

Chestnut Carbon Sustainable Restoration Project Stakeholder Consultation

Webinar Purpose:

- **Share project details**
- **Follow up on past stakeholder feedback**
- **Hear more from you!**

**Please see www.chestnutcarbon.com
for more information.**



Welcome!

- Say hi in the chat and let us know where you are joining us from.
- Questions may be posted in the chat, to be answered live during the Q&A.
- If you are having technical issues, please let us know.
- To minimize background noise , please mute yourself if not speaking.





Chestnut Sustainable Restoration Project : Stakeholder Consultation *Feedback Round*

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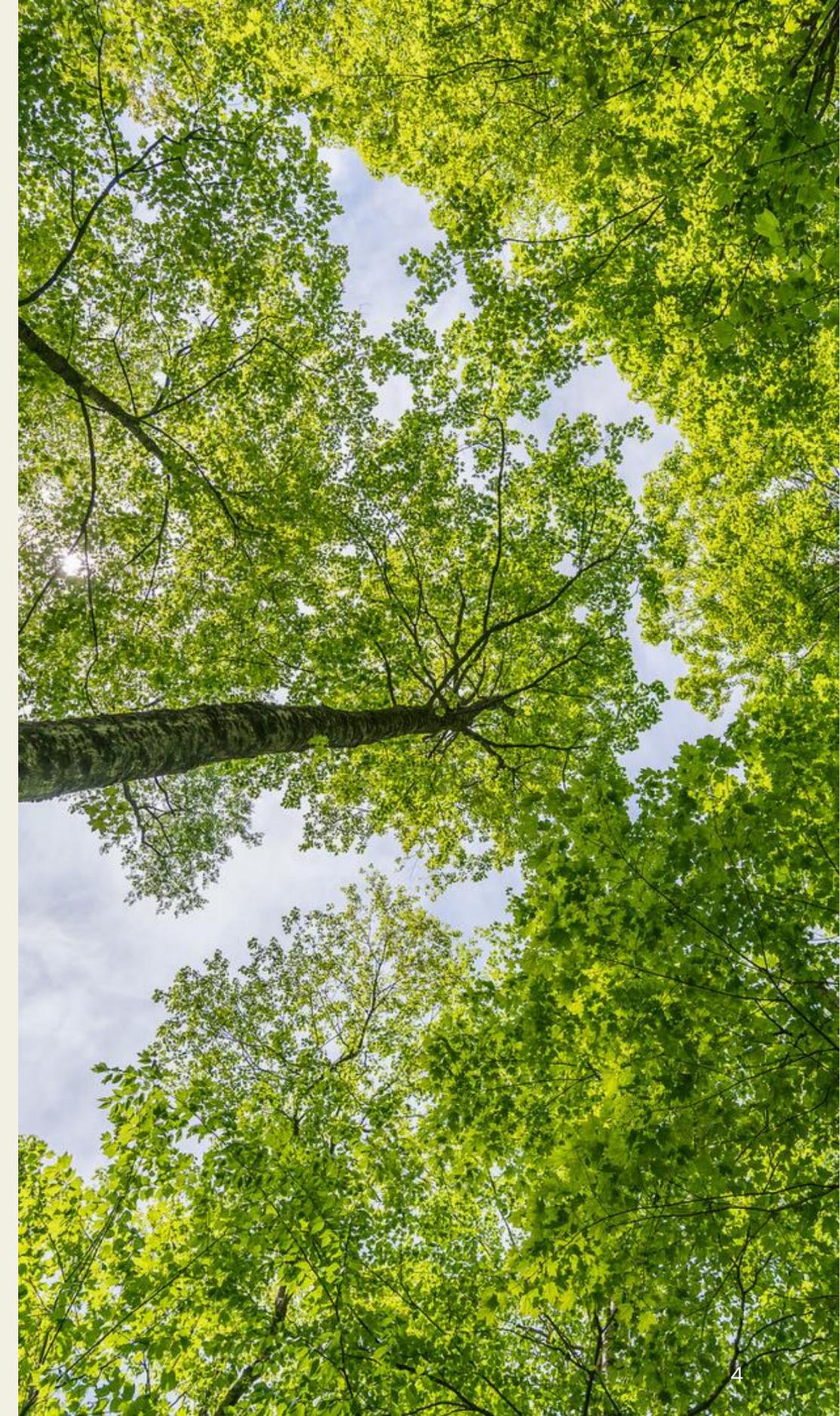


