

Redwood Forest
Foundation, Inc.

*Working
Community
Forests*

Our Vision



To establish community-based forests that provide both critical habitat for increased biodiversity and improved regional economic vitality



RFFI Origins

- Concept originated in 1997 when Louisiana Pacific announced sale of its Northcoast timberlands – 240,000 acres in Mendocino County.
- Objective was to partner with communities to purchase and manage industrial timberland on a sustainable basis using Forest Science Council certification, for the long term benefit of those communities and the region.
- Founders also hoped to move the Redwood Region politically away from confrontation over forestry issues and into a mode of cooperation.

RFFI's Mission



To acquire, protect, restore and manage forestlands for the long term social, environmental and economic benefits of the citizens of the Redwood Region.



Community

- **A formal coalition of stakeholder groups; landowners, regulators and citizens of the surrounding communities.**
- **Local community interests are sought through outreach and incorporated into management decisions via Board of Directors members.**




Economy

- **Acquisitions are via voluntary transactions with willing sellers**
- **Acquisitions become working forests that comply with sustainable forest management practices and reflect community input.**
- **Jobs, tax revenues, related economic activity, and the benefits of permanent forests are enjoyed by the local communities.**



Biodiversity

- Standards set forth in RFFI Forest Management Plan template meet or exceed those of FSC.
- Sustainable forestry expertise is incorporated into management decisions via Board of Directors members.
- Acquired property is protected in perpetuity by laws governing private property.



What is Unique about RFFI's Approach?

- **Communities are integral to the acquisition and management plan development processes.**
- **Communities derive the long term economic, environmental and social benefits of the managed forests.**
- **Acquisitions will be funded by low cost private capital through the sale of tax advantaged bonds and investments by environmentally and community motivated investors.**



What you can do?

- Learn about RFFI and help to represent it positively in the community.
- Give input into how we can utilize the resources of a community forest for the benefit of the entire community.
- Support RFFI so that when the right opportunity does come along we will have the political, community and financial support to make it a reality.