



Forest to

Sea

Why It Matters:



Clean Water

- Supports Alabama's vast amounts of biodiversity
- Improves health and quality of life
- Boosts outdoor recreation industries like fishing, kayaking, and ecotourism and supports jobs in those sectors.



Forests Filter Water Before It Flows Into Our Watersheds



Healthy, well-managed forests stabilize soil and reduce runoff, which helps prevent erosion and downstream flooding.

Safeguarding Watersheds for a Thriving Gulf

Alabama's forested watersheds are the lifeblood of the Gulf of America. When we manage forests sustainably, we help protect and enhance water quality, creating positive impacts on our ecosystems, biodiversity, and climate resilience. From the forest floor to our coastal waterways, every decision counts.

Alabama is home to more than 132,000 miles of rivers and streams, a distance that could circle the Earth five times. The state has a surface water supply of 33.5 trillion gallons annually that flows through 14 river basins and coastal drainage areas. Remarkably, 10% of the freshwater resources in the continental United States flow through or originate in Alabama.

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