Outline of Presentation

- **Introduction**
 - Who is Chestnut Carbon?
- **Project Details**
 - Where is Chestnut planting?
 - How is the project managed?
- **Stakeholder Feedback**
 - How has Chestnut addressed stakeholder feedback?
- **Q&A**
 - What questions do you have for us?
- **Conclusion**
 - What's Next?



Introduction | Who is Chestnut Carbon?



Our Mission

We support the long-term restoration and conservation of forests by empowering stewardship for profit, for us, our partners, and the communities in which we operate.

We lead by example, acting with integrity and striving to be the preeminent nature-based carbon project developer, delivering the highest quality products to the market.



Project Details

- Where is Chestnut planting?
- How is the project managed?





Project Overview

- Restore native, ecologically diverse, and sustainable forests.
- Deliver high quality carbon credits and mitigate climate change.
- Plant ~62,500 acres across the SE USA.

Project Overview | The Gold Standard

A higher standard for climate security and sustainable development.

- Sets requirements to **design projects for maximum positive impact in climate and development**
- Rules to measure and report outcomes credibly.



Gold Standard[®]
for the **Global Goals**

Project Overview | Successful Forest Restoration



Plant diverse, native, and local species

Work with experts and local community members

Plan for project longevity and risk reduction

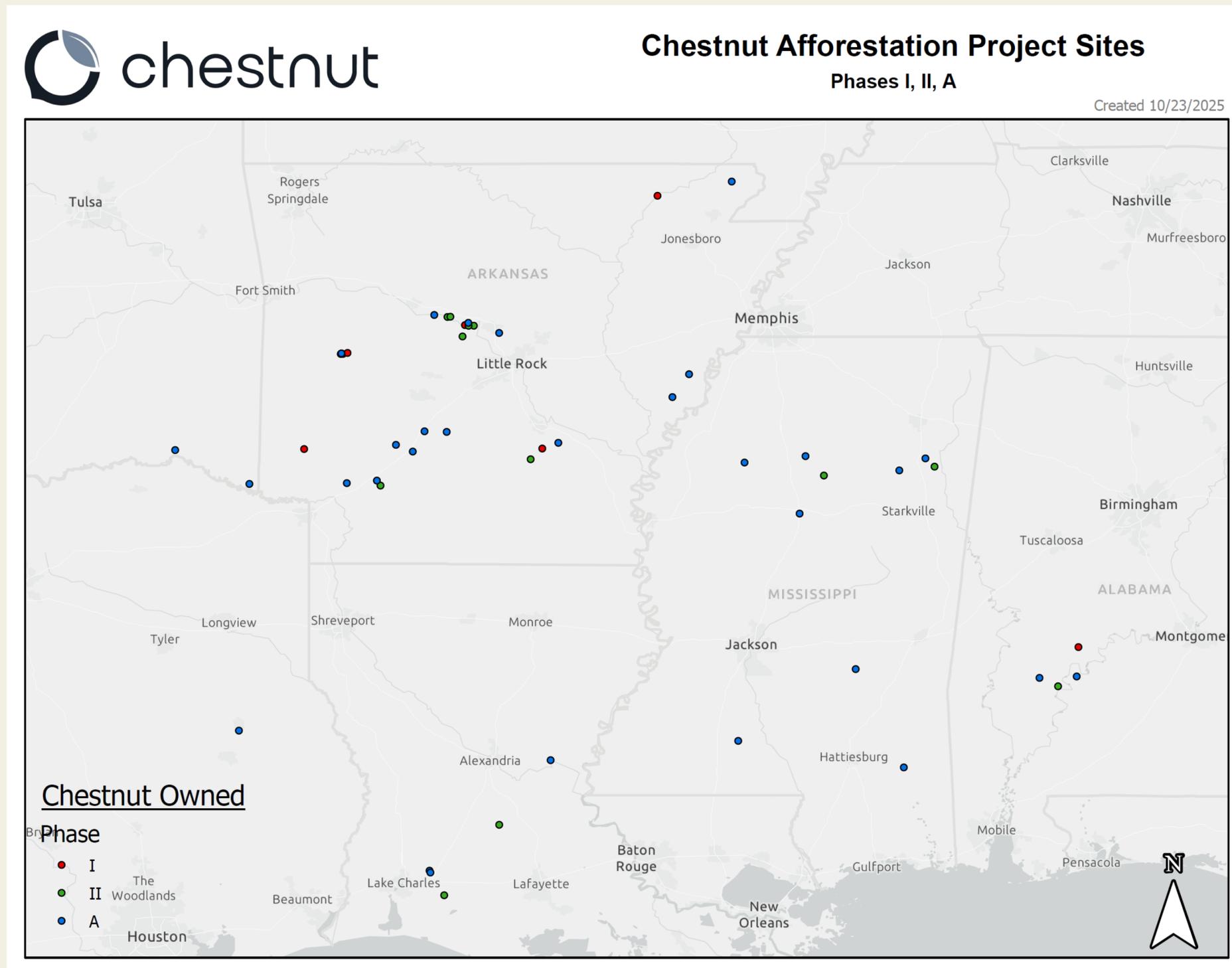
Monitor and verify through project lifetime

