Our applied research and management experience are what grounds Tall Timbers. Our close work with landowners and managers forces our organization to focus on relevant information. That is why, as you will see in this annual report, our research and real-world experience result in direct positive outcomes, not just correlatives of success, but real results. We had a record year in research publications and impact. Tall Timbers also has a greater impact on people and conservation, and we are proud that our research and sound information remain the engine that powers our impact.

This new format for our annual report provides short essays on some of our research, education, and conservation activities. Two common threads occur in these stories about our work. Both of these are grounded in our relevant long-term research and relate to helping people achieve their conservation and management goals.

Tall Timbers uncovers limiting factors and finds practical solutions by increasing wildlife populations, using fire, conserving more land, or expanding bobwhite populations. An example is our effort to train future fire managers to reduce the bottleneck of qualified people to apply and expand frequent fire. Our future Leigh Perkins Conservation Education Center fits perfectly to enhance our transfer of information and training for this workforce need!

We have recently increased our efforts to educate policymakers to ensure better use of public funds for conservation and prescribed fire. Information provided by staff has been welcomed and effectively guides policymakers towards more sound policies that will directly affect our conservation future. The challenges to using prescribed fire require Tall Timbers to be at the forefront of fire policy and research. We can best protect the landscapes we hold dear by housing expertise from the ground up. Thank you for your continued support of Tall Timbers!
LONG-TERM EFFORT YIELDS NEW PATH FOR PRIVATE LANDS CONSERVATION

Land stewardship is about responsible management for both present and future generations. Tall Timbers’ donors have long supported this balance between current practical needs and drive for a future that includes the landscapes we love. This willingness to invest in long-term efforts has now brought forward another funding opportunity for permanent private lands conservation.

In late summer 2022, the State of Florida, through the Florida Forever program, purchased a conservation easement on approximately 4,102 acres of the historic Norias property in Jefferson and Leon Counties, Florida.

This state-held conservation easement complements the Tall Timbers held conservation easement on Mays Pond and adjacent public lands. Together these properties permanently conserve the eastern side of Lake Miccosukee. The Norias conservation easement marks a successful collaboration with the State of Florida to deliver public funding to support private land conservation in the Red Hills. Our first Georgia funding success was in 2021 with a grant to support the Birdsong Nature Center conservation easement purchase, scheduled for completion in 2023.

These recent successes result from a ten-year sustained outreach effort by Tall Timbers, our donors, and the public to support state conservation funding to permanently protect lands that might not be possible through donated conservation easements. Donated and purchased conservation easements will continue to be important in our land conservation toolbox, as landowners receive compensation for their development rights through tax benefits, direct payments, or a combination.

Thanks to the owners of Norias, this significant milestone — to protect the Red Hills and diversify our options for future conservation easements — has been achieved.
THIS COMMUNITY OF LANDOWNERS TACKLED FERAL SWINE MANAGEMENT

Feral swine are a nasty problem. Not only do they cause damage to natural habitats and agriculture, but they can also spread diseases to livestock, dogs, and humans. By the 2010s, this oversized invasive species was well established in the Red Hills region’s working lands and natural areas. Their outrageous reproduction rates and ability to roam among properties meant that controlling these wild pigs required a community effort.

Feral swine were not a research species for Tall Timbers. However, our strengths do include working relationships with landowners and applied science for wildlife management. So, armed with landowner support and a “can-do” attitude, Tall Timbers partnered with the US Department of Agriculture’s Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program in 2019. The project, funded by the 2018 Farm Bill, includes the Red Hills region from Tallahassee, Florida, to Thomasville, Georgia, shouldered by the Ochlockonee and Aucilla rivers.

The project funds USDA’s Wildlife Services employees who apply their trapping expertise on private lands. Seventy-eight different landowners, or 87% of Red Hills’ large landowners, have worked with Tall Timbers and leveraged Farm Bill funding to remove over 4,024 hogs. This high participation level and concentrated effort resulted in an 80% hog reduction in the Red Hills as a whole, with many properties reporting no remaining hogs.

Tall Timbers’ ability to design and implement research concurrently with land management was also a significant factor in successfully attracting these federal funds to the region. Two research projects are underway with University of Georgia Master’s students. Kelsey Hoskins uses wildlife cameras and landowner surveys to research the before and after effects of feral swine removal. Chris Terrazas uses GPS collars to analyze how wild hogs use the landscape, including how far they travel, routes of travel, and optimal foraging and resting habitats. Together these research efforts will help inform future damage reduction and control of feral hogs.

