STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2023-2024

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Alabama River Cellulose

At GP Cellulose, we are committed to growing responsibly. From fiber sourcing practices, leveraging residual products, our focus on using renewable energy, and social investments in the communities we serve and operate in – environmental stewardship isn't just a priority, it's our business.



Leaf River Cellulose



Brunswick Cellulose

“GP Cellulose is committed to meeting the evolving needs of our customers worldwide with quality products, global logistics and stewardship of our natural resources.”



Munir Abdallah
President, GP Cellulose



Memphis Cellulose



KOCH™



As a Koch company we are guided by the Vision of creating more value for others through virtuous cycles of mutual benefit. Koch's Stewardship Framework outlines our stewardship vision and our environmental, social and governance (ESG) priorities across all of Koch and Koch's subsidiaries.



Georgia-Pacific

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At Georgia-Pacific we apply the Stewardship Framework and we have identified five areas that are most relevant to our constituents. We call them the 5Cs- Conserve, Challenge, Control, Contribute, and Connect. We report on our progress annually in Georgia-Pacific's Stewardship Report called Progress with Purpose.

GP Cellulose, as a part of Koch and Georgia-Pacific, we share the environmental and social commitments across our organizations. GP Cellulose is positioned to contribute in unique ways to our collective stewardship commitments and to helping meet customers' sustainability needs.

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Our natural surroundings help to protect air and water quality; provide habitat for wildlife; provide recreational, spiritual, and cultural uses; deliver carbon benefits; and offer natural resources to make products people want and need. We work to use these resources efficiently, source responsibly, protect endangered areas, and support wildlife conservation and biodiversity.

Challenge

We continuously evaluate and transform how we use resources. From fiber efficiency to energy choices and bleaching technologies, we operate responsibly to better serve our partners, consumers, and communities.

Control

Manufacturing our pulp products is resource intensive, requiring fiber, water, energy, chemicals and labor. We work to constantly transform to reduce waste, control emissions, and help drive greater efficiency in the all the communities where we operate.

Contribute

We contribute to society by creating products that people depend on every day. We create highly valued products while minimizing our impact on the environment and supporting the development of innovative biomaterials and bioenergy.

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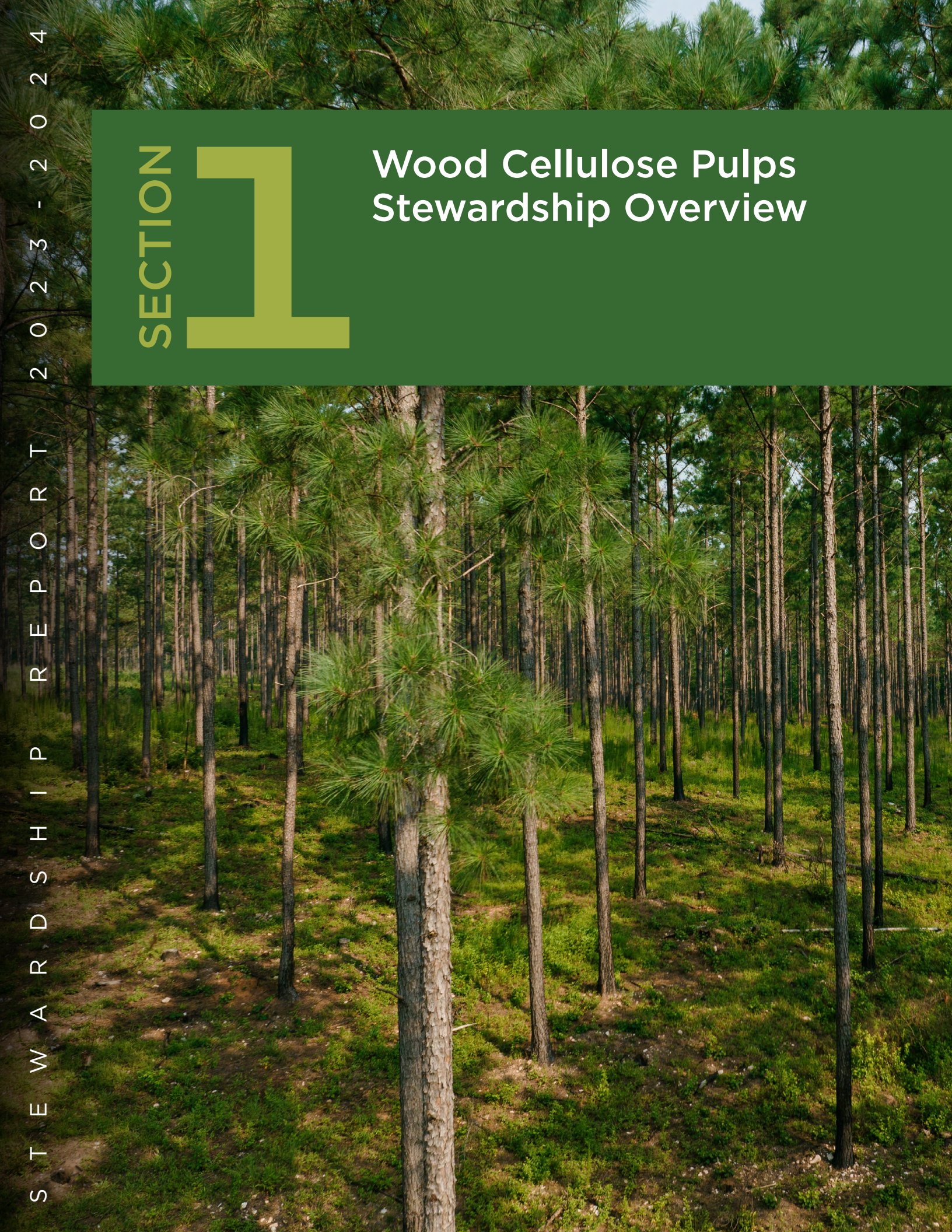
We partner with numerous organizations and communities to remove barriers that hold people back from achieving their potential. By celebrating the uniqueness of each individual, our diversity helps us work together to identify opportunities, solve problems and create greater value for others.

SECTION 4 Awards and Contributions

GP Cellulose has award winning facilities that have products and processes recognized by third party groups.

SECTION 1

Wood Cellulose Pulps Stewardship Overview



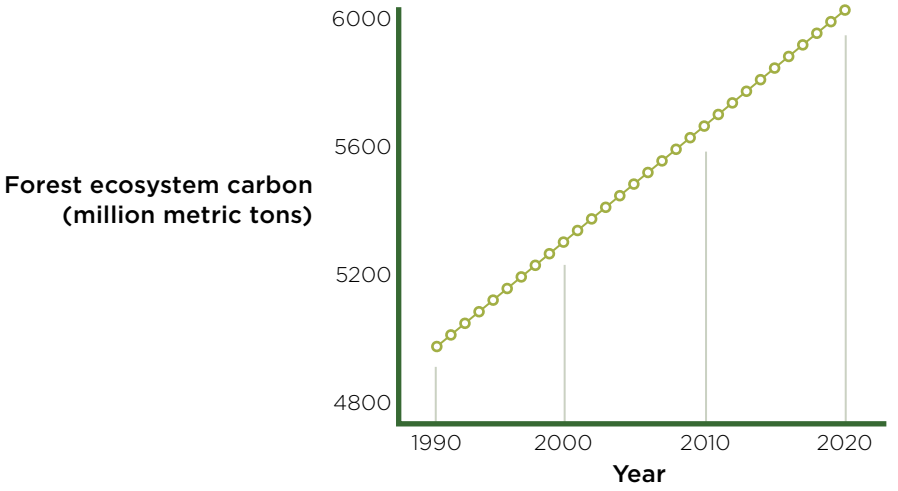
Conserve

GP Cellulose doesn't own forestland, so we take steps to ensure responsible sourcing for all of our pulp products.

100% U.S. Forest Fiber

GP Cellulose sources logs and wood residuals in the southeastern region of the United States which has stable forest area and increasing forest stock according to the United Nations' Global Forest Resource Assessment 2020[1] and USDA Forest Service.