Report on project impacts at multiple scales

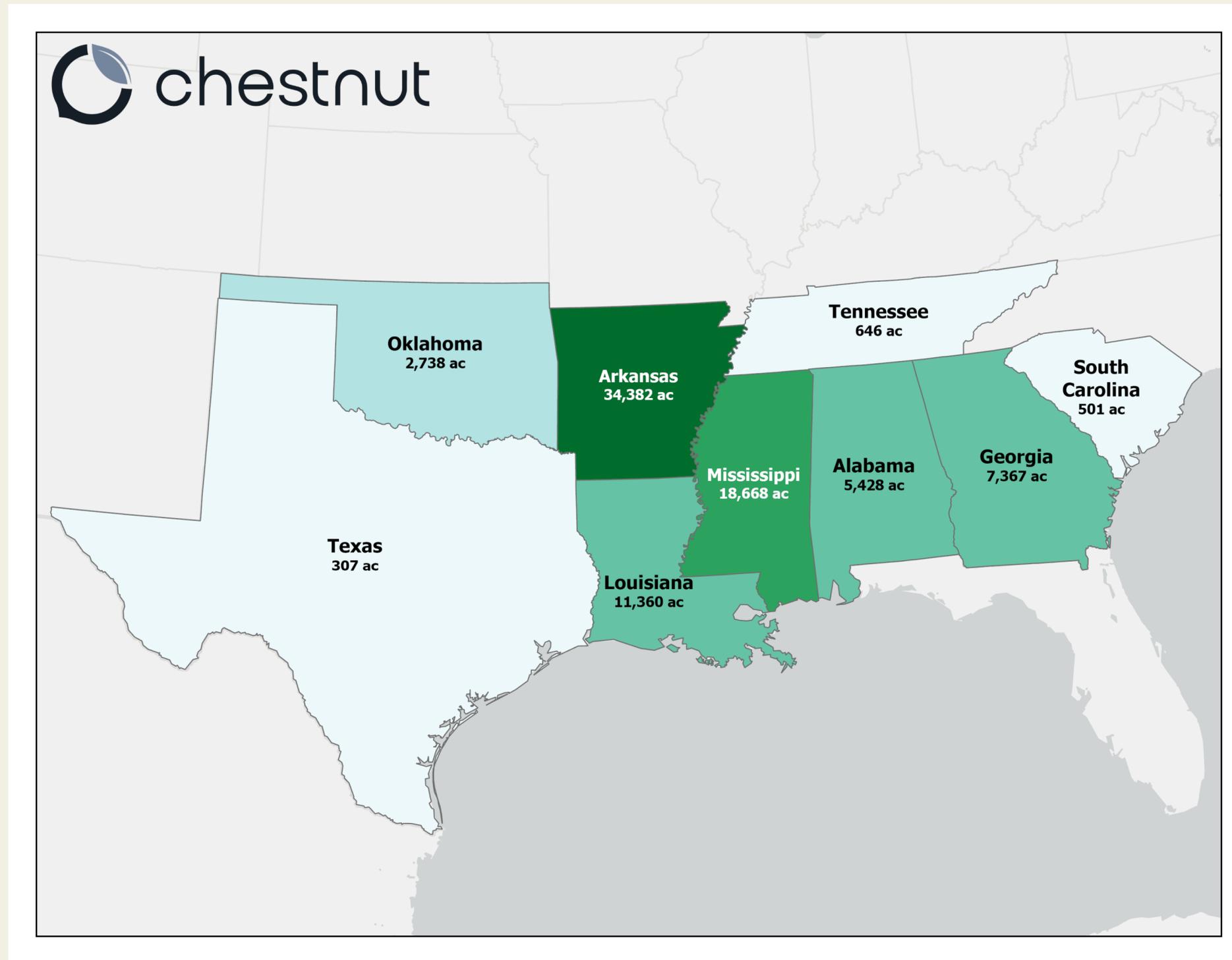
Project Overview | Timeline