Project funding will end in September 2023. Tall Timbers will continue to work with landowners on what we have learned through this pilot effort and options to sustain the low feral swine population the region now enjoys.
HISTORICAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION ON DISPLAY AT LIVINGSTON PLACE

In January 2022, the National Park Service added Tall Timbers’ 9,125-acre Livingston Place property in Greenville, Florida, to the National Register of Historic Places; it is one of the largest designated sites in the state. National Register designation recognizes this distinct cultural landscape and its architectural significance.

The Red Hills Spring Dinner was hosted in April 2022, at Livingston Place to celebrate the completion of a four-year, award-winning restoration of the 1938 manor house. Daphne and Marty Wood were honored for their leadership and support of this significant historic restoration effort. In addition, the dinner raised over $150,000 to design and build a new interpretive exhibit in the historic house, to be completed in 2023.

Livingston Place continues to be integrated into Tall Timbers’ research and land management efforts. It hosts projects that involve prescribed fire, wildlife species of conservation concern, and game bird research. During 2022, Tall Timbers’ Joint Training Academy hosted prescribed fire training at Livingston Place for civilian employees of the Department of Defense responsible for fire management on military installations across the country.

A fundamental need for research and management at Livingston Place has been to document the site’s plant biodiversity.

In 2022, an inventory of the flora was begun by Beadel Fellow Dr. Richard Carter, who worked with biologist Wilson Baker on this project. In addition, plant taxa with supporting voucher specimens have been accessioned into the Valdosta State University Herbarium, which provides a permanent archive of the flora of this important natural area.

Ongoing restoration of the uplands—hardwood cleanup and thinning of planted pines—has benefitted native species that depend on open, fire-maintained habitat. Of note is the abundant wild quail population; guests can now expect to see 30 plus coveys in a day’s hunting.

2022 was the 128th running of the nationally prestigious Continental Field Trial, which has been held at Livingston Place for over 80 years.

Marty and Daphne Wood were honored for their leadership and support for the Livingston Place restoration effort.

A Yellow-fringed Orchid (Platanthera ciliaris) found in a slash pine flat along a cypress-gum strand at Livingston Place.
QUAIL WORK EXPANDS IN THE WESTERN PINEYWOODS

The Western Pineywoods Quail Program is focused on expanding wild quail populations in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas — it’s also the newest of four Tall Timbers Regional Quail Programs working outside of the Red Hills and Albany.

In 2022, staff in the Pineywoods visited approximately 100,000 acres of potential quail lands; management plans and recommendations were written for seven properties, encompassing 26,000 acres. Increased public hunting opportunities for bobwhite were also pursued by developing partnerships with state, federal, and non-profit partners.

Western Game Bird Program Director Dr. Brad Kubečka and his staff helped guide habitat improvements to a private property in Polk County, Texas, where they focus their research. This habitat work set the stage for wild quail translocation in 2023.

“Simply restoring habitat does not mean a population will respond if there is no population there to begin with. This is why translocation is important after habitat restoration in these regions that have lost their birds,” Kubečka said. “We’re using the data from these translocated birds to tell us whether our blueprint from the Red Hills and Albany can work here.”

The Western Piney Woods Quail Endowment was established to support the Tall Timbers Western Game Bird Director position. This on-the-ground role is critical for quail expansion west of the Red Hills and Albany regions. Chuck Ribelin and other private donors have given generous support. However, $1.6 million remains to complete the endowment. In addition, the Gordy Family of Houston, Texas, Park Cities Quail Coalition, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have funded Tall Timbers’ research projects in the region.

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SOUTHEAST IMPACT

RESEARCHERS SHINE AT QUAIL SYMPOSIUM

Tall Timbers demonstrated science leadership at the Ninth National Quail Symposium in 2022. Staff members contributed to eleven Symposium Proceedings articles published by the National Bobwhite & Grassland Initiative. Thanks to our donors, Tall Timbers is able to conduct long-term data collection and research that continues to expand our understanding of bobwhite quail needs and adaptive management to maintain and expand their populations.
NEW REMOTE SENSING IMPROVES NATURAL COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION

Whereas most satellite remote sensing to date captures only a few bands—like blue, green, red, and infrared—hyperspectral remote sensing divides the electromagnetic spectrum into hundreds of bands. This high spectral resolution allows researchers to differentiate subtle variations in the reflectance patterns of different surfaces.

The Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Lab received funding from NASA to explore the potential for using new hyperspectral remote sensing products for mapping and monitoring natural resources.

