

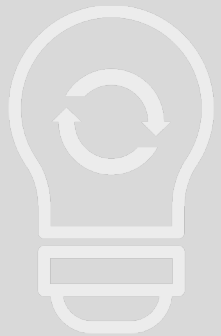
Conservation Initiative

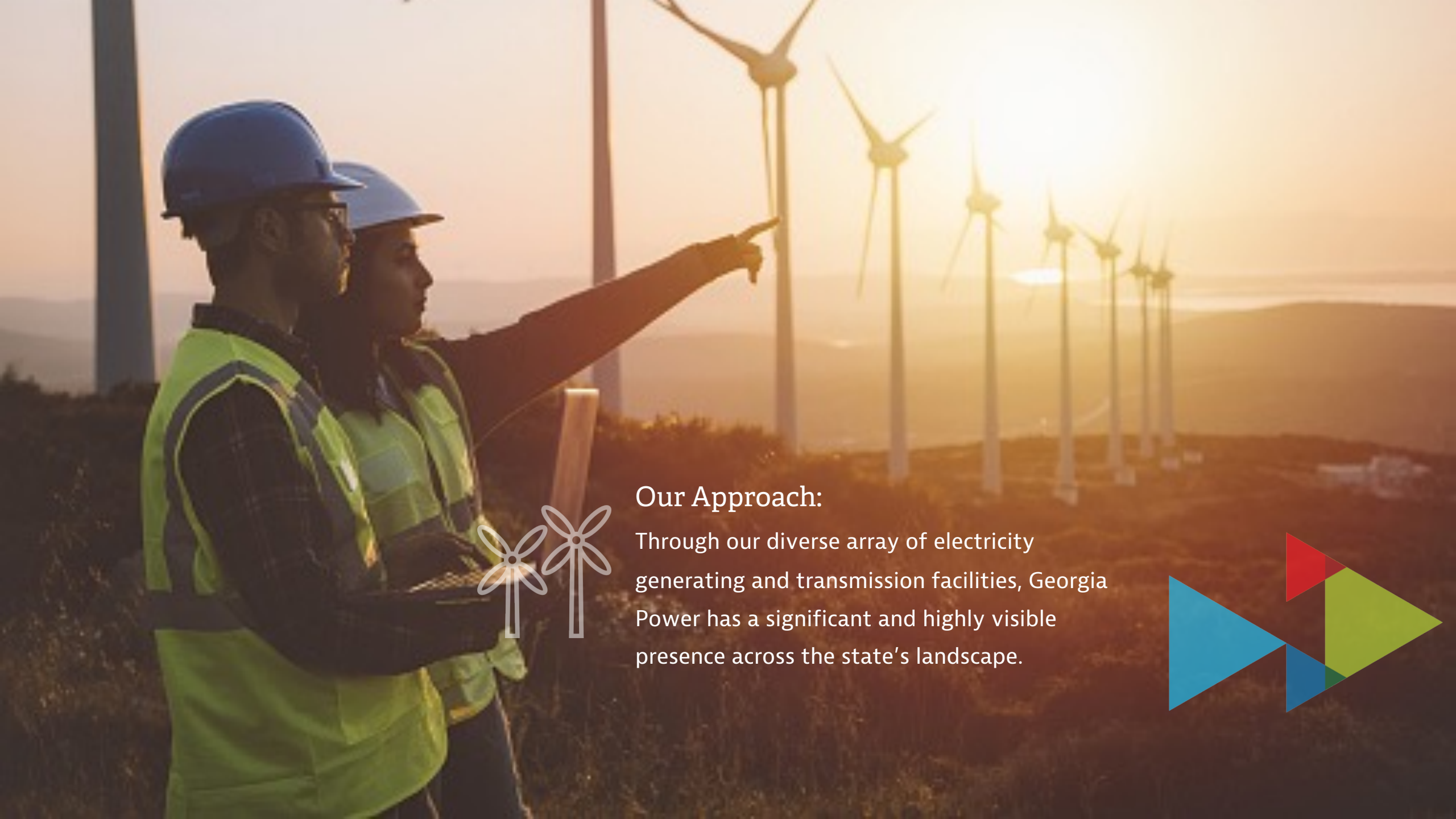
Environmental Affairs



Our Vision

We strive to build and maintain Georgia Power's place as a trusted environmental leader in Georgia and the Southeast to ensure our natural resources and ways of life are available long after we're gone. We do this through the promotion of sound science, open communication, innovative thinking, keeping our commitments, partnering with others, and considering regulatory compliance as our bare minimum standard. We do this for those that rely on the services our Company provides, for those who work diligently to provide those services, and for those that wait for us at home when our workday ends.





Our Approach:

Through our diverse array of electricity generating and transmission facilities, Georgia Power has a significant and highly visible presence across the state's landscape.



Responsible Forestry Practices



Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems

Georgia Power is one of the state's largest private landowners; we currently own and manage approximately 96,500 acres. We manage these lands with both environmental and business purposes in mind, a primary goal being the quality of life for current and future Georgians. Responsibly managing our land is at the heart of our intentional conservation approach.

Responsible Forestry Practices

Forestry is one of Georgia's top industries, and Georgia Power has long been a cutting-edge leader in sustainable forestry practices. We are annually recognized by Georgia Wildlife Resources Division's Forestry for Wildlife Partnership. As an active participant in Southern Company's Longleaf Stewardship Fund, we not only commit to expanding our own holdings of native longleaf pine, but we help fund projects to restore longleaf ecosystems across the state. We commit to meet and often exceed forestry best management practices as prescribed by the Georgia Forestry Commission, actions that extend benefits to aquatic species through the use of effective stream buffers and erosion prevention.



Healthy Aquatic Systems



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Georgia Power's roots are inseparable from Georgia's rivers. Going back more than a century, hydropower development in the Tallulah and Chattahoochee river basins helped pave the way for the company that electrified much of Georgia, and continues to do so today. Georgia's river systems support a wide range of human uses, from industry to municipal needs to recreation. They are also home to some of the most biodiverse aquatic ecosystems in the world. Water is a critical resource across our society, and we are committed to its wise and sustainable use.

Georgia Power has worked closely with partners on a number of aquatic resource issues, often filling critical gaps in conservation strategies. For more than two decades, we have contributed to conserving and restoring the robust redhorse, a fish long believed to be extinct. Recent efforts have included research and management targeting native, at-risk species of mussels in the Altamaha River basin. We are the only industry member of the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership, and we are closely involved in the Native Black Bass Initiative, researching ways to conserve the 12 species of bass that are endemic to the state of Georgia.



Education



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Environmental Education is an important component in leading our state into the future. To answer crucial resource allocation issues, tomorrow's leaders must be equipped with the technical background to understand complicated questions. That is why Georgia Power is committed to providing Georgia's students with deeper, experience-based knowledge of issues that are critical to effective conservation of our natural resources. Partnerships with local nature centers provide an out-of-classroom experience that can't be replicated elsewhere, while our own employees visit local schools to talk about important topics such as energy efficiency through Georgia Power's Learning Power program. Children and adults alike benefit from the educational impact of innovative stewardship projects that leverage partnerships to teach people highly effective ways to manage their own properties.



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