TRENDS IN SOUTHEASTERN REGION



Adapted from Forest Resources Association's Forest Carbon Report: Southeastern Region

GP's logs and wood residuals are sourced primarily from private, family-owned forests where the average land ownership is less than 70 acres[2] and from corporate owned forests – both of which have a long history of responsible forest management.

Local Sourcing of Native Tree Species

Slash, Loblolly, and Longleaf pine are the primary softwood species used in GP Cellulose's operations within Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. All pine species used are legal to be used in forest products and are not considered endangered by CITES.

Semi-Natural Forest Sourcing

The wood used in our pulp mills does not come from plantations or natural forests. Our fiber originates primarily in semi-natural[3] forest which has a long history of forest management and human impacts. Semi-natural forests are managed in a way that resembles some elements of naturally regenerating forests at stand maturity but are typically planted.

[1] https://fra-data.fao.org/assessments/fra/2020/USA/home/overview/4_USDA Forest Service Resource Update FS-227
[2] Brett J. Butler, Jaketon H. Hewes, Brenton J. Dickinson, Kyle Andrejczyk, Sarah M. Butler, Marla Markowski-Lindsay, Family Forest Ownerships of the United States, 2013: Findings from the USDA Forest Service's National Woodland Owner Survey, Journal of Forestry, Volume 114, Issue 6, 1 November 2016, Pages 638–647, https://doi.org/10.5849/jof.15-099
[3] Briefing-Note-Forest-Management-and-Biodiversity-2-21.pdf (ncasi.org)- Semi-natural forest definition: A forest ecosystem with many of the characteristics of native ecosystems present. Semi-natural forests exhibit a history of human disturbance (e.g., harvesting or other silvicultural activities), are very common in the United States, and include a considerable amount of unmanaged and most of the managed forest land other than plantations.

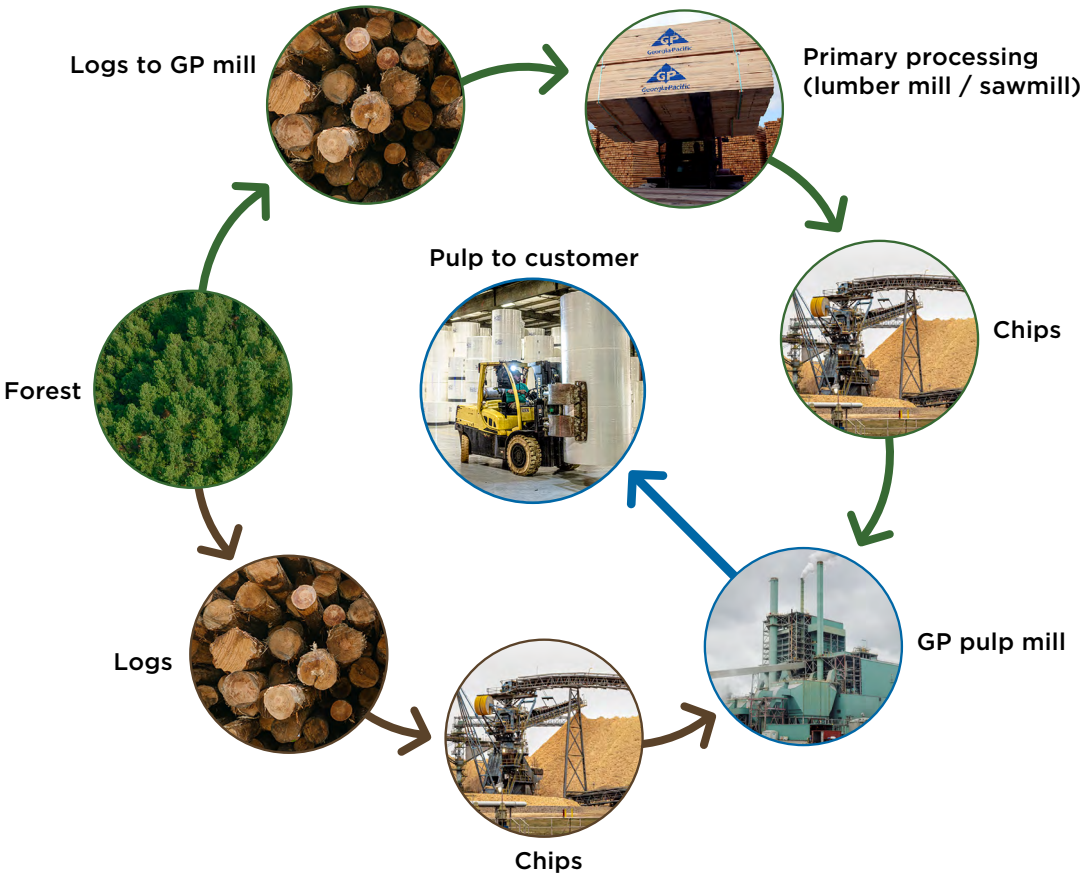
Fiber Supply Chain

GP Cellulose strives for 100% of direct log purchases into our pulp mills to be traced back to a discrete harvest unit. Our fiber come from 3 sources:

1. Direct Purchased Logs: Logs purchased at our pulp mill that are often the result of forest thinning and/or tops of trees
2. GP Integrated Chips: GP sawmills purchase logs to manufacture lumber, and they create a byproduct of wood chips. Chips produced at GP sawmills are often utilized by GP Cellulose mills.
3. 3rd Party Sawmill Produced Chips: Sawmills owned by other companies are also an important source of additional wood chips for our pulp process.

Georgia-Pacific is one of the only forest products companies in the United States that owns numerous wood products mills and pulp mills. This gives GP Cellulose an advantaged position in having direct visibility to the origin of the direct log purchases and the chips from GP integrated sawmill system.

