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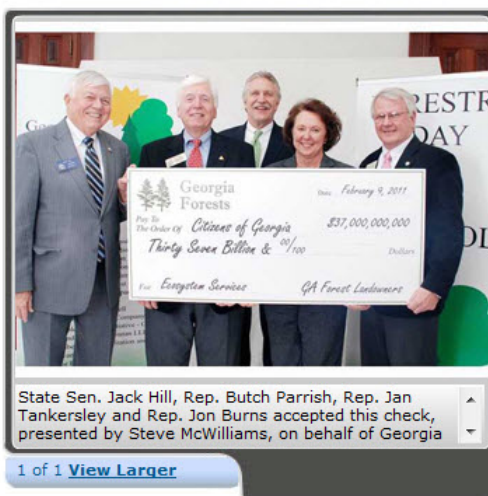
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During Forestry Day at the Georgia State Capitol, state Sen. Jack Hill, Rep. Butch Parrish, Rep. Jan Tankersley and Rep. Jon Burns accepted this check on behalf of Georgia and their constituents.

The check, presented by Steve McWilliams, executive director of the Georgia Forestry Foundation, reflects the \$37.6 billion ecosystem services value of the 22 million acres of privately owned forests identified in a study conducted by Dr. Rebecca Moore at the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia.

Her study, entitled *Quantifying the Value of Non-timber Ecosystem Services from Georgia's Private Forests*, was funded by the Georgia Forestry Foundation and numerous other public, private and non-profit organizations that seek public policy that promotes working forests.



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