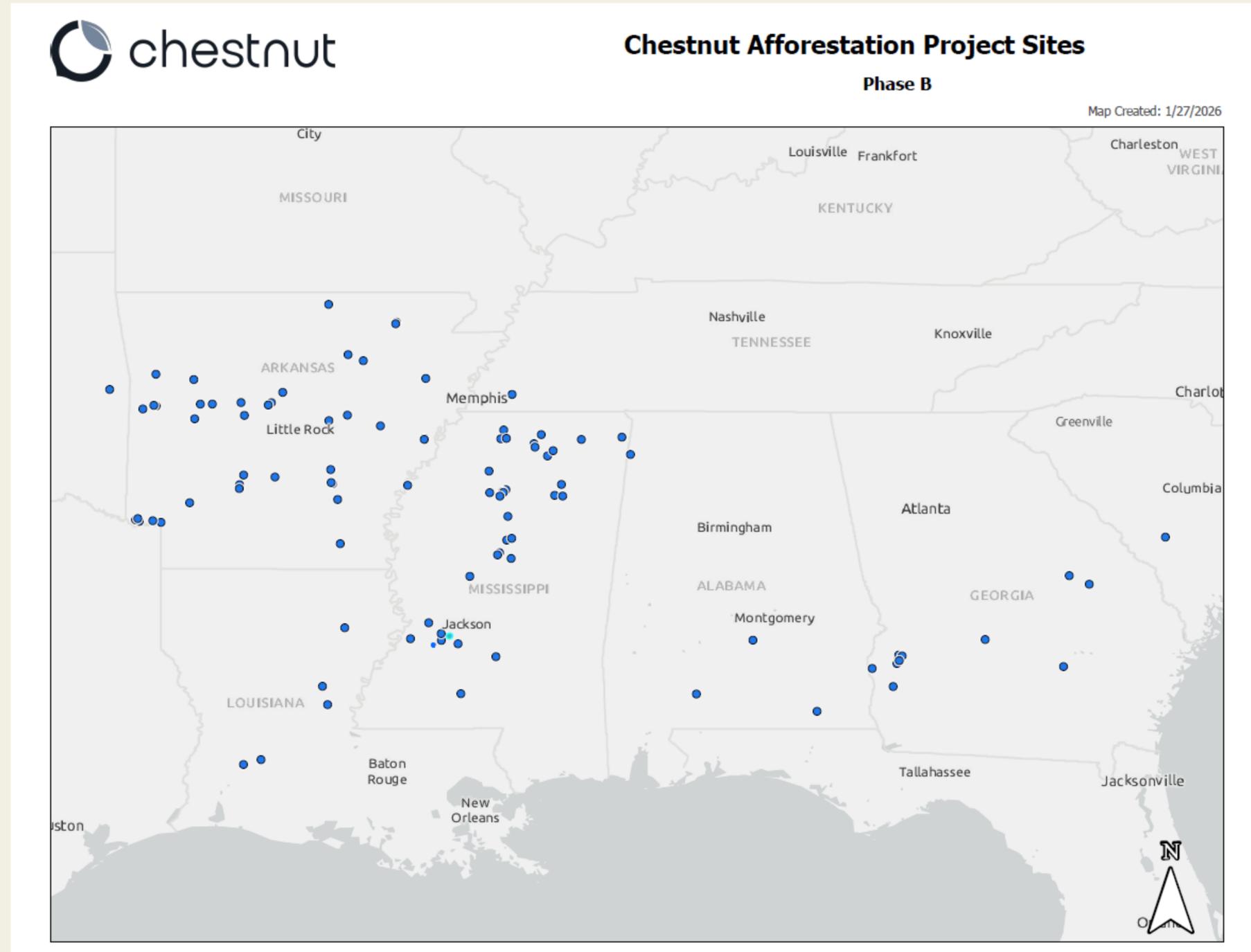
Project Overview | Properties Planted Years 1-3