FLOW OF FIBER TO GEORGIA-PACIFIC MILLS

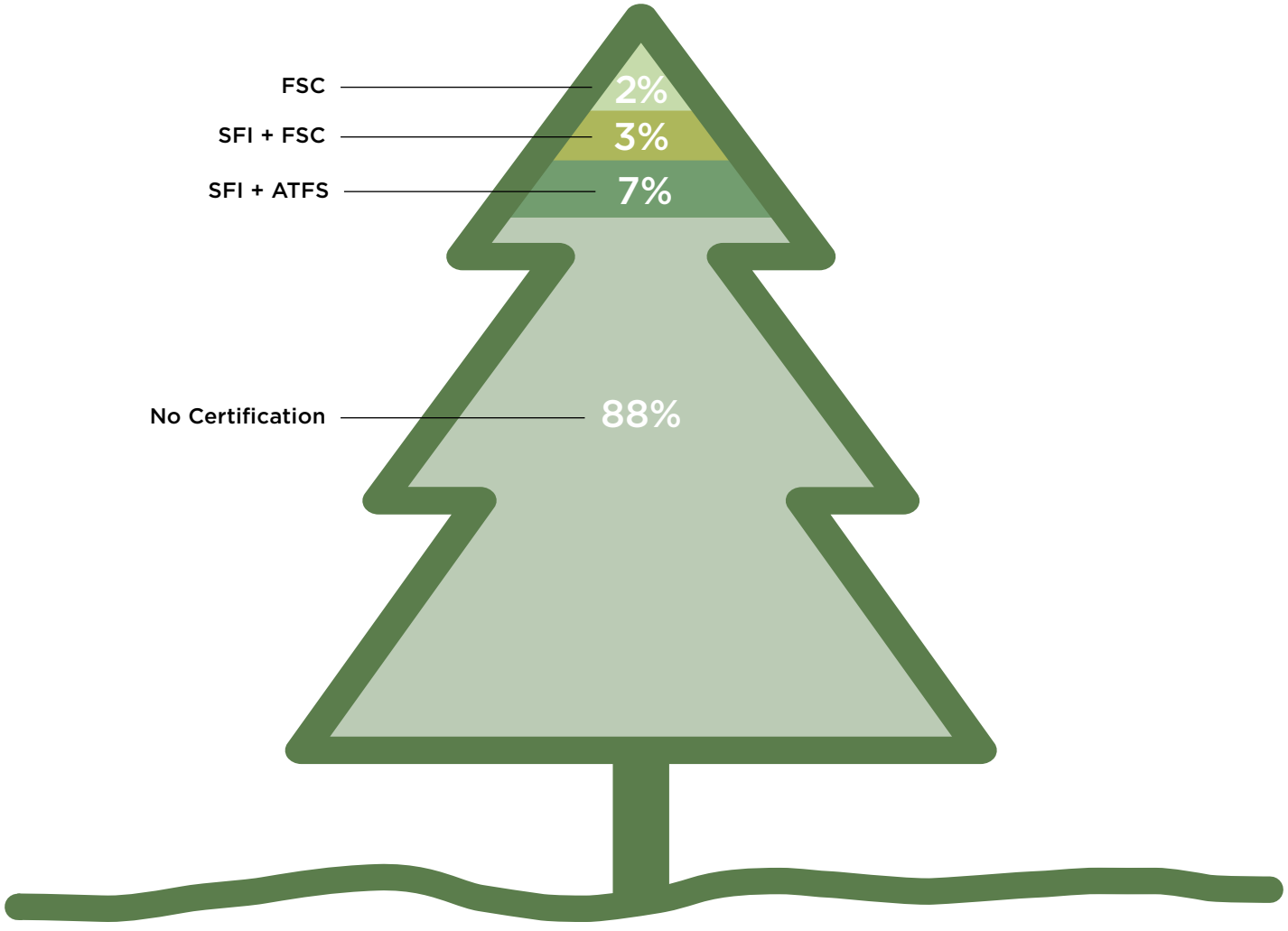


Certification

All wood is procured through our due diligence system, which meets the requirements of SFI® Certified Sourcing, PEFC Controlled Sources and FSC® Controlled Wood (SFI-00007, PEFC/15-32-0023, FSC-C114419). GP's annual 3rd party audits and internal audits assess compliance with all applicable laws and adherence to certification standards. This includes verification of ownership, protection of wildlife and water, and submission of required permitting. GP participates in Sustainable Forestry Initiative's Inconsistent Practices Program and has a procedure for receiving and tracking any complaints related to wood fiber procurement.

When our customers request additional assurances beyond certified procurement certifications and risk assessments, GP Cellulose strives to provide pulps certified by established forest management certification systems. However, availability of certified forest management units are limited in the US Southeast due to the high percentage of lands being small family-owned forest. Even with the success of our efforts to increase the supply of forest management certified lands, the demand for these certifications has rapidly increased, creating a tightening of availability to our customers. Therefore, we continue to work with customers on solutions to meet their specific forest stewardship goals.

% OF U.S. FOREST CERTIFIED UNDER FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION



Endangered Forest Protection Program

Since 2008, Georgia-Pacific's Endangered Forest and Special Areas program has identified and has been helping protect high conservation value forests in the areas we source wood – many of those attributes are associated with natural forest. Georgia-Pacific has committed to not buy wood fiber from these areas[1] and has established contract requirements with our suppliers of wood residuals and logs. To validate that contract requirements are met and the trainings are effective, we utilize capabilities within ForestLogic™, such as satellite systems with forest cover change detection, to monitor for activity within these areas.

Degradation-Free and Deforestation-Free Programs

GP has long been an advocate for activities that promote an increase in forest area through sustainable market-based approaches. Additionally, GP does not support conversion of natural forests to non-forest. Beginning in 2023, GP has worked with suppliers of wood residuals and logs into our cellulose mills to establish contract requirements that help ensure we do not receive wood from forest being degraded or knowingly being converted to agriculture type uses. The combination of commitments from our suppliers, our semi-natural forest sourcing, GP's Endangered Forest Protection Program, and the region's history of stable forest area can support our customers degradation-free and deforestation-free programs.

Supplier Commitments

GP's wood fiber is purchased with a written contract which includes requirements such as:

- Adherence to applicable local, state, and federal laws
- Harvest of material using trained loggers
- Prohibition of wood from lands knowingly being converted to agriculture type uses
- Prohibition of wood from natural forest that will be converted into forest with tree species and composition which could have not naturally occurred on such land
- Harvest / supply of material originating within GP's District of Origin
- Adherence to Georgia-Pacific's Supplier Sustainability Guidelines which is based on Georgia-Pacific's Code of Conduct
- Adherence to Georgia-Pacific's Statement on Forest Stewardship

ForestLogic Technology

Beginning in 2016, GP's forestry experts alongside GIS & data science analysts began developing a technology platform that included enhanced traceability and forest monitoring systems, called ForestLogic™. This robust collection of applications and analytical tools enhances visibility in the supply chain and supports our forest stewardship efforts.

The ForestLogic™ technology platform, includes forest cover change detection which is used to monitor supply chains and help ensure that suppliers are not sourcing from areas that have rare and unique biodiversity attributes.

[1] Except in unique situations when active forest management is needed to improve habitat for endangered, rare and/or vulnerable species

> **We source wood from some of the most sustainable forests in the world. That's why I am committed to advancing breakthrough innovations and programs which can help our customers meet their responsible sourcing goals while continuing to build upon our decades of leadership in advancing responsible forestry."**
>
> **Dave Kurtz**
> President, GP Cellulose

Learn more about GP's Approach to Forest Stewardship

Statement on Forest Stewardship

GP CELLULOSE

% Fiber from United States	100%	States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana Mississippi, South Carolina Tennessee and Texas
% Native Species from Semi-Natural Forest	100%	Loblolly Pine (Pinus taeda) Slash Pine (Pinus elliottii) Longleaf Pine (Pinus palustris)
Acres in GP Cellulose's FSC Group Certification	140,382 acres	2024
% of Sourced Fiber Certified to Responsible Sourcing Certification	100%	SFI Fiber Sourcing, FSC Controlled Wood, and PEFC Controlled Sources
Vertical Integration of Fiber Supply	*60-90%	Includes: GP Sawmill Residual + GP Cellulose Mill Direct Purchased

*Dependent on Facility

Challenge

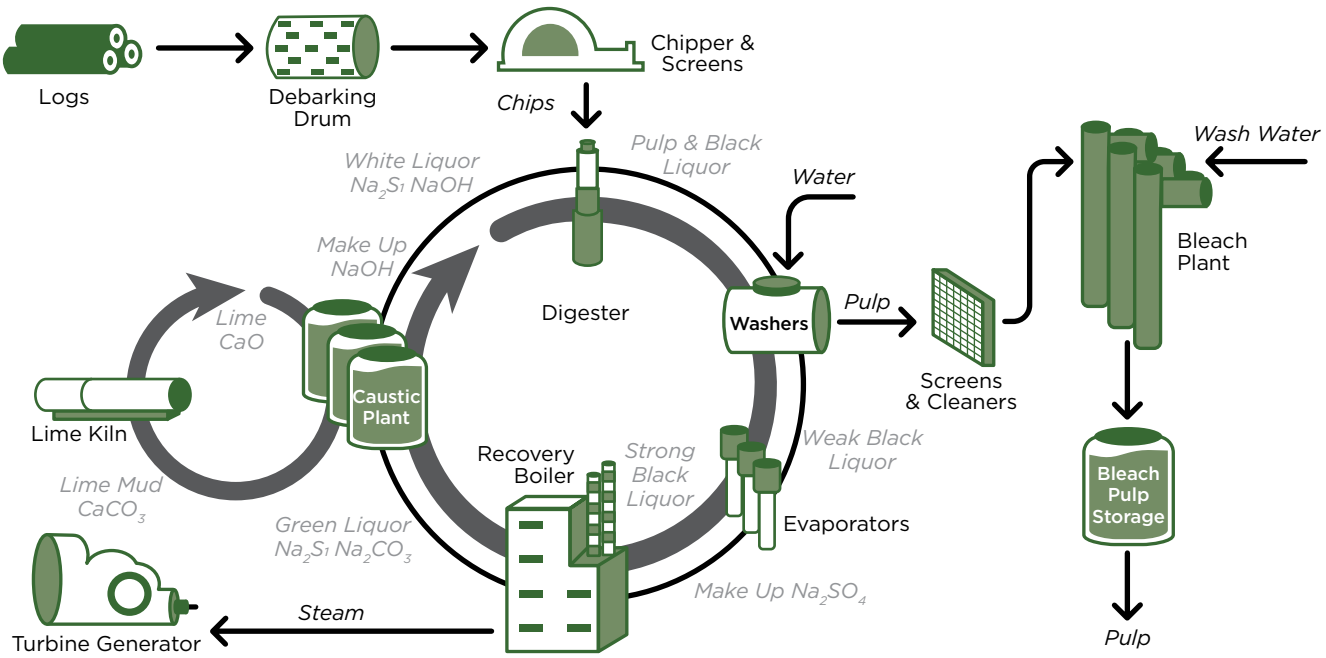
Renewable Energy

GP Cellulose continuously challenges and transforms how we practice responsible stewardship. We use biomass at our facilities to generate thermal energy for production processes.

