



## The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) at Auburn University

RREA programs at Auburn University have had a significant impact on the forest landowners and citizens in the state of Alabama. These funds leveraged with state, private, and other institutional grants have made a significant impact on the forest landowners in the state. RREA dollars are leveraged with \$7 to \$10 of state, private, and other extramural funds.

In the most recent year, RREA funds were used in the following projects:

- The Forest Products Development Center (FPDC) has been extensively involved in recruiting engineered wood products manufacturing enterprises for Alabama in order to improve wood markets and facilitate forest-based economic development as a direct benefit to forest landowners. Through its efforts, two oriented strandboard plants were located in Alabama; they will provide new markets for over 2 million tons of timber annually for Alabama landowners.
- Timber harvesting has continued to be an important part of extension work in Alabama. The Sustainable Forestry Initiative - State Implementation Committee has made continuing contributions to logger education, allowing a renewal of the Professional Logging Manager Program and continuing education for the certified loggers.
- Transfer of research through presentations and extension circulars to increase awareness of the presence of migrant and guest forest workers in Alabama was accomplished to make policy makers and government agencies aware of their needs and concerns.

*“The Forest Products Development Center is a resource for the state, and will definitely be a catalyst for growth in Alabama’s future.”*

*Economic Development Director*



*Wetland Walk at 4-H Center*

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