Project Overview | Total Acreage by State



Project Overview | Properties in Progress Year 4



Project Overview | Getting trees in the ground



Land screening for cultural and environmental importance.

Planting plan design & mapping

Site preparation

Seedling procurement

Forest Stewardship Council® Certification

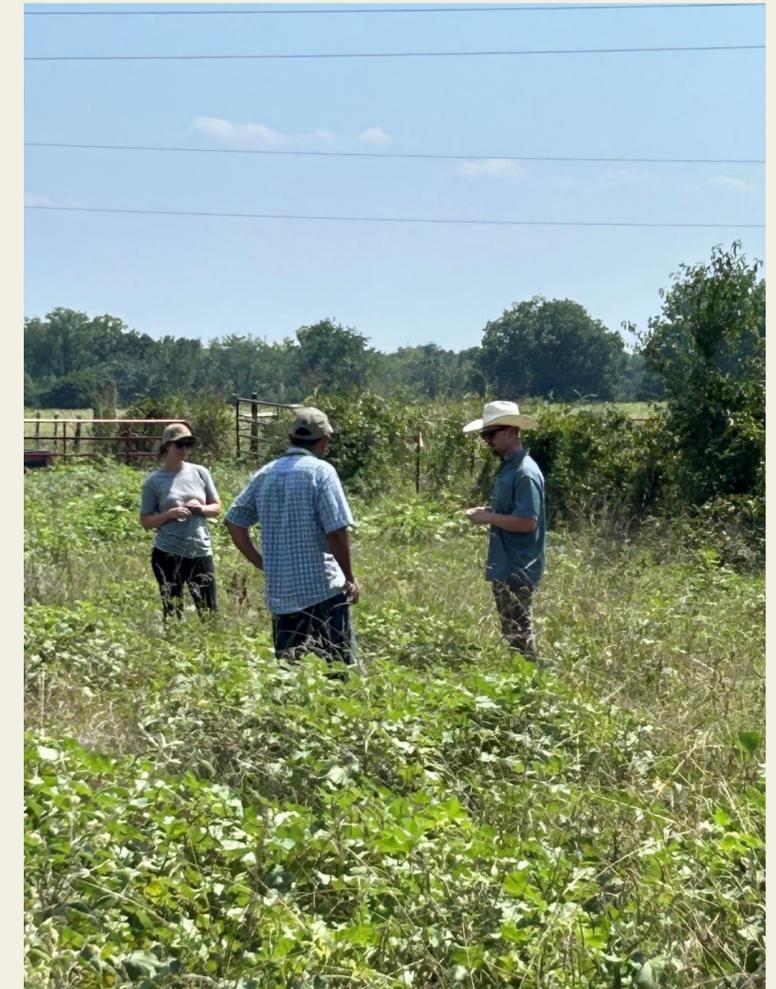
Tree planting operations

Project Overview | Getting trees in the ground

Stocking and survival surveys

Ongoing monitoring

Repeated inventories and verifications



Project Overview | Monitoring Tree Inventory

- Chestnut uses summer interns from local universities to conduct tree inventories.
- University students helped Chestnut Carbon institute biodiversity metrics.
- Regular third-party verification of the project.
- Stakeholder input is always welcomed and is addressed proactively.
 - Stakeholder feedback documented within annual Gold Standard stakeholder reports.



Project Overview | Monitoring Project Impacts

- Regularly monitor important impacts to the project's geographic area.
- Examples include:
 - Land prices
 - Planting dispersion
 - Impacts on natural water patterns/flows
 - Erosion
 - Forest growth and management
 - Critical Habitats
 - Endangered Species
 - Community engagement



Stakeholder Feedback

- How has Chestnut addressed stakeholder feedback?



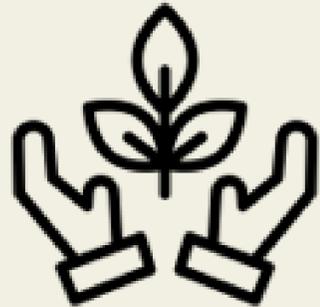
Purpose of Stakeholder Engagement



Helps formulate our project design in important ways.

- Allows us **to identify positive impacts** of the project and maximize co-benefits.
- Allows us to **hear from community members** about potential risks and minimize community impacts.

Responses to Past Stakeholder Feedback



Feedback: Track Forest Health

- Added FSC Verified Impacts standard into project design to institute and track ecological impacts.