Biomass is considered carbon neutral by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is a renewable energy source to produce our products. Our primary sources of energy include wood processing waste and other organic materials from the pulping process.

In 2023, over 70% of the energy consumed at GP Cellulose's facilities came from renewable sources while still extracting other products that are sold into the renewable fuel markets and not consumed within our operations.

KRAFT PULP PROCESS



Use of Residuals

Forest thinning in addition to residuals from manufacturing processes, such as treetops and chips, are GP Cellulose's primary fiber inputs.

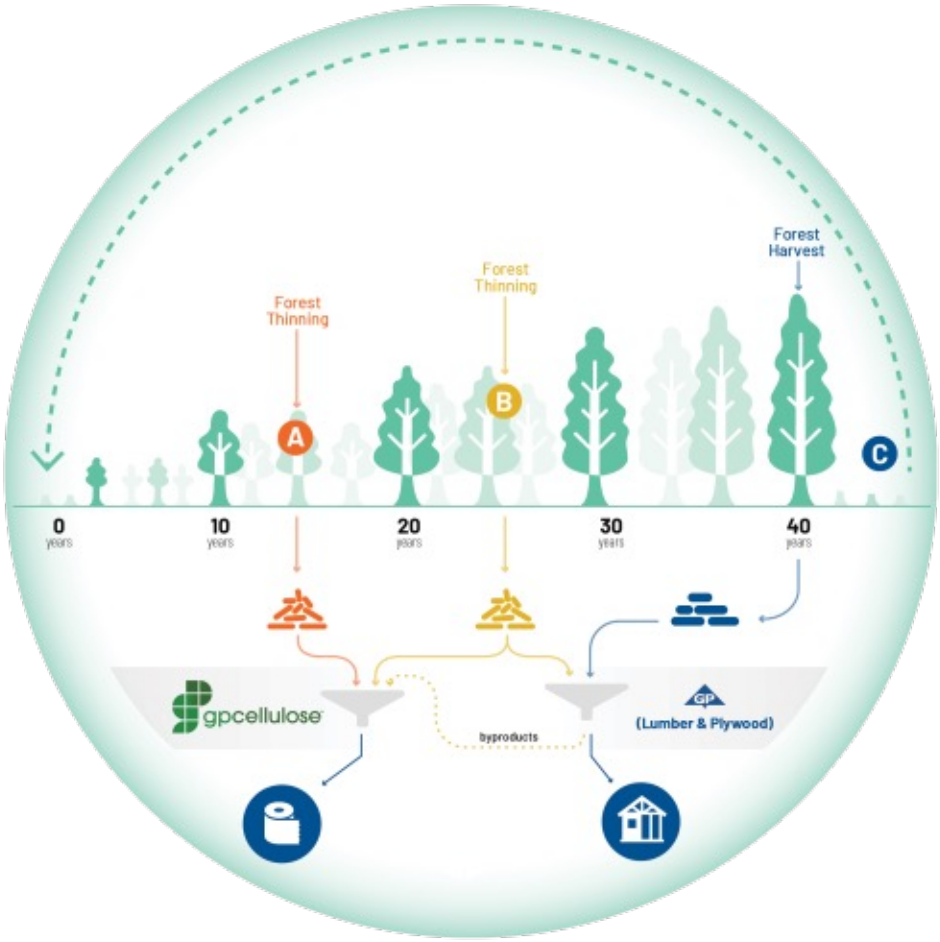
Forest thinning is aimed at enhancing growth and reducing mortality within the forest. Additionally, these thinned trees are often too small or too poorly formed to produce lumber, but they can be beneficially utilized in GP Cellulose's processes.



Once the trees in the forest are large enough to make solid wood products, such as lumber and plywood, the trees often have tops that are not sufficient to produce quality building products. GP Cellulose's pulp manufacturing processes can utilize these treetops.

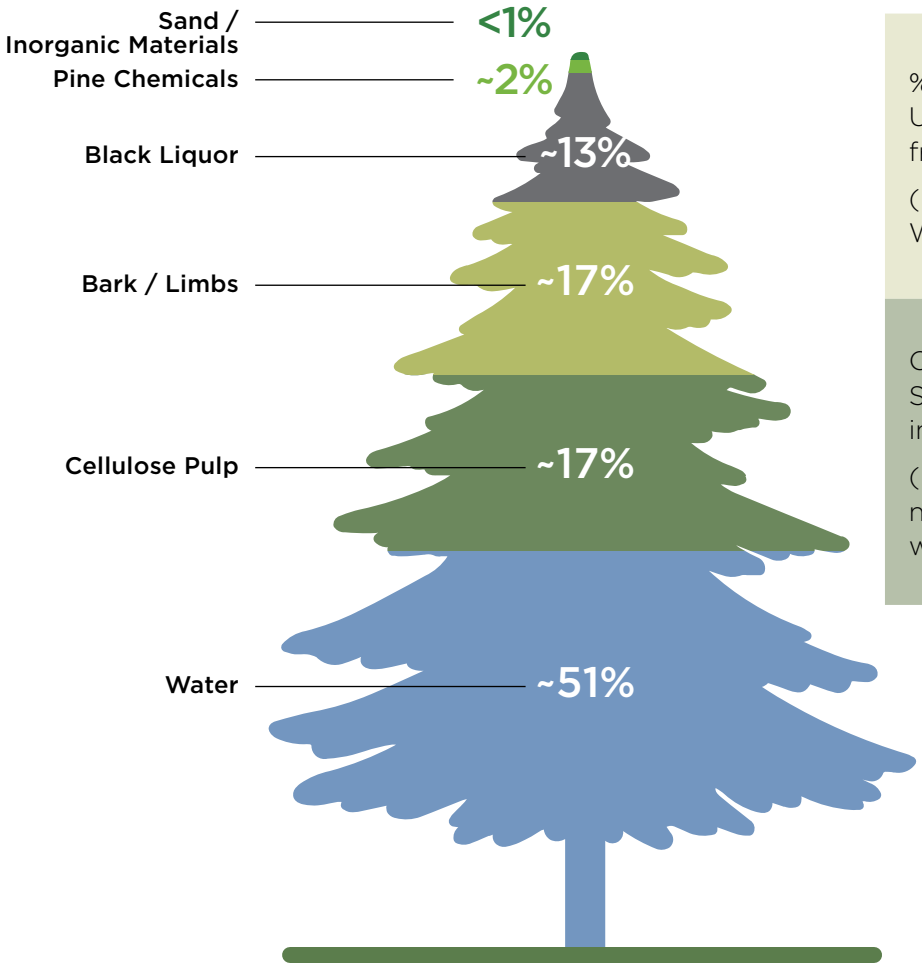
Trees entering a sawmill are sawn into lumber and the byproduct of this process is wood residuals (mainly in the form of chips). These chips are a valuable input into GP Cellulose's pulp manufacturing process. Georgia-Pacific Building Products partners with GP Cellulose to provide one of the vital sources of these woody residuals.

GP Cellulose's focus on raw material efficiency, economic responsibility and environmental stewardship allows us to produce quality products from what other industries may call waste.



Contributing to Bioenergy and Biomaterials Market

GP Pine Solutions utilizes organic waste and residues from GP Cellulose's mills to supply the market for renewable fuels and biomaterials. Our Crude Tall Oil is certified under ISCC EU, verifying compliance with the legal requirements for the sustainability and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions savings criteria for sustainable fuels as set out in the EU Renewable Energy Directive (REDII). GP Cellulose's turpentine is sold into markets that produce everyday items such as perfumes, cosmetics, flavors and as a raw material for many industrial applications. Furthermore, GP Cellulose produces specialty pulps that are used in man-made cellulosic applications and production of plant-based plastics.



