



Illustris Palustris Award 2020



The North Carolina Longleaf Coalition presented the 2020 Illustris Palustris Award to Julie H. Moore, former coordinator of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's national Safe Harbor Program and active member of the North Carolina Longleaf Coalition. Julie Moore has a record of dedication over four decades to longleaf pine preservation and restoration in North Carolina and across the whole range of longleaf ecosystems.

Beginning in the 1980s, while on staff of the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, she confirmed the importance of longleaf pine forests as a premiere ecosystem and organized instructional workshops for public land management agencies and landowners to promote restorative and protective management of longleaf pine. With her leadership the Natural Heritage Program identified superior remnant longleaf pine ecosystems on public lands and in private ownerships, including those held by the Walthour-Moss Foundation, the City of Fayetteville's Bonnie Doone Park, U.S. Forest Service, and by the US Army and Marine Corps. She negotiated voluntary management agreements with the owners to assure ongoing conservation management.

During her time away from North Carolina, Julie was the founding director of the Tall Timbers Research Station's land conservancy, chair of the the Florida Fire Council, and lead the Nature Conservancy's Camp Shelby biological inventory in the longleaf forests of Mississippi. While coordinator of the US Fish & Wildlife Service's national Safe Harbor Program (2004-2019), Julie promoted safe harbor agreements for over 80 species including the red-cockaded woodpecker. She also worked with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to establish their Working Lands for Wildlife Program for at-risk species across the nation, including the gopher tortoise, by providing landowners cost share funds for management actions such as longleaf establishment, prescribed burning, and invasive species control.

Julie returned home to North Carolina five years ago. Recently retired from her long professional career, Julie Moore remains active and dedicated to all things Longleaf. She continues to be a "longleaf advocate" and provides longleaf pine preservation and management education to landowners, foresters and land managers, native plant enthusiasts, and the general public.

Julie is a longtime supporter of The Longleaf Alliance and served on the LLA Board of Directors from 1996 through 2019. For The Alliance she facilitated workshop sessions and panel discussions at all thirteen Biennial Longleaf Conferences, assisted with numerous longleaf publications, and presented at Longleaf Academies.

Julie continues to promote longleaf ecosystems as a current board member of the State of North Carolina's Plant Conservation Program. She is a Southern Conservation Partners cofounder and board officer. She is an active member of the NC Longleaf Coalition and advocate for the North Carolina Longleaf Honor Roll initiative.

Julie H. Moore richly merits recognition for her lifelong dedication and "missionary work" on behalf of longleaf pine preservation and restoration in North Carolina and throughout its entire range.



Julie Moore receives the 2020 Illustris Palustris Award.