Feedback: Monitor Census Data

- We monitor our impact on communities by reviewing demographics.
- We ensure that land selection process selects for non-core pasture and agricultural land.



Feedback: Strengthen Community Engagement

- Created community engagement plan and toolkit to improve relationship-building with communities.
- Regularly solicit community feedback.

Listening to you!



You said...

Tell us more about the community outreach strategy.

Our response...

Chestnut Carbon's community engagement plan and toolkit guides how we acquire properties and interact with stakeholders. The plan is based on five commitments:

- 1. Involve and educate the community about Chestnut Carbon's objectives.**
- 2. Maximize community benefits in conjunction with the project's success.**
- 3. Encourage active community participation.**
- 4. Ensure transparency.**
- 5. Anticipate, monitor, assess, and address community impacts.**

We regularly assess our progress towards community engagement and provide community updates via our annual Impact Report and social media accounts.



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You said...

We would like more information about Chestnut's engagement with other ecoservices.

What we're doing about it...

Chestnut Carbon recognizes ecological benefits as a community benefit and incorporates it into our community engagement plan and project design.

- Offer recreational benefits (e.g. hunting/fishing) that complement our young forest structure.
- Implement processes to incorporate and track biodiversity benefits (e.g. wildlife, water, soil) within our project area.



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We would like more information about Chestnut Carbon's other projects.

Our response...