% of Total Energy Used in Mills from Biomass (Black Liquor and/or Wood Waste)	> 70%*
Other Bioenergy Sources Sold into Energy Markets (Energy Sources not Consumed within Mills)	Crude Tall Oil

*Varies by facility

Reinvestment

One of the keys to being able to continuously evaluate and transform how we use resources is having the financing to innovate, experiment, and invest in our capabilities. GP Cellulose is privately owned and a subsidiary of Koch. Our shareholders consistently reinvest 90% of earnings back into the company–a practice which funds experiments, innovations, and opportunities for employees to create ever-greater benefits for society.

~90%

REINVESTMENT of earnings

Control



Investing in Process Efficiency

We apply transformative solutions to help control our emissions. Our focus areas include air, waste, greenhouse gas, and water. We continue to make progress across all our facilities. Demonstrating this commitment is a recent project at our Brunswick Cellulose mill. The Brunswick Cellulose mill has invested roughly $200 million to replace two end-of-life washing and screening systems with a new single line and are scheduled for completion at the end of 2024. They are expected to reduce natural gas usage by approximately 160,000 MMBTU/year, reduce purchased electricity by approximately 19,000MW/year and reduce bleaching chemical usage by approximately 6%.

Being a good steward of resources and operating efficiently is core to who we are but it goes beyond that. We have to understand and respond to the needs of our customers better than anyone- especially their environmental priorities”

Chris Read
VP Cellulose Operations

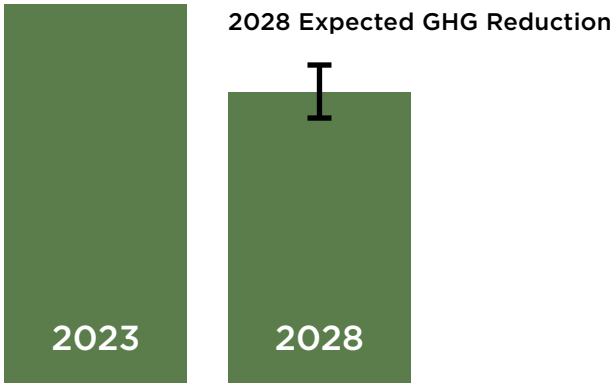
Increasing Energy Efficiency and Decreasing Emissions

One of our environmental priorities is to continually improve energy efficiency and develop innovative technologies, which will further reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Based on preliminary estimates, GP Cellulose’s average GHG intensity is expected to decline by nearly a third (2023-2028) based on based on recent business and operational decisions that are focused on improving operating efficiency and long-term profitability of our asset portfolio.

We continue to evaluate opportunities that are aligned with our Values and those that will further improve energy efficiency and reduce GHG intensity.

GP CELLULOSE: AVERAGE GHG INTENSITY



Learn more about our commitment to continually improve energy efficiency and develop innovative technologies, which will further reduce greenhouse gas emissions: Stewardship Framework

Reducing Water Emissions - Nordic Swan Qualified Pulps

The Leaf River Cellulose mill meets the United States National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements. Beyond those requirements, some customers require certifications and emission metrics that surpass the regulatory limits. Therefore, GP Cellulose actively pursues qualifications and certifications that create mutual benefit for GP Cellulose, our customers, and society.
Since 2009, GP Cellulose Fluff pulps manufactured at Leaf River Cellulose are pre-inspected and approved for use in sanitary products that carry the Nordic Swan Ecolabel.

# of Mills with Qualified Pulps to Nordic Swan Criteria	1
# of Mills with Active Projects to Pursue Nordic Swan Qualified Pulp	1

We strive to maintain qualification by investing in innovative ways to reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency, even as Nordic Swan revises criteria and tightens requirements, and we are expanding our efforts to qualify pulps from a second GP Cellulose mill.

Contribute

Contribution to Global Hygiene

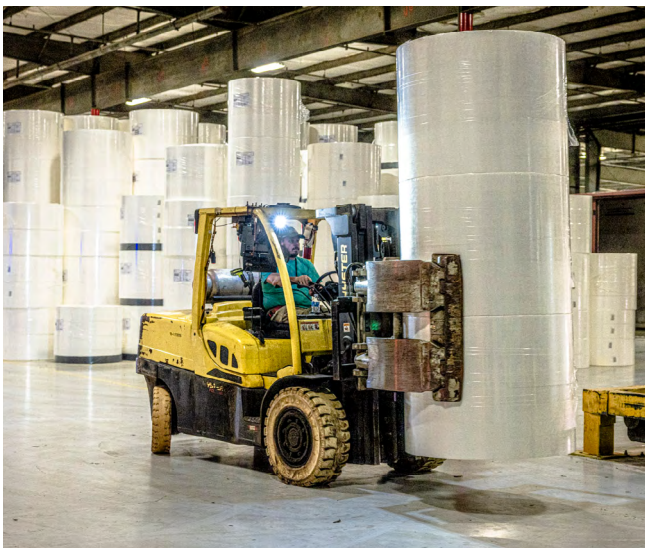
In 2022, GP Cellulose announced an approximately $80 million dollar investment at the Alabama River Cellulose mill which will increase the mill's fluff pulp production capacity. In 2024, the first rolls of fluff came off this line at Alabama River Cellulose. This investment makes all of our wood pulp mills capable of producing fluff pulp on all lines.



GP Cellulose continues to invest to help to satisfy the global pulp demand used in personal hygiene products. GP Cellulose's fluff pulp is used around the globe in incontinence products, hospital applications, baby care, and feminine hygiene. These products are key for facilitating healthy populations, supporting human dignity, building confidence, and removing societal barriers that could prevent individuals from achieving their full potential. With approximately 80% of the global fluff pulp originating in the southeastern region of the United States, GP Cellulose plays an important supporting role in societal wellbeing.

Experimenting with Colors

Since the 90's, GP Cellulose facilities have been solely using the Elemental Chlorine Free Bleaching (ECF) process as a more environmentally preferred method to achieve the brightness that customers desire. In the United States, the ECF process is regarded as being Best Available Technology and in Europe, the Commission regards ECF, among other technologies, as BAT[1].



[1]December 2022 CEPI Environmental Aspects of ECF and TCF Chemical Woodpulp Bleaching

GP Cellulose bleached softwood pulps have been the staple of our business, but we never stop innovating. In 2021, we expanded our offering to include unbleached southern softwood pulps. The pulps are oxygen delignified to achieve a natural colored pulp.

- Golden Isles EnviroCel™ fluff pulps provide optimum fluid retention, liquid distribution, and pad integrity making it ideally suited for a variety of absorbent hygiene applications.
- Oxygen Delignified Unbleached Softwood Pulps are ideal for specialty papermakers focused on production of fiber cement, electrical papers and filter papers.

These unbleached pulps provide the same performance and sustainability benefits as our bleached pulp but requires less chemicals to manufacture - making them ideal for customers where brightness is not an objective and potentially for those are looking to further decrease their environmental impact.



