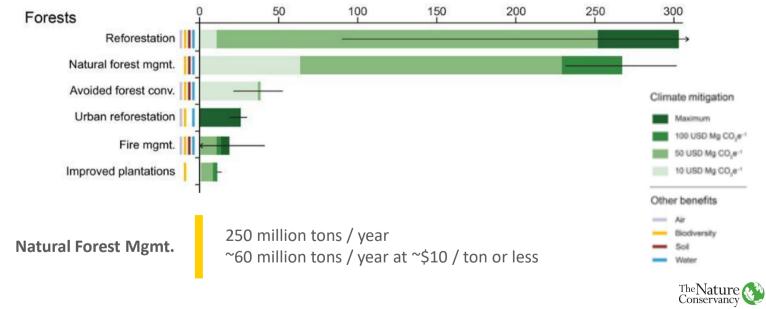






#### Climate Mitigation Potential, U.S., Land-Based

Climate mitigation potential in 2025 (Tg CO<sub>2</sub>e year<sup>-1</sup>)

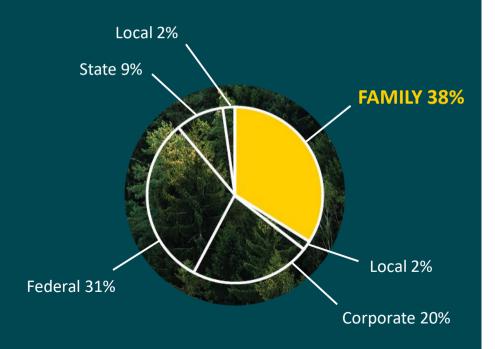








# Family-owned Forests are Key

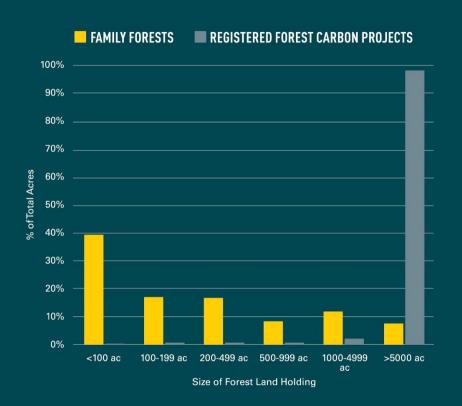


- Families and individuals own the largest portion of U.S. forests
- More than the federal government or corporations
- This ownership group is vital for achieving meaningful conservation impact at scale



# Forest Carbon Projects vs. Forest Ownership Size

Ownerships less than 1,000 acres account for 80% of the acres, or less than 1% of the projects.







# The Family Forest Carbon Program's Audacious Goal

The American Forest Foundation and The Nature Conservancy have partnered to design and launch a new program, which addresses the obstacles family landowners face in participating in carbon markets.

The goal? Reach 20% of family-owned forest acres nationally by 2030, in order to sequester and store at least 2 billion tons of additional CO<sub>2</sub> by the end of the century, while improving wildlife habitat, overall forest health, water quality and recreational spaces.