Please visit our website – chestnutcarbon.com

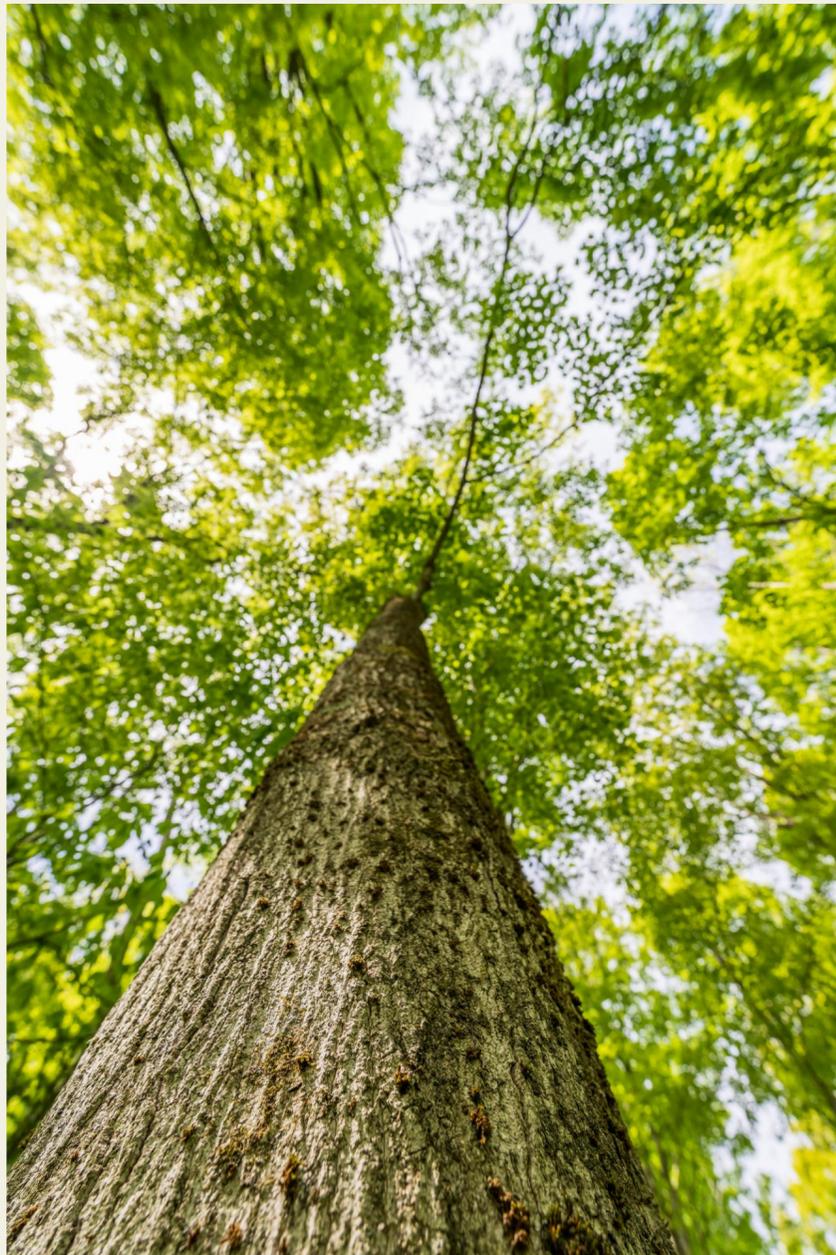
The website includes information regarding our afforestation and improved forest management projects.

We are active on social media:

LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram – please follow us to see featured stories and in-depth news.



Chestnut Improved Forest Management



- What happens to portions of property that are already forested?
- We welcome any and all feedback on this project. To submit a comment:

<https://chestnutcarbon.com/stakeholder-consultation/>



Q & A

- What questions do you have for us?

If your question has not been answered, please raise your hand on Zoom.



Conclusion | What's Next?

Collected stakeholder feedback

Responded to stakeholder feedback

Continue to monitor project impacts



Conclusion | How to Contact Us



General inquiries and feedback – The Chestnut Carbon Website

<https://chestnutcarbon.com/stakeholder-consultation-feedback-forest-carbon-works/#submit-a-comment>



Property specific grievances – Email or Phone

info@chestnutcarbon.com



Formal grievance – The Chestnut Carbon Website

<https://chestnutcarbon.com/contact/> OR
<https://chestnutcarbon.com/stakeholder-consultation-feedback-forest-carbon-works/#submit-a-comment>



Thank you!

Your participation is valued and critical to the success of this project.

Please provide comments and feedback via the website or evaluation forms provided.

Contact us at info@chestnutcarbon.com

