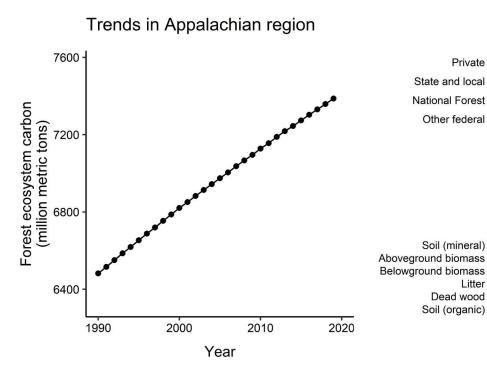


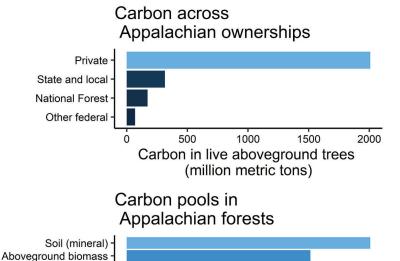
Forest Carbon Report: Appalachian Region

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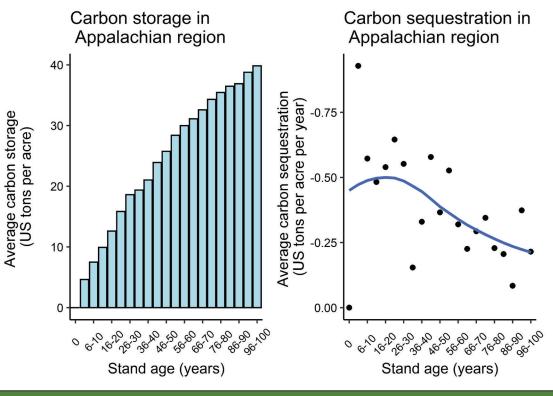
Dead wood Soil (organic)







1000



Carbon Definitions

3000

2000

Carbon stocks

(million metric tons)

Carbon pool: a component of the forest that can gain or lose carbon over time

Carbon storage: the amount of carbon retained in a forest and/or

Carbon sequestration: the process by which trees and plants use carbon dioxide and photosynthesis to store carbon as

Units: Forest carbon is typically expressed in US tons per acre or metric tons (1 metric ton = 1.10 US

Quick Facts on Forest Carbon

- The Appalachian region has 93.4 million acres of forests and is 40% forested.
- Appalachian region forest carbon stocks have increased by 14% from 1990 to 2019.
- Average carbon density in aboveground trees across Appalachian region forests is 30.6 US tons per acre.

In the Appalachian region, forests, urban trees, and harvested wood products:

- Remove 7% of all CO₂ emissions across the states. (Across the US, this value is 14%.)
- Store the equivalent of 19 years of all CO₂ emissions produced across the states.