SDP Goals also provided by FFCP













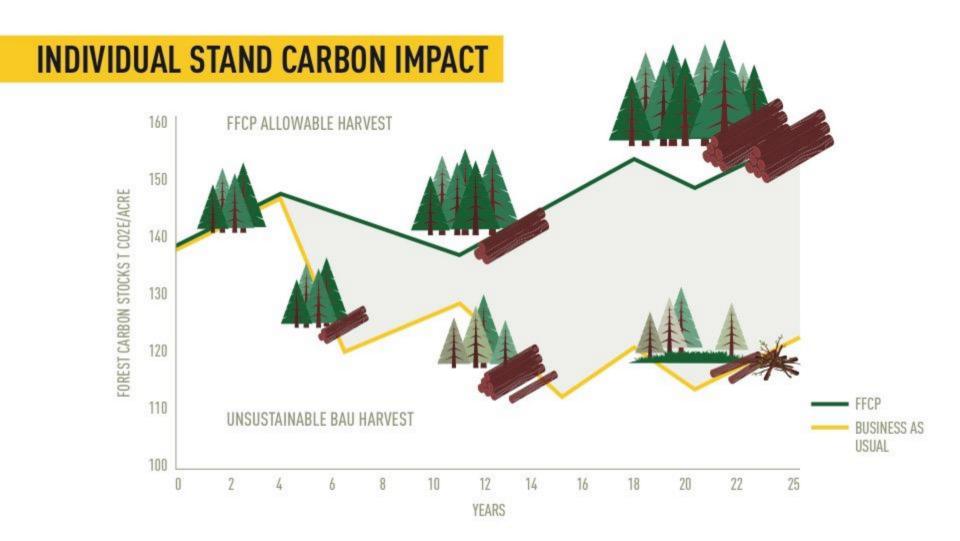


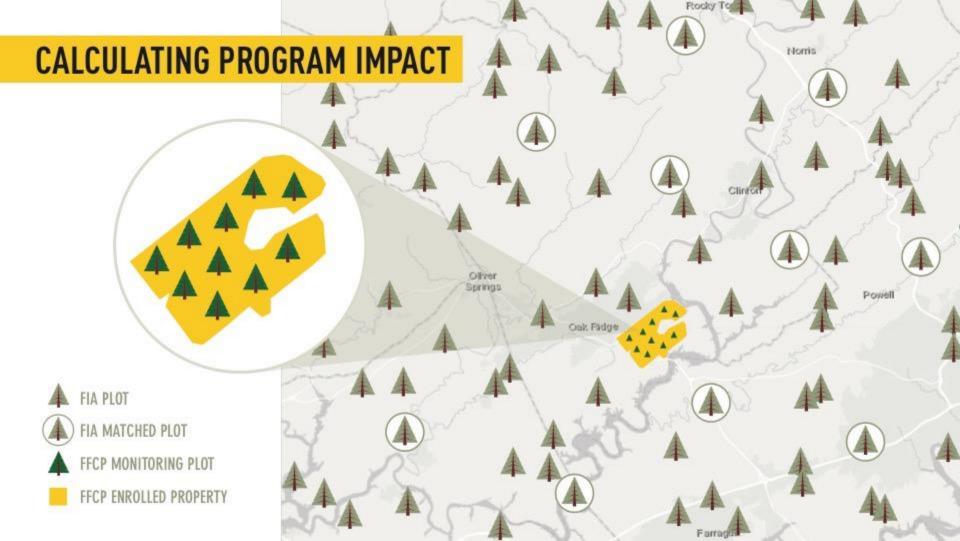


# **Key Innovations that Make the Family Forest Carbon Program Different**

| 'TRADITIONAL' FOREST CARBON PROJECTS              | FAMILY FOREST CARBON PROGRAM   |
|---|--|
| Pays landowners for carbon sequestered            | Pays landowners to implement specific practices  |
| Monitors carbon values on every property          | Monitors practice implementation on every property;<br>monitors carbon values on a landscape level using random<br>sampling  |
| High costs for monitoring on a per-property basis | Monitoring costs are high but spread across participating properties   |
| Achieves permanence through long-term contracts   | Achieves permanence through sound intervention design and landscape level accounting   |
| Additionality determined from modeled baseline    | Additionality determined from observed baseline, updated with every verification cycle. "Extreme additionality."  The Nature Conservancy Protecting nature. Proserving life. |

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### **Pennsylvania Pilot**







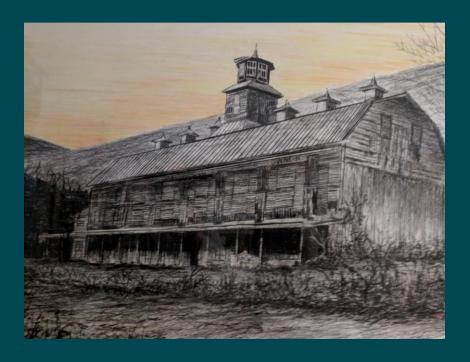
#### Jon and Sylvia Dysard



- Enrolled 376 acres in Huntington County, PA
- FFCP program funding supports the upkeep and maintenance of his property in his retirement
- "You'd be foolish not to get into the program, when it's made to help the landowner keep his land. I am very pleased."