Researchers tested tradeoffs among different image resolutions—or sizes of image pixels—for distinguishing natural community types at the Disney Wilderness Preserve, Ordway-Swisher Biological Station, Jones Ecological Research Center, and sites in the Red Hills region, all containing longleaf pine ecosystems.

Using the hyperspectral remote sensing data, a new technique was developed to distinguish native and old-field pine communities with about 70% accuracy. Additionally, researchers were able to separate frequently burned pine communities from other land uses with over 90% accuracy.

These scientific advances allow for landscape-scale identification of areas with the highest values for wildlife, biodiversity, and other ecosystem services. The next hyperspectral project will focus on identifying recently burned areas; we expect similarly significant improvements.

PREScribed BURN ASSOCIATIONS USE NEIGHBORS-HELPING-NEIGHBORS MODEL

Prescribed Burn Associations (PBA) promote the use of prescribed fire through collaborative work among landowners and managers to connect them with training, education and resources to help expand burning as a beneficial land management tool.

The goal is to put more fire on the ground across the region—with increased landowner involvement—through neighbors helping neighbors in partnerships that pool knowledge, resources and equipment.

Started in June 2022, the Southwest Georgia PBA is a partnership among Tall Timbers, the Golden Triangle Resource Conservation and Development Council, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Quail Forever, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Georgia Forestry Commission. The Southwest Georgia PBA, run by SW Georgia Prescribed Burn Association Coordinator George Jensen, is one of three independent PBA organizations, the Central Alabama PBA and the Northwest Florida PBA being the others, staffed by Tall Timbers as part of the Private Lands Prescribed Fire Initiative.
EARNED MEDIA BUILDS TALL TIMBERS’ NAME AS NATIONAL POLICY INFLUENCER

Tall Timbers had national level mentions, twice in the New York Times and in USA Today, about prescribed fire and the nation’s growing relationship with fire. Researchers in the Game Bird Program and Stoddard Bird Lab were interviewed for Living Bird Magazine about the national undertaking to restore quail to their historic range, and how land management for bobwhite benefits other species of concern. A national PBS episode, covering a country-wide look at the history of fire, included video from Tall Timbers’ campus and interviews with Morgan Varner, Kevin Hiers, Greg Seamon and Zack Prusack.

PRESCRIBED FIRE CAMPAIGN REACHES MILLIONS

Call it public support, social license, or normalization; we all know that community support for prescribed fire is critical to protect and expand its use. Tall Timbers jumped in to help by creating a three-year public-private partnership with the Florida Forest Service to develop a modern marketing campaign and deliver positive prescribed fire messages through 2022. The annual ad campaign is a model for proactive fire communication that could be used in other states nationwide.

Tall Timbers’ donors funded nearly 40% of the three-year effort that delivered over 42 million targeted ads in Florida. While the original contract ended in 2022, the Florida Forest Service established a new agreement to fully fund the ads in 2023.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING 90-DAY PAUSE

In 2022, a prescribed fire escape in New Mexico led to the U.S. Forest Service Chief ordering a 90-day pause on burning in National Forests. However, Tall Timbers’ researchers joined 120 other scientists in signing a letter opposing the pause, citing the need for necessary burning to continue. Despite the setback, Tall Timbers was invited to participate in panels to review best practices and improve training, with Board member Jim Karels serving on the review leadership team. As an initial result of these efforts, The National Prescribed Fire Training Center stationed five employees out west and will begin training there in 2024. Tall Timbers’ staff actively engages with Forest Service Leadership to improve prescribed fire on public lands.

A RED HILLS PERSPECTIVE JOINS THE TRCP

In 2022, Tall Timbers joined the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) Policy Council, a national non-profit coalition of conservation and outdoor organizations that work to guarantee quality areas for hunting and fishing for all Americans. Morgan Varner, Tall Timbers’ Director of Research, serves as our representative. Varner brings Tall Timbers’ perspective on prescribed fire as a critical process for wildlife and biodiversity conservation on public and private lands.
“BURN BACK BETTER” SEeks TO IMPROVE WESTERN STATE POLICIES

Tall Timbers partnered with the Property and Environmental Research Center (PERC) on the “Burn Back Better” report to analyze western state policies and recommend improvements to increase private lands prescribed fire. Released in January 2023, the report is the most comprehensive review of state-level prescribed fire policy affecting private lands in 11 western states. It examines the most significant obstacles to prescribed fire in the West, describes states’ recent progress on these fronts, and proposes reforms to allow private landowners to scale up prescribed fire use.

