

Sustainable Local Foods Advisory Council

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North Carolina Farmland Preservation Program

- Established in 1986 by the North Carolina General Assembly
- NCGS 106-735 to 744
- In 2005, the General Assembly passed House Bill 607 establishing the NC ADFP Trust Fund.
 - The legislation also established a 19-member Trust Fund Advisory Committee to advise the Commissioner of Agriculture



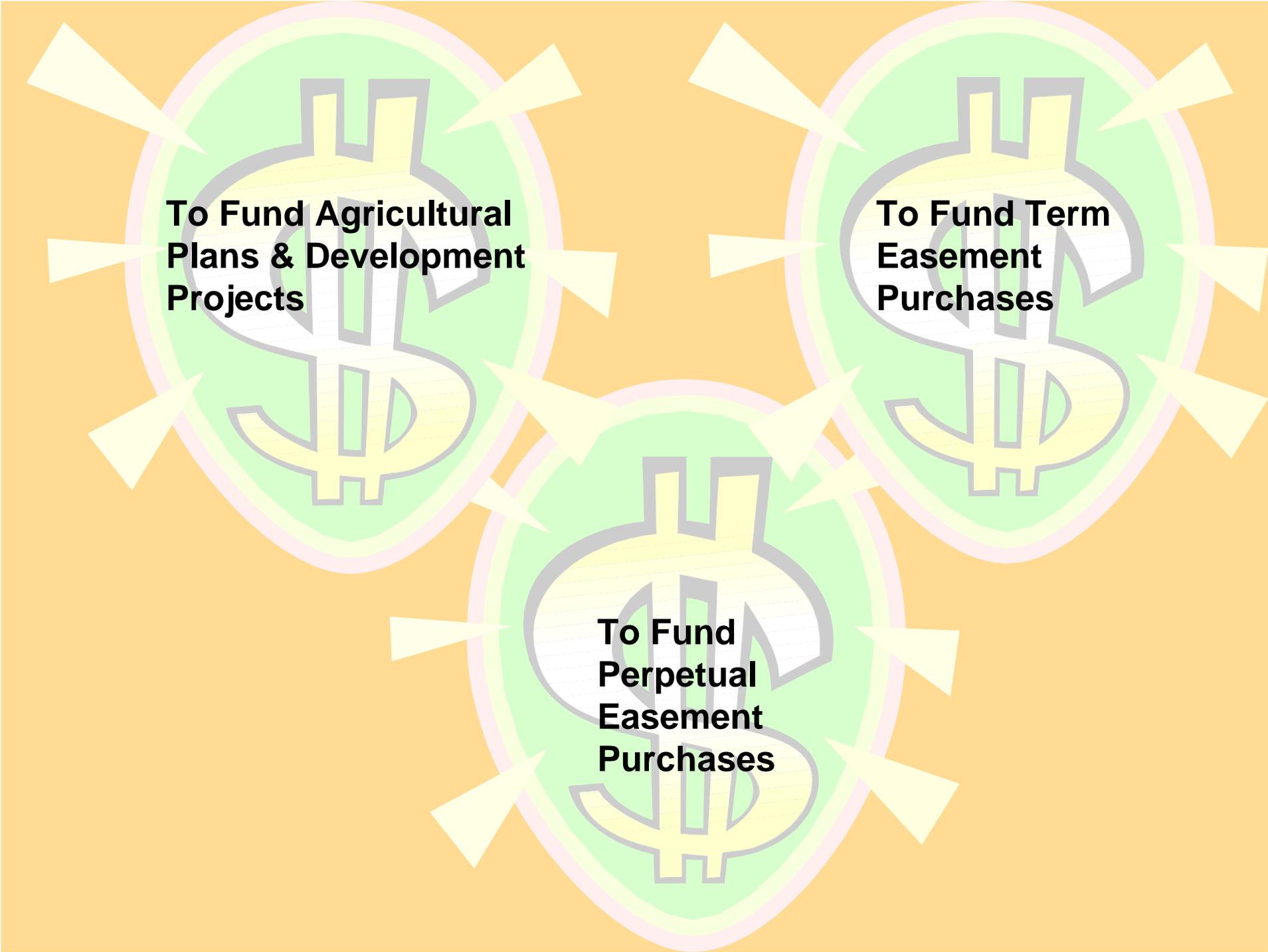
NC ADFP Trust Fund Advisory Committee



- Ag Commissioner Steve Troxler-
Chairman
- Garrett Wyckoff - NC Dept. of
Commerce
- Andrew Branan - NC Farm Transition
Network
- Linda Shaw– RAFI
- Jimmy Gentry - NC State Grange
- Billy Guillet - NC Rural Economic
Development Center
- Bill Holbrook - Farmer
- Anne G. Briley - Farmer
- Dr. Ed Jones - NC Cooperative
Extension Service
- Anthony Allen - NC Assoc. of County
Commissioners
- Edgar Miller - Conservation Trust for
NC
- Erica Peterson - NC Agribusiness
Council
- James Ferguson - NC Assoc. of Soil
& Water Conservation Districts
- Gilistine Richardson - Black Farmers &
Agriculturalists Assoc.
- Robert Slocum Jr. - NC Forestry
Assoc.
- Jackie Thompson - Farmer
- Dr. Alton Thompson - NC A&T State
University
- Manly Wilder- Assistant Secretary of
NC DENR
- Steve Woodson - NC Farm Bureau

**To Fund Projects To Encourage The
Preservation Of Qualifying
Agricultural, Horticultural, And