### Sisters: Louise, Margaret and Regina Hartman



- Enrolled 116 acres in Northumberland County, PA
- Land has been in the family's history for generations
- Priority to keep the land in the family and this program helps them do just that.
- We are improving our property, not just for the forest, but the wildlife and our family. We teach our nephews to never sell the farm, the farm will always support you."

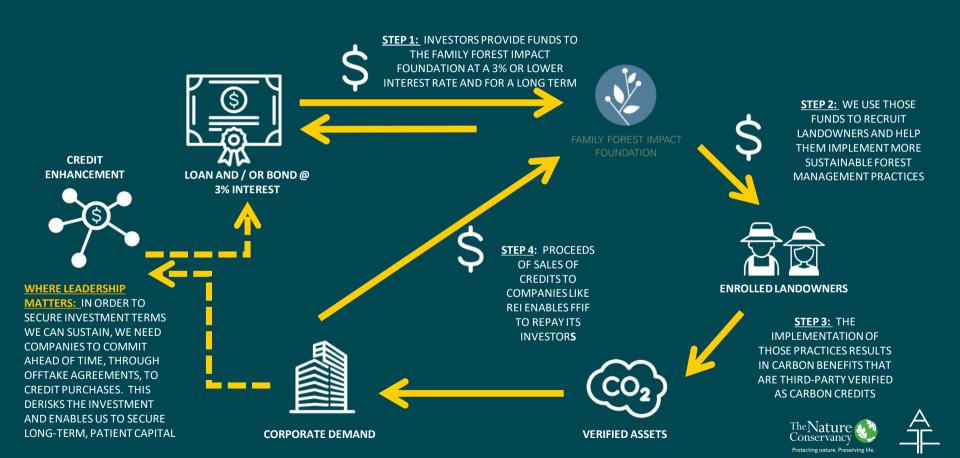






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#### **Financial Model**



## Through this project, over the next several decades we will:

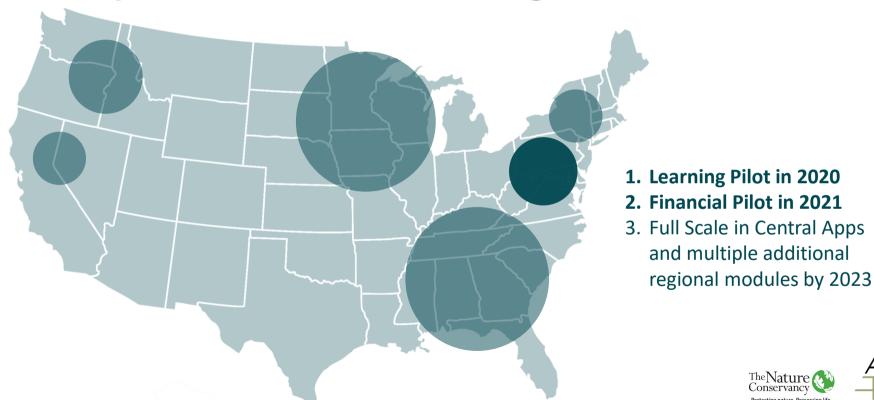
- Support 5,000 rural families
- Implement sustainable forestry practices on 585,000 acres
- Provide \$150 million in incentives and technical assistance to rural landowners
- Generate more than 15 million tons of third-party verified C02e reductions
- Leverage \$76 million in private finance, and an additional
   \$290 million in sales of voluntary carbon credits







### Family Forest Carbon Program at Scale



### Where Are We Today?

- Recruiting landowners through the Pilot in the Central Apps to validate supply-side hypotheses
- Pursuing verification of our carbon impacts under Verra's Verified Carbon
   Standard
- Building a financial pilot and recruiting needed market actors (carbon credit buyers, investors, etc.)
- Working with stakeholders on a carbon insetting protocol and platform
- Researching practices in other regions and building models to enable us to scale, including syncing FFCP with other conservation initiatives.





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### Questions?



