

## LandscapE Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant

- Purpose is “to encourage collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes.”
- Focus on rural landscapes including towns < 50,000
- Address issues/priorities identified in State’s Forest Action Plan



# 2021 LSR Proposals

- **Community PlantING Consortium**
  - Pilot program to establish Community PlantING Consortium which help small communities within the Madison County Council of Governments' Metropolitan Planning Areas complete tree planting projects and get access to federal funding.
- **Expanding Community Forest Canopy through the Northwest Indiana Tree Planting Consortium**
  - Pilot program to establish a collaborative tree planting consortium in Northwestern Indiana focusing on canopy mapping, tree installation, maintenance, & capacity building.

# 2021 LSR Proposals

- Increasing Engagement with Women & Minority Landowners in Conservation & the Wood Products Industry
  - Increase diversity in the forestry & conservation community by providing programming focused on women and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities.
- Indiana School Forests
  - Develop 5 multipurpose school forests across state as a pilot program
- PlayCleanGo Expansion
  - Expand PlayCleanGo (<https://naisma.org/programs/playcleango/>) to Illinois, Missouri, & Indiana which focuses on preventing the spread of invasive species in recreation areas by promoting cleaning of recreation gear (example boot cleaning stations)

## Preparing LSR 2022

- Now time to think about 2022 proposals based on Forest Action Plan
- Grant proposals ready next summer
- Minimum \$25,000; Maximum \$600,000 for multistate project
- Requires 1:1 matching funds
- More info: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/private-land/landscape-scale-restoration>

## Great American Outdoors Act

- Signed August 4, 2020 by President Trump
- Provides \$1.9 billion/year for deferred maintenance on federal lands for 5 years
- \$900 million/year to the Land & Water Conservation Fund
  - 40% federal land acquisition
  - 40% state recreation projects
  - 20% appropriated at the discretion of Congress
  - Potential for increased funding for Programs such as the Forest Legacy Program