

Controlled Wood FSC US National Risk Assessment: **Resources for Mitigation – Florida Panhandle CBA**

The following provides a list of organizations, regional programs, collaborative partnerships, research groups and universities, or agencies who are working on issues relevant to the Florida Panhandle CBA. This list is provided as a resource for certified organizations as they seek to implement mitigation options in the region. Certified organizations are not limited to working with the entities listed herein. FSC US does not endorse any particular resource – it is the responsibility of the certified organization to assess the adequacy of the resource for their particular context and intended use.

This list will continue to be updated, check the FSC US Controlled Wood National Risk Assessment website for updates.

If you have recommendations for entities to add to this list of resources, please contact FSC US at j.anderson@us.fsc.org.

NOTE: There are two drivers of biodiversity for the Florida Panhandle CBA: Longleaf Pine Savanna and Apalachicola Bay/River System. The following resources are associated with the Apalachicola Bay/River System driver, and see the Native Longleaf Pine Systems for resources (separate document) associated with the Longleaf Pine Savanna driver.

Organizations & Regional Programs

[Apalachicola Riverkeeper](#) – works on protection, restoration, and stewardship of the Apalachicola River, tributaries, and watersheds.

[Apalachicola River Project](#) – project from Florida State University in partnership with the Apalachicola Riverkeeper to spread awareness.

[FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – Forest Hydrology and BMPs](#) – source for BMP implementation resources.

[Florida State Wildlife Action Plan](#) – description of Apalachicola River Basin, conservation status, and recommendations for action.

[Chapter 5 - Basin Approach \(Apalachicola p.156\)](#)

[Chapter 7 – Threats and Conservation Actions](#)

[Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem Partnership \(GCPEP\)](#) – branch of The Longleaf Alliance and primarily focused on longleaf restoration in the region.

[LandScope America - Apalachicola River Basin](#) – description of the Apalachicola River system.

[Land Trust Alliance – Find a Land Trust](#) – resource for locating land trusts in regions throughout the US.



[Northwest Florida Management District's \(NFWMD\) Surface Water Improvement \(SWIM\) Plan – Apalachicola River and Bay](#) – recommended approaches for conservation and restoration of the watershed.

[University of Florida - School of Forest Resources & Conservation \(SFRC\) Florida Forest Stewardship Program](#) – provides education and outreach to landowners

[The Longleaf Alliance - Apalachicola Regional Stewardship Alliance \(ARSA\)](#) – public/private landowner collaboration working on conservation and restoration.

[The Nature Conservancy - Apalachicola Bluffs and Ravines Preserve](#) – TNC preserve located in the region

[The Nature Conservancy - Apalachicola-St.Marks Community Based Watershed Plan](#) – collaborative planning process leading to priority issues, recommended actions, and projects.

[Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership \(SARP\)](#) – collaborative partnership focused on improving management and conservation of southeast aquatic resources.

[Southeastern Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation Strategy](#) – collaborative project which synthesized state planning processes and developed regional conservation priorities, including management actions and policy recommendations.

[The Strategy Document](#)

Florida Panhandle CBA – Research

[Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve \(ANERR\)](#) – source for research and educational resources on the river system

Blaustein, Richard J. [Biodiversity Hotspot: The Florida Panhandle](#). BioScience, Vol. 58 No. 9, pp. 784-790. 2008.