

## Strategic Concept: Daniel Boone Forest Stewardship

CarbonCore Inc. is exploring a long-term environmental stewardship initiative in relation to the Daniel Boone National Forest, located just south of its project site in Boyd County, Kentucky.

### Purpose

This initiative is intended to strengthen CarbonCore's environmental and community impact profile through structured conservation efforts, public-private collaboration, and natural heritage enhancement. While not a direct financial vehicle, the program would significantly reinforce CarbonCore's public positioning, state and federal alignment, and long-term ESG value.

### Scope

- Support maintenance and ecological integrity of selected portions of the Daniel Boone National Forest
- Partner with local stakeholders, Forest Service representatives, and relevant nonprofits
- Contribute to trail restoration, watershed protection, youth conservation employment, and access equity
- Where sustainable, utilize forest-derived residuals (e.g. sawmill waste, slash, thinning) as biomass feedstock
- Replace or restore all forest biomass removed, ensuring full carbon and habitat recovery

### Sustainable Biomass and Reforestation Commitment

Where appropriate and sustainable, CarbonCore may incorporate forest-derived residuals, such as sawmill waste, slash, and thinnings, as part of its biomass feedstock supply chain. No feedstock will be sourced from clear-cutting or intact forest destruction.

CarbonCore is committed to ensuring that all biomass derived from forest sources is replenished through active restoration, replanting, or habitat conservation measures. The goal is to maintain or improve net forest cover and carbon sink capacity across the impacted region.

### Strategic Relevance

While not directly tied to the bridge round or financial mobilization, this initiative complements CarbonCore's mission by reinforcing its commitment to environmental regeneration, rural enrichment, and national decarbonization. It is being evaluated as a foundational pillar of CarbonCore's long-term ESG platform and community license to operate.

### Status

Early-stage exploration. Concept only. No formal commitments, grant applications, or agency engagements made at this time.