



EXEMPLARY FORESTRY
INVESTMENT FUND

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Conserving one of America's last, vast forests for communities, wildlife, and future generations

Financing for Sustainable Impact: The EFIF

The Exemplary Forestry Investment Fund (EFIF) offers a new and different management strategy for forestland investment that monetizes the long-term ecosystem and timber value. The EFIF is an environmentally-forward fund that aims to increase timber stocking, mitigate climate change, and improve wildlife habitat while producing financial returns for investors.

Quantified Ventures and Exemplary Forestry Management are seeking impact investment capital for the Fund to acquire 100,000 acres of forestland in Maine's Appalachian Mountain Corridor. Once proven, the EFIF can be scaled across the landscape.

The Increasing Need to Protect and Restore Maine's Appalachian Mountain Corridor

Maine's Appalachian Mountain Corridor is a heavily forested 5 million-acre, nationally significant region encompassing remote mountains and unbroken Acadian Forest that extends from the White Mountains to Katahdin and beyond. It is the heart of most intact and least fragmented landscape remaining in the eastern United States and core of one of the largest intact mixed temperate forests in the world.

The Mountains include:

- More than 50% of the largest globally significant bird habitat in the U.S.
- 21 globally rare species and many others found only in the Northern Appalachians
- Last U.S. stronghold for truly wild brook trout
- Best opportunity in the eastern US for maintaining Canada lynx populations
- Communities that depend upon the Maine Woods for the forest products and tourism economy, traditional recreational access, and their unique quality of life

Economic Pressures Threaten These Woods

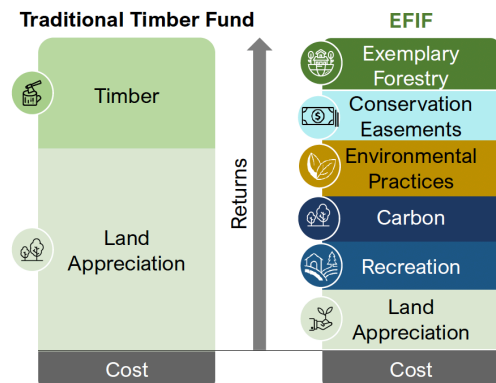
Recent forest ownership trends focused on maximizing the financial returns over a 10-15 year period at which time the lands are sold. Driven by this market demand for short-term returns, over 80% of the Maine Woods have switched hands at least once during the past 40 years.

We believe this short-term ownership model diminishes the long-term potential of the forest for timber production and degrades various forest ecosystem services. This is a consequence of an economic system that emphasizes short-term returns and does not compensate landowners for the full suite of values their land provides for society.

Maximizing Potential: Exemplary Forest Management

Many people believe that harvesting trees for timber production inevitably degrades wildlife habitat and other valuable ecosystem services. However, forest management that is properly planned and executed can enhance these services while mitigating climate change. We call this type of management "Exemplary Forestry." With time and Exemplary Forestry™ management, Maine's forests can provide:

- More and better quality forest products to fuel a healthy forest products industry and rural economies
- Protection for the forest environment and the ecosystem services it provides, including habitat and biodiversity
- Climate change mitigation by increasing carbon storage in the forest and long-lived forest products
- Climate resilience and facilitate the adaptation of plants and animals to future climate conditions



The Challenge: Aligning Long-Term Ecological Value with Investor Returns

Good forestry is a long-term proposition. Trees in New England take a long time to mature—whether to become valuable saw logs, provide quality habitats for wildlife, or sequester large amounts of carbon. The challenge is to create a forest investment strategy that ensures forest management to realize and monetize the potential of Maine’s forests for long-term timber value, wildlife habitat, and carbon storage. Enter the Exemplary Forestry Investment Fund. Our goal is to have the EFIF provide long-term management with typical timber returns for these woods ranging from 3-6%.

The EFIF seeks to systematically pair philanthropic support with private capital provided by investors who want their dollars put to work to create a forest that, given time, could produce more timber while providing important ecological benefits ranging from improved wildlife habitats to increased carbon storage. The monetization of ecosystem services, such as 3rd-party verified carbon credits, is essential to the fund’s success.

Our Approach

- Purchase timberland and protect property with conservation easement
- Employ Exemplary Forestry techniques
- With time, timber stocking levels and growth rates increase
- Focus on improving carbon stocks, wildlife, and recreation opportunities
- Capture returns from land conservation, forest carbon, timber stocking improvements, and land appreciation

Our Project Team

Quantified Ventures: A Holistic Approach to Financing

Quantified Ventures is a certified B Corporation that works with pioneering organizations to design, capitalize, and scale investible solutions that improve the wellbeing of people and planet. QV’s outcomes-based approach monetizes a multitude of environmental and social benefits and divides project risk across stakeholders.

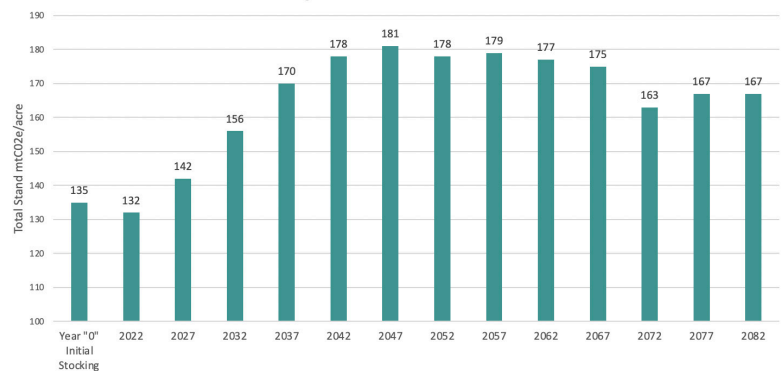
Exemplary Forestry Management: Conservation Leadership and Innovation

Drawing on more than 50 combined years of forest conservation experience in Maine, Exemplary Forestry Management guides the EFIF in sourcing, negotiating, and executing transactions, while ensuring the fund aligns financial incentives with the long-term ecological needs of timberland, wildlife, and local stakeholder groups.

Building a Conservation and Climate Legacy: EFIF Goals

- Creating a for-profit long-term timber investment fund
- Conserving 100,000 acres under Exemplary Management the heart of most intact and least fragmented landscape remaining in the eastern U.S.
- Reaching the landscape’s potential for timber productivity, volume, and quality
- Sequestering upwards of 30 MtCO₂e per acre over present levels, producing 3rd-party verified credits
- Increasing timber stocking to 25 cords per acre or almost 50% more than current levels
- Mitigating financial risk from uncertain outcomes
- Accessing new sources of capital by connecting project outcomes to a wider network of stakeholders

Projected In-Forest Carbon Storage from Practicing Exemplary Forestry in a Forest of Average-Condition in Northwestern Maine*



*Average in terms of forest types, stocking, and site classes

For More Information

To learn more about the Exemplary Forest Investment Fund, visit quantifiedventures.com/efif.

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