PUBLISHED RESEARCH HAS RECORD YEAR

Scientists published peer-reviewed articles in the world’s top journals in 2022: Nature Scientific Reports, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences NEXUS, Journal of Ecology, and Science of the Total Environment. Scientific research is our tool to answer pressing questions from our partners. It’s critical to Tall Timbers’ standing as a provider of research-based recommendations. We integrate research and land management. This combination also informs our work as a national thought leader and advisor to policymakers at the local, state and federal level. So many organizations either do research or they do implementation and policy. Tall Timbers does it all.

TAking LOCAL FIRE EXPERTISE TO ITALY

The 2022 Association for Fire Ecology Conference at the University of Florence highlighted Tall Timbers’ intersection of prescribed fire and science internationally. Tall Timbers’ Director of Research Morgan Varner was part of the organizing committee and was joined by Geospatial Lab Director Joe Noble, and Fire Ecology Program Director Kevin Robertson as presenters. Tall Timbers pressed for prescribed fire to be more prominent on the agenda, unique internationally, where wildfire is typically a focus. The event allowed current staff to build international fire connections, as well as reconnect with Tall Timbers’ history as an international leader in fire.
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In 2022, our supporters dedicated memorial gifts to the Leigh Perkins Conservation Education Center. Special gifts in memory of Leigh Perkins and Ken Hart helped Tall Timbers achieve the goal of $5 million needed to complete the construction goal. The Perkins Family generously helped to launch this new 12,000-square-foot building that will allow Tall Timbers to continue to fulfill its role as the epicenter for research and education on prescribed fire, land conservation, and wildlife management.

While the fundraising goal for the center’s construction has been achieved, additional endowment donations will support ongoing technology maintenance. Planning and permitting are underway in 2023, with construction scheduled for 2024.

44 YEARS OF WADE TRACT RESEARCH
With endowment support, Kevin Robertson, Bill Platt and Maynard Hiss completed the recurring Wade Tract tree census in 2022. Initiated in 1978, the long-term data provide an exceptional look at subtle changes occurring among trees that can live more than 500 years.

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RAIL RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

PRESCRIBED FIRE

The Eastern Black Rail is a threatened species that lives in fire-dependent coastal high marshes. Tall Timbers’ Stoddard Bird Lab is researching the species to help assess populations, and learn how prescribed fire can improve their habitat across the Gulf Coast states. The three-year NOAA RESTORE Science Act project is slated to end in 2023. Research has already resulted in official survey protocols for the species, and guidelines for detecting them with autonomous recording units. A comprehensive prescribed fire manual is being developed to provide key information on optimizing habitat for rails while minimizing mortality.

GEOSPATIAL LAB LEVERS GRANTS FOR CONSERVATION TECH

Grant funding is critical to our Geospatial Lab’s work developing conservation technology. For example, tapping into a $1.8 million grant, the Lab created the Southeast Fire Map in a joint effort with the U.S. Geological Survey to map all detectable fires across nine states using satellite data. Grant funding also allowed for continued work with NASA to track and analyze fire emissions and study surface vegetation. Additionally, the Lab developed the SE Burn Permit Database to analyze fire use based on permitting records from participating states. The technical capacity of the Geospatial Lab directly benefits our research and conservation programs, such as the development of mapping technology to identify ecologically at-risk areas to target for permanent conservation by our Land Conservancy.
TALL TIMBERS RESEARCH, INC.

Includes Subsidiaries

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| LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS |      |      |
| Current Liabilities |      |      |
| Accounts Payable | 272,321 | 479,259 |
| Due to Tall Timbers Foundation, Inc. | – | 83,650 |
| Notes Payable | 446,188 | 567,761 |
| Deferred Revenue | 189,395 | 155,450 |
| Total Current Liabilities | $907,904 | $1,286,120 |
| Long Term Liabilities |      |      |
| Notes Payable - net of current portion | $1,770,322 | $1,733,267 |
| Total Liabilities | $2,678,226 | $3,019,387 |
| NET ASSETS |      |      |
| Without Donor Restrictions | 8,806,597 | 8,980,493 |
| With Donor Restrictions | 34,463,216 | 36,815,185 |
| Total Net Assets | $43,269,813 | $45,795,678 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | $45,948,039 | $48,815,065

2022 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

TOTALS = $14,809,803

SOURCES OF REVENUE

TOTALS = $17,335,668