

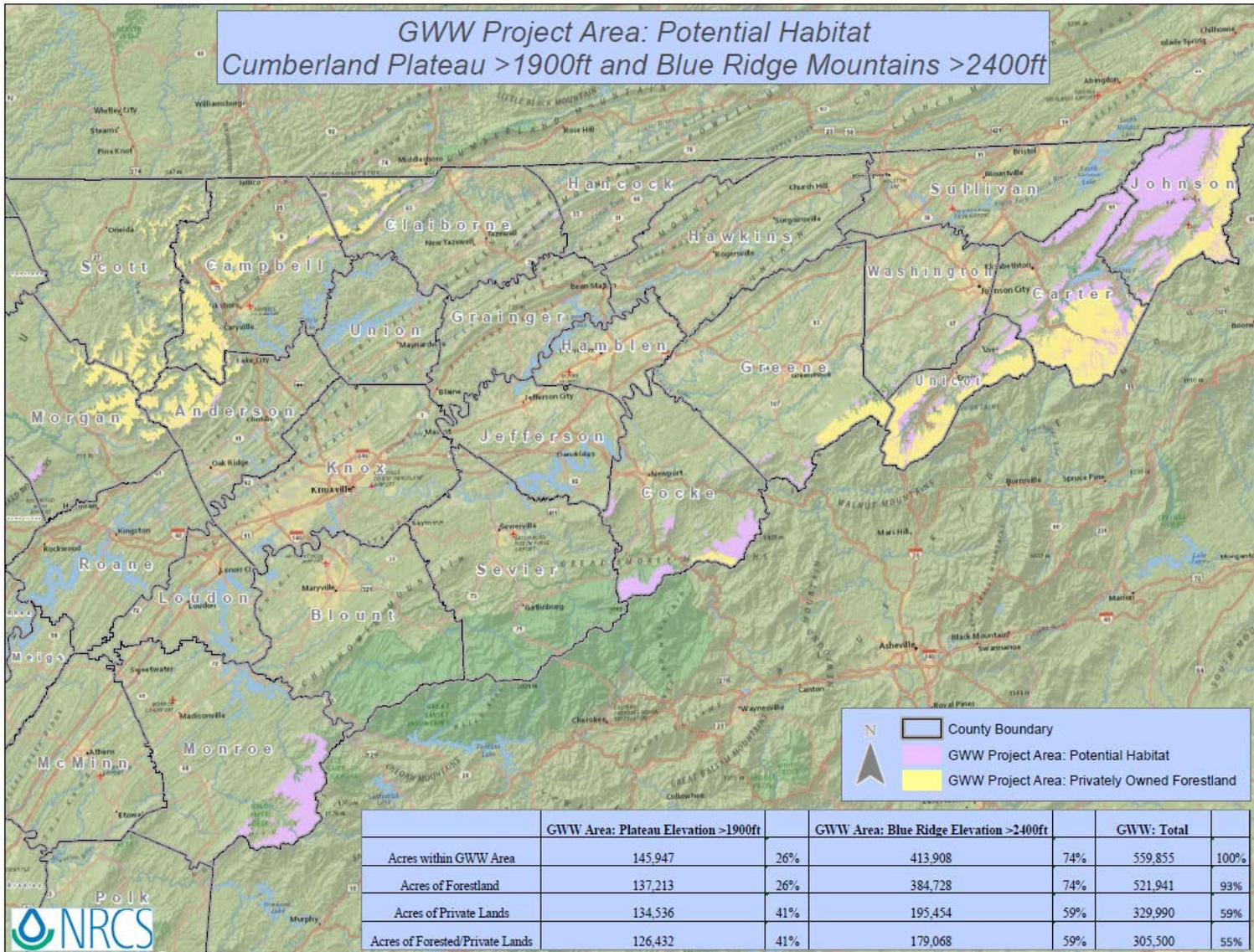
## (666) Forest Stand Improvement

### FY 2017 Environmental Quality Incentives Program Requirement Sheet

**Eligible lands:** Private nonindustrial forestlands.

**EQIP Forest Stand Improvement Practice Requirements:**

1. A professional forester must plan or approve the practice.
2. Payment rate shall be determined by the conservation planner and the area staff for the following:
  - a. Use Forest Stand Improvement (Code 666) – Single Stem Treatment payment scenario for prescription plans that call for light treatment thinning of not more than 30 BA (Basal Area) per acre and removed by basal bark herbicide application, injection/hack and squirt, or girdling methods.
  - b. Use Forest Stand Improvement (Code 666) – Forest Thinning for Wildlife and Health payment scenario for prescription plans that call for treatment of 30-60 BA per acre removed by basal bark herbicide application, injection/hack and squirt, or girdling methods.
3. Tree felling is only eligible for financial assistance for golden-winged warbler (GWWA) activities within the GWWA general distribution. See map below. NRCS Area Biologist will make site-specific determination based on elevation and habitat.
4. Forest Stand Improvement will provide financial assistance only when trees are deadened and left standing outside of the GWWA distribution area unless every tree to be felled has been evaluated by a professional wildlife biologist and determined not to be a potential Indiana bat or Northern Long-Eared bat habitat tree. Due to limited personnel and time constraints, individual landowners must seek services, without reimbursement, from a non-NRCS professional biologist to complete the surveys. The reviewing biologist must receive written approval from NRCS-TN and the TN US Fish and Wildlife Service prior to completing the tree reviews. Trees outside of the GWWA distribution area that are not evaluated and cleared shall not be felled.
5. Follow Tennessee Division of Forestry Best Management Practices (<http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/publications/forestry/BMPs.pdf>) during implementation of this practice, especially to control erosion and protect or improve water quality.



The private lands colored in yellow above are eligible for the Golden-winged Warbler Working Lands for Wildlife Program.