



**SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY
AND AFRICAN AMERICAN
LAND RETENTION NETWORK**



Welcome to November!

As the year winds down, we're excited to share updates, stories, and highlights from across the SFLR Network. This newsletter is your window into the work we do to preserve land, build wealth, and strengthen family legacies throughout our communities.



The Power of Gratitude

As we enter the month of giving thanks, I'm reflecting on the role gratitude plays in our work and in the lives of the landowners we serve. Every acre preserved, every family legacy strengthened, and every story of resilience reminds us to pause and give thanks.

This November, I'm especially grateful for the hands and hearts that make up the SFLR community, our network sites, partners, landowners, and supporters. Your commitment allows us to grow stronger together.

And speaking of growth, SFLR is celebrating a major milestone that will open new doors for our work and the communities we serve. This achievement marks an exciting step forward in strengthening our mission and expanding the impact of everything we do. We can't wait to share the details with you very soon.

Warmly,

Roots to Resilience Empowering Land Legacies

Join SFLR and the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities For a LinkedIn Live Announcement

Big news is on the horizon for **The SFLR Network**! Join us on LinkedIn Live as our Executive Director **Bethaney Wilkinson** and **Delie Wilkens**, Director of Communities for the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, come together to share an exciting announcement about what's next for SFLR.

The graphic features a dark green background. At the top left is the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities logo, and at the top right is the Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Network logo. The main title 'SFLR X U.S. Endowment Special Announcement' is centered in large white text. Below it, the date and time 'Join us live on LinkedIn | November 4, 2025 at 12:30pm ET' are displayed. At the bottom, two headshots of the speakers are shown: Bethaney Wilkinson on the left and Delie Wilkens on the right. White arrows point from their names and titles to their respective photos.

U.S. Endowment
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Bethaney Wilkinson
SFLR Network

Delie Wilkens
U.S. Endowment for Forestry
and Communities

This conversation will offer an inside look at how SFLR continues to grow, evolve, and expand our impact in supporting African American and underserved landowners across the South.

- Tuesday, November 4, 2025
- 12:30 PM ET
- Streaming Live on LinkedIn

Be part of the moment and be the first to hear what's coming next for our network.

[Click here to RSVP](#)



UAPB Small Farm Program Hosts Retreat for Arkansas Landowners.

This month, SFLR Network site, **University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff**, hosted a retreat for Arkansas landowners. The event, themed “Promote, Prepare, Plan, Practice, Persevere, Prosper and Preserve,” provided landowners with firsthand training, critical resources, and peer networking opportunities to build working forests, grow land wealth, and strengthen family legacies.

An attendee from Nevada County said he found the retreat informative and beneficial, providing insight and tools to enhance his long-term forestry management plan.



Legacy Builders

Roanoke Cooperative Forest Landowner Conference Marks a Successful Event

Our SFLR Network site **Roanoke Cooperative**, through the **Sustainable Forestry & Land Retention Project**, recently hosted a Forest Landowner Conference in Rocky Mount, NC.

Attendees enjoyed presentations, panel discussions, and shared photos highlighting expertise in forest products, forest health, prescribed burns, conservation easements, and more.

The conference was a great turnout and a true opportunity for landowners to connect, learn, and strengthen their stewardship practices.





[Learn more here](#)

Closing Reflections

Thank you for reading and being part of our SFLR family. Together, we're not just protecting legacies, we're building futures rooted in equity, sustainability, and self-determination.

With gratitude,
The SFLR Team

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