Golden Isles EnviroCel™ Unbleached Fluff Pulp and Unbleached Softwood Kraft Pulp





Mass Timber and Carbon Storage

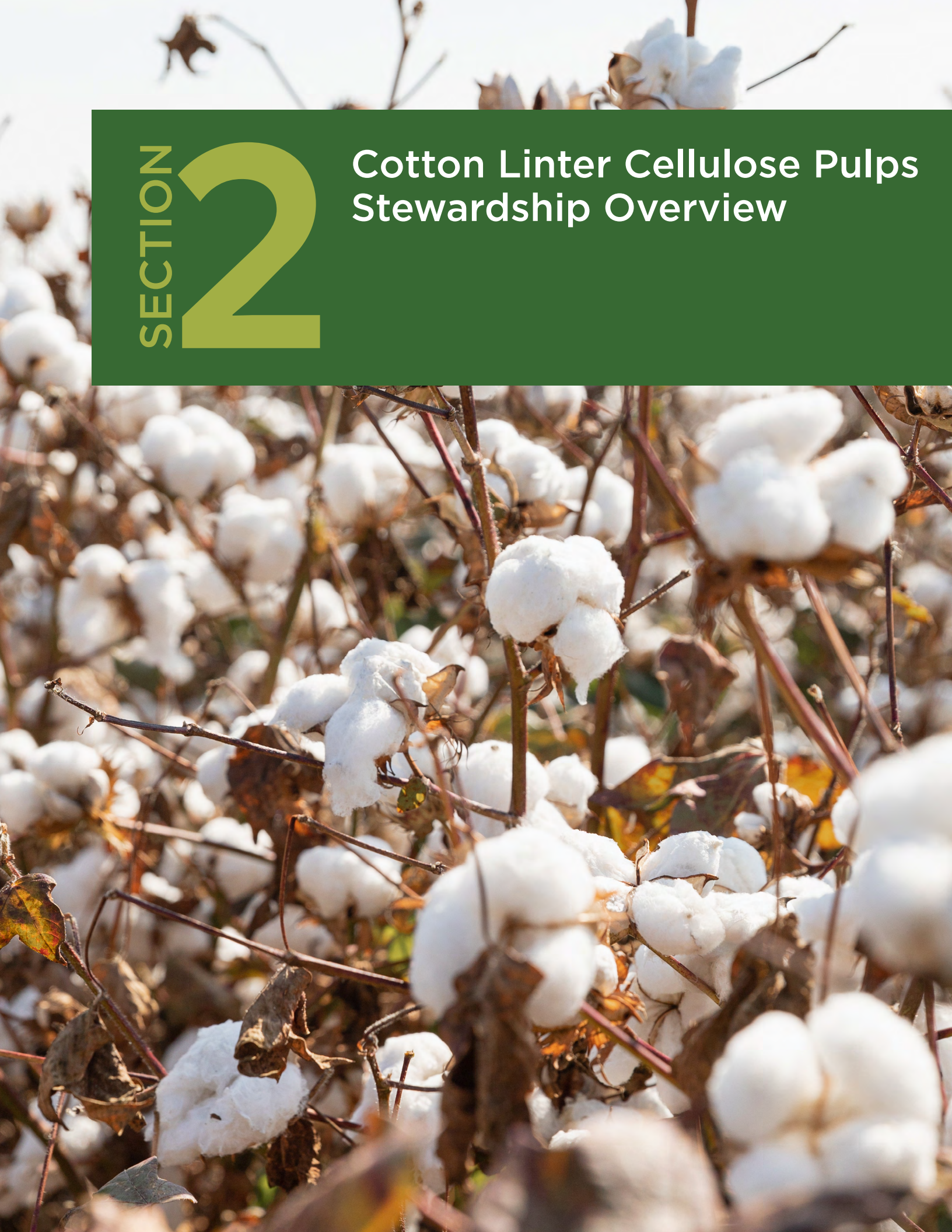
With an individual tree producing both lumber and pulp, the benefits that mass timber has on carbon storage can be celebrated by GP Cellulose and Georgia-Pacific Building Products. Georgia-Pacific Building Products produced the lumber for Georgia's first mass timber project produced from southern yellow pine. Opening in 2024, this mixed-use space spans more than 100,000 square feet. This structure is expected to store carbon for decades into the future. By utilizing local trees, this project reduced transportation and construction-related emissions which maximized the sustainability benefits of mass timber, a building product with a low carbon footprint relative to other traditional materials. Beyond that, residuals from the trees that produced the mass timber structure didn't get wasted. Many of the residuals from these trees were used in GP Cellulose's pulp products - making sure all parts of the tree contributed to the holistic sustainability benefits.

Georgia's first mass timber project: produced from GP's southern yellow pine



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Cotton Linter Cellulose Pulps Stewardship Overview

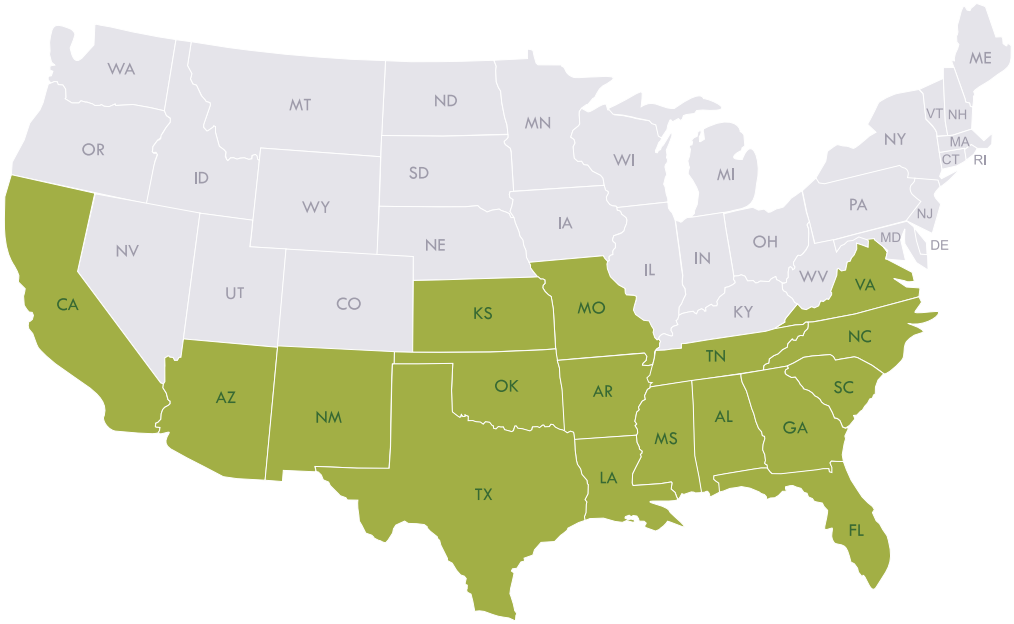


Conserve

P Cellulose does not own or manage cotton farms, but we take steps to ensure we are responsibly sourcing cotton linters for our pulps. GP's cotton linter pulp is produced from agricultural waste within the cotton industry.

As of 2023, over 90% of the cotton linters used by GP Cellulose were sourced from local cotton seed oil mills within the United States. Most of these linters are likely from upland cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*). According to the USDA, *Gossypium hirsutum* makes up 97% of U.S. Cotton production. The remaining 3% comes from *Gossypium barbadense.*[1]

US COTTON BELT



97% of US farms are family owned and operated[2]. Many of these families have been stewards of their land and natural resources for generations. Beyond the inherent care that farmers have for their land, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulates cotton quality and grading. Additionally, the US Food and Drug Administration regulates much of the cottonseed portion of the cotton industry which helps to ensure quality and safety.

GP Cellulose is committed to conducting all business affairs lawfully and ethically. As such, we expect all suppliers to adherence to Georgia-Pacific's Supplier Sustainability Guidelines which is based on Georgia-Pacific's Code of Conduct.

GP has implemented a comprehensive compliance program which includes rigorous audit processes and procedures that demonstrate our compliance with all applicable laws, including environmental, health and safety ("EHS") and human rights among many others.

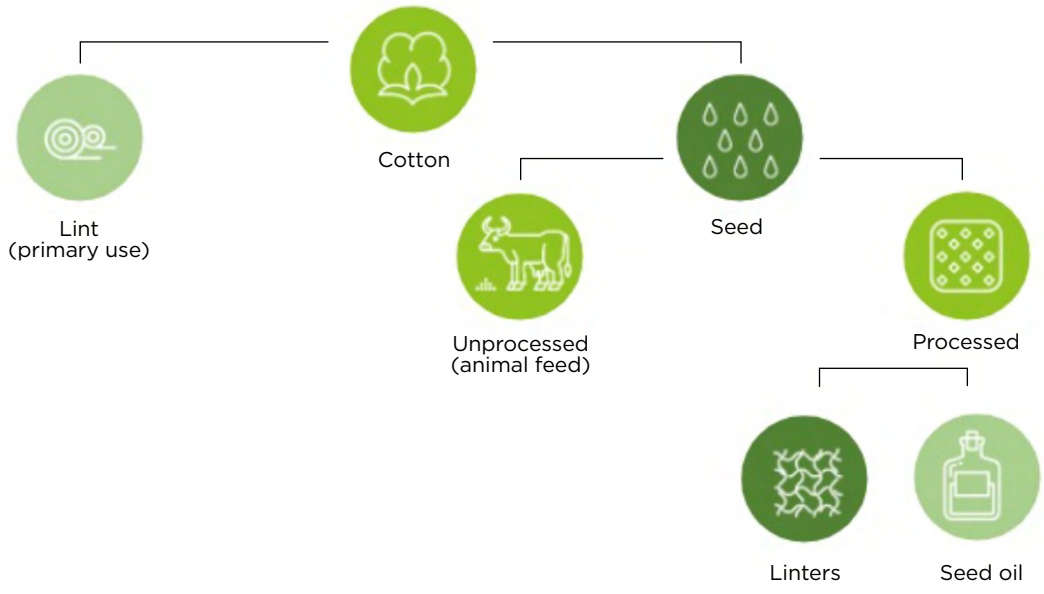
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Challenge

While cotton linters were once considered a waste product of cotton seed oil production, this agricultural residue is now an important raw material for GP Cellulose's Cotton Linter Pulp.

Cotton is primarily grown to produce staple cotton fiber for traditional textile products. After the staple fibers are removed at a cotton gin, the seeds remain intact. Another major use of cotton seeds is animal feed. Alternatively, those seeds can be processed to produce cottonseed oil for cooking. To do that, the short fibers (cotton linters) have to be removed to ensure a uniform and efficient oil pressing process. Utilizing this agricultural waste, cotton linters, helps society to consume fewer resources while creating more value.

COTTON LINTER SUPPLY CHAIN



Because these fibers are considered a waste or residue within the cotton supply chain, GP Cellulose's Cotton Linter Pulp are certified as 100% Pre-Consumer Recycled Cellulose under SCS Recycled Content Standard V7-0[1].

CERTIFIED RECYCLED CONTENT SCS GLOBAL SERVICES

100% RECYCLED CONTENT
PRE-CONSUMER

1 SCS-RC-05651

Control

Manufacturing our specialty cotton linter pulps requires specific energy and chemical demands. Therefore, we work to constantly create more value for our customers while minimizing resources requirements, reducing waste, and improving the environmental performance and effectiveness of our pulps and processes.



Water Effluent and Efficiency

In 2023, GP Memphis Cellulose invested approximately 1 million dollars to reduce its water usage through Suspended Air Floatation. This improvement allows solids within white water to rise more effectively so that more water can be recovered and reused. This modification has increased the mill's water recovery system reliability by a rate of approximately 2.5 million gallons of water per day.

Electrification of Forklift Fleet

GP Memphis Cellulose began converting the majority of their forklift fleet from propane to electric in 2022. This change has many benefits including the potential to reduce the associated carbon emissions of the local fleet. Six electric forklifts are in service with three more expected to come online by the end of 2024. At the end of the effort, it is expected that 90% of GP Memphis Cellulose's forklift fleet will be electrified.

Bleaching Technologies

Due to the inherent fiber characteristics of cotton linters, the manufacturing process for Cotton Linter Pulp includes cooking and purification steps which differs from wood pulp processes. The caustic cooking step removes non-cellulose materials from the cotton linter fiber in preparation for the bleaching process. Memphis Cellulose has the ability to produce the pulps using an array of bleaching technologies to meet the needs of customers and the required product performance while still being a good steward of the environment.

Contribute

Innovative Bioeconomy Solutions

GP Cellulose Cotton Linter Pulps contribute to society by creating products that people depend on every day and helping to satisfy the growing customer and consumer preference for reducing plastic waste. As good stewards of natural resources, we are always looking for new ways to optimize the use of responsibly sourced biobased material. GP Cellulose's Cotton Linter Pulps can be used in bioplastics, coatings, medical device components, textiles, and filters.

Continuous Innovation

Our GP Cellulose Technology & Innovation Center is designed to help GP and our customer understand how cellulose delivers value now – and how it could deliver value in the future. With a unique focus on cotton linters, GP Cellulose has invested in a viscose lab, an acetate lab, an ethers lab and a refining lab to support customers looking for innovative biomaterial solutions.



Testing Equipment in Memphis Technology & Innovation Center Viscose Lab

SECTION 3

Connect



Safety and Compliance

P Cellulose is committed to the principles of Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESG), and we demonstrate that commitment through action. These commitments are further described in our approach to Stewardship at www.gp.com/stewardship. GP has implemented a comprehensive compliance program which includes rigorous audit processes and procedures that demonstrate our compliance with all applicable laws, including environmental, health and safety ("EHS") and human rights among many others. GP has implemented a Compliance, Ethics and EHS Excellence Risk Management System ("CE/EHS RMS") and conducts extensive internal audit activities to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and GP compliance standards. The text of our Company Code of Conduct which embodies all of these principles can be found at https://codeofconduct.kochind.com.



Investing in Nature

GP has long supported efforts to restore longleaf pine forests across the southeastern United States. Longleaf pines once covered an estimated 90 million acres, but now only remains in a small percentage of its original range. Of unique conservation importance, longleaf pine forests are home to more than 30 endangered and threatened species, including red-cockaded woodpeckers, indigo snakes, and gopher tortoises

In 2023, GP Cellulose, in collaboration with One Tree Planted, helped to plant 10,000 new longleaf pine trees in Georgia. In 2024, we expanded that effort to include longleaf tree plantings in every state in which GP Cellulose has a wood pulp mill (Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi). This collaboration continues into 2025 for a total of 70,000 new longleaf pine trees taking root since 2023. Healthy and diverse forests are good for wildlife, the environment and our communities.

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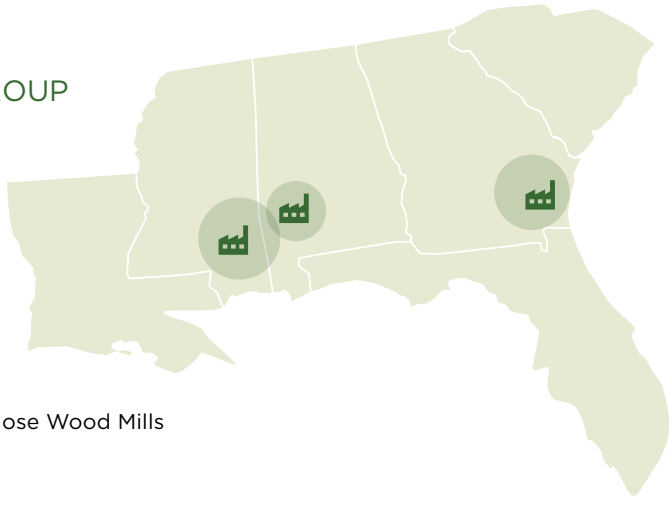
Forest Small Holder Engagement

GP supports all recognized forest certification programs but not all programs are applicable or relevant for all landowners and every region of the world. GP sources primarily from private, family-owned forests where the average land ownership is less than 70 acres making traditional forest certification programs challenging to scale.

In 2013, GP Cellulose launched a program to obtain Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) group certification and American Tree Farm System® certification for landowners. Since that time, the program has grown to include ~140,382 acres certified to FSC® through GP Cellulose's Group Forest Certification Program.

Although progress has been made, the scale is relatively small compared to the growing customer demands for fiber certification. We recognize that fiber certification is only one method to ensure responsible sources of fiber. Therefore, we continue to work with Standard Setting Organizations, eNGOs, and other stakeholders to develop more inclusive programs for small holders and to better recognize the responsible practices of these owners.

GP CELLULOSE'S FSC GROUP CERTIFICATION AREA



GP Cellulose Wood Mills

Global Investment in People

Turkey

On February 6, 2023, a 7.8 earthquake hit Turkey with the epicenter northwest to Gaziantep and resulted in the deadliest natural disaster in its modern history. There was widespread damage and many schools were destroyed or significantly damaged. An initiative was launched by the Turkish Pulp and Paper Club to help build a new high school in Gaziantep. Gaziantep is also where GP Cellulose has approximately 15 customers producing hygiene products. It was evident that this initiative aligned with our stewardship vision of seeking mutual benefit with employees and communities as well as helping break barriers that prevent people from reaching their potential. Therefore, GP Cellulose contributed 5% of the cost of building the new school to support the local community. As of mid-2024, the school is in the final stages of construction and will have 32 high school classrooms, a cafeteria, a science lab, and gym facilities. The school is expected to be bilingual and free of charge for students.



Munir Abdallah, President of GP Cellulose, and Peter Furrer, Sales Director for Europe, Middle East, Africa, and India visiting the construction site for the new school

Uruguay

Los Treboles Education Center's mission is to accompany children and adolescents from the Flor de Maroñas neighborhood in Montevideo, Uruguay on an educational path that will lead them to build a life full of possibilities. Los Tréboles is located in one of the most vulnerable areas of Montevideo, with 4 out of every 10 people having at least one UBN (unsatisfied basic need). In the last 15 years, Los Tréboles has developed 5 programs that accompany more than 525 babies, boys, girls, young people and adolescents, from the first steps of their lives to their insertion in the labor market.

GP Cellulose has been supporting Los Tréboles Education Center since the year 2019. Each year GP Cellulose has covered the annual cost of at least six scholarships. These scholarships represent the annual cost of a life full of possibilities for the adolescents and families who receive them.

los tréboles
CENTRO EDUCATIVO









Investing in Our Communities

Brunswick Cellulose

The Risley School was founded in 1870 as Brunswick's first public school for African Americans. The existing complex, built in the 1920s and 30s on the site of the original school, has long since been decommissioned for educational purposes and has fallen into disrepair.

The Risley School complex sits at the center of Brunswick's historic Black neighborhood. According to the Coastal Georgia Area Community Action Authority, the local non-profit that is trying to revitalize the site, "These landmarked historic buildings are in the heart of Glynn County's greatest poverty, blight crime, low educational levels, high jobless rates and poor health outcomes."

Brunswick Cellulose is actively engaged with community and business leaders to revive the Risley School complex as a hub for the community. It is envisioned that the site will function as a gathering place for education, history, culture and economic opportunity. Community efforts like this are helping to remove barriers that hold people back from achieving their potential.



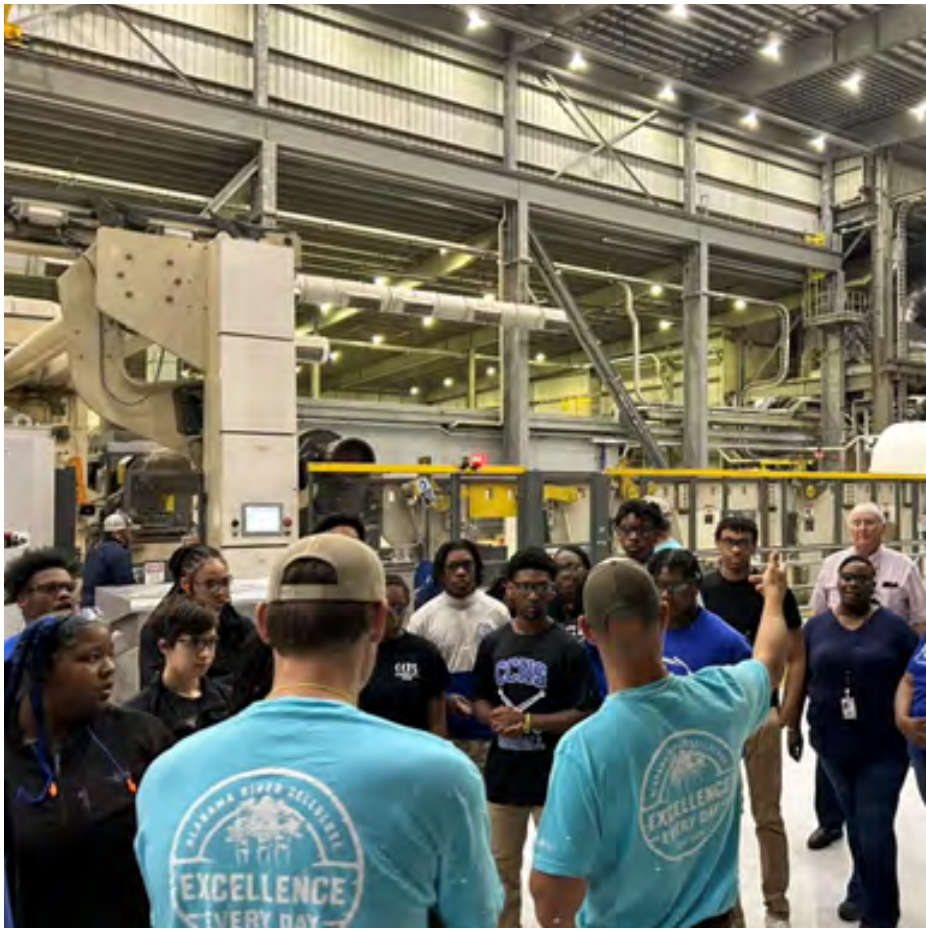
Exterior of the Risley School in Brunswick, Georgia, USA

Alabama River Cellulose

GP Cellulose strives to help people pursue careers that provide meaning and fulfillment, so we actively work to remove barriers to opportunity while promoting initiatives and programs that encourage individuals from all backgrounds to succeed. As such, investing in the workforce of tomorrow is vital to the success of our communities and our operations.

In the spring of 2024, GP Cellulose's Alabama River Mill hosted local teachers, students, counselors, and career coaches from nine high schools for a behind-the-scenes tour of the operations and knowledge sharing about the areas of the mill from seasoned operators and leaders. The mill hosted more than 375 students, who walked away with a better understanding of our operations, products, approach to stewardship, and career opportunities. We know that being a good neighbor, supporting the educational growth of our communities, and providing desirable jobs are some of the key ways we can partner with communities to be successful in the long term.





Leaf River Cellulose

The town of New Augusta, Mississippi was in dire need of a new playground for McCoy Park to replace the old and unsafe equipment. This park has the only public playground in New Augusta, and the park is a foundation for families in the area. However, the cost to replace this equipment posed a challenge for the town of New Augusta.

In 2024, Leaf River Cellulose fully funded the new equipment that incorporates safety features to help ensure the children can play safely and families can enjoy this amenity.

“The town of New Augusta asked us to help provide a safe area for recreational opportunities,” said Michael Needham, Leaf River Cellulose public affairs manager. “We always look for opportunities to enhance the quality of life for the residents of New Augusta and upgrading McCoy Park is just another way for Leaf River to impact this community.”

Leaf River Cellulose continues to invest in this initiative. Leaf River plans to partner with Perry Central High School to organize a volunteer day for high school students and mill employees to help improve other areas in McCoy Park.

Leaf River Cellulose remains committed to responsibly helping people improve their lives by being a proper steward of the resources entrusted to their care, developing preferred partnerships based on mutual benefit, and driving sustainable outcomes that benefit the company and society.





McCoy Park near Leaf River Cellulose

Memphis Cellulose

Memphis Cellulose has a long history as a good steward in the Memphis community. One of its recent efforts benefited “Feed The Needy”, an organization that provides resources to food impoverished neighborhoods of Memphis, Tennessee and surrounding areas. Through delivery of grocery items, the organization fosters enriched communities; inspiring them to reach their full potential while nourishing the hearts and minds of people. In 2023, the GP Cellulose team from Memphis Technology and Innovation Center and the Memphis Cellulose mill helped “Feed the Needy” fill food boxes that were delivered to 4,000 families to provide meals during the holiday season. This is another way GP Cellulose is helping to remove barriers that hold people back from achieving their potential.





GP Cellulose team filling boxes for Feed The Needy.

SECTION 4

Awards and Certifications



GP Cellulose's products, facilities, and processes are recognized and/or certified by these third-party groups:

PEFC/15-32-0023

PEFC Chain of Custody

FSC® Chain Of Custody

FSC® Forest Management-Group

SFI® Certified Sourcing

SFI® Chain of Custody

Halal

Kosher

GP Pine Solutions

Leaf River Cellulose

Leaf River Cellulose & Alabama River Cellulose

SCS Global Services

Sanitary Products V6

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“We put action behind our approach to stewardship and it applies to our fiber sourcing practices, renewable energy decisions within our operations, how we leverage residual products, and investments into the communities in which we belong.”



Anthony Paul
VP, GP Cellulose