

### Summary of Comments on 4NCX-Natural Capital Exchange\_A Macintosh 3\_8\_22.pdf

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THE TRUSTED FOREST CARBON MARKETPLACE

# Natural Capital Exchange

Connects companies to quality credits at scale

Democratizes access to forest carbon markets



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How NCX works overview:

NCX measures "business as usual" scenario and the volume of carbon eligible for earning credits

Landowners bid on the price at which they would be willing to defer some or all harvests for one year. NCX runs a reverse auction.

Once bids are accepted, landowners reduce their harvest by the agreed amount for one year, and NCX verifies the reduction, issuing credits to buyers and payment to landowners for the actual amount of additional carbon delivered.

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#### HOW IT WORKS



## NCX connects net-zero pioneers to forest landowners



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Reminder of how our program works

Emphasis on quarterly cycles: we are currently sharing results from Winter 2022 cycle, next up is our Spring 2022 cycle

This isn't an exchange. We run projects where we pay landowners for activities. Those projects generate carbon credits. For the project economics to make sense, we have to balance the price we pay landowners with the price we receive for carbon credits, taking into account the number of credits we think the projects will generate. That's it.

Using program innovation and technology to reimagine forest carbon markets

1-year contracts
\$0 enrollment fees

No minimum acreage

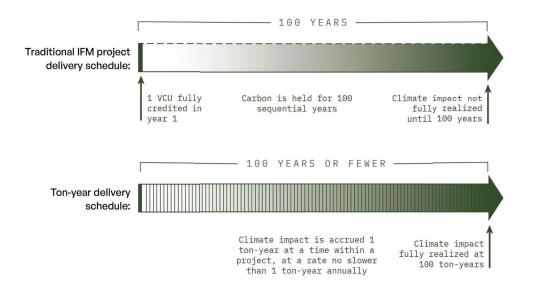
Payment on delivery

\$3-10/acre/year average

#### PERMANENCE



### With ton-year accounting, we can create more flexible program terms.



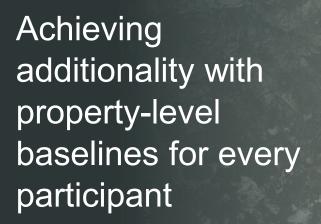


Basemap is the first ever high-resolution forest map of the entire US. It estimates the sizes and species of trees on every acre of forest in America.

We leverage the following sources:

- 1. Landsat 8 and Sentintel 2 multi-spectral satellite imagery
- 2. National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD)
- 3. US Forest Service FIA data
- 4. NCX-collected ground measurements

And a whole lot of computing power!

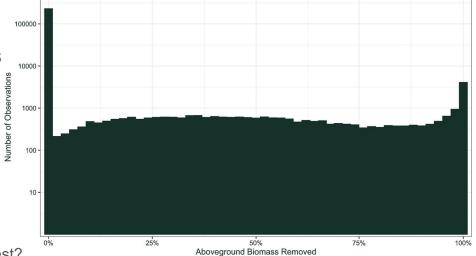


- 1. Inventory from Basemap
- 2. Ownership type
- 3. Access to markets
- 4. Market conditions



### How does NCX think about harvest risk?

- Data from FIA revisited plots, NWOS survey data, and other public data sources
- Aiming to predict the percent of aboveground biomass that will be removed in the next 12 months
- Two predictions:
  - 1. What is the probability of harvest?
  - 2. How much is harvested?





#### Over 3.7M

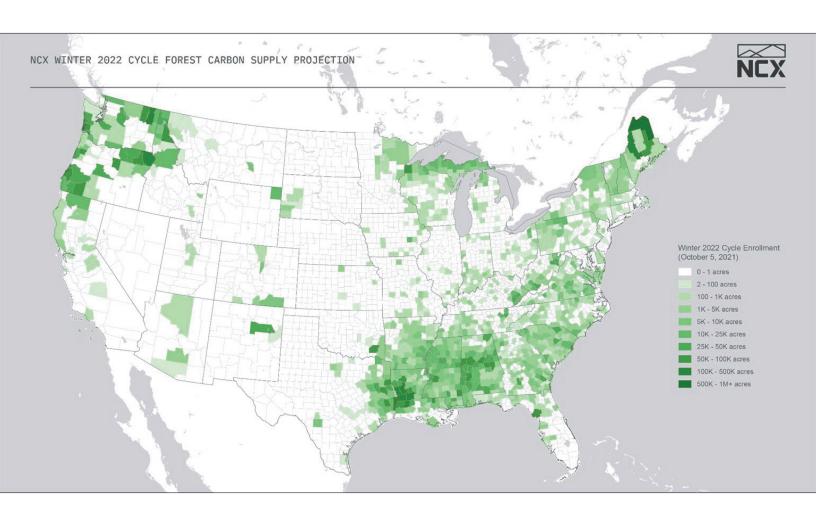
Acres enrolled in NCX across 38 states

#### Over 2,400

Landowners under contract to defer timber harvests



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We've seen a tremendous increase in engagement and participation over the three commercial cycles held in 2021:
We have 2,475 landowners actively participating in our harvest deferral program across 3.7M acres!



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## How the NCX forest carbon program works from the landowner perspective

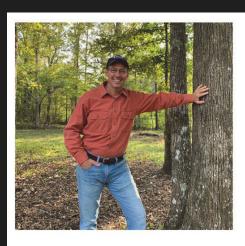
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Enrollment	Assessment	Fulfillment	Deferment	Delivery
Landowners enroll their acres for a free assessment	We assess each property's unique business-as-usual removals baseline and likelihood of harvest this year	Landowners choose prices at which they'd be willing to defer harvesting and this is matched with buyer demand	Landowners defer some or all harvesting for 1-year	Landowners are paid upon delivery

## To ensure additionality, NCX needs to know about existing easements on the property

- The landowner/participant needs to have the timber rights
- If the easement already restricts or limits harvesting, the property won't be eligible for NCX
- Programs that encourage/require harvesting are a good fit for simultaneous NCX enrollment (ex. Current use property tax reduction programs)



## More than 35% of NCX landowner participants are represented by a consulting forester



#### Tom Manuel

#### Consulting Forester | Louisiana | Mississippi

"I'm a landowner, but also a consulting forester. The added income is appealing for our family farm and learning more about the program so I can introduce it (or not) to my clients is important.

I particularly like that NCX has overcome what I think have been the problems with other carbon programs in the past; namely multiple-year contract periods and third party verification costs."



## On the Path to Verra Certification

Verra is excited about the potential of NCX's methodology, particularly its incorporation of tonne-year accounting and its use of remote sensing to improve measurements both for baselining and for project monitoring.

We believe this approach has the potential to unlock greater supply, reduce monitoring costs, address issues of project reversibility, and increase transparency in forest carbon markets.

—Jerry Seager, Senior Director, GHG Programs

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Expect to deliver fully certified credits by mid



#### The Future of Natural Capital

2x managed forest value when all forest benefits valued by 2035

Water

Timber







Biodiversity & wildlife habitat



Carbon via afforestation & non - US credits





# Thanks for your interest in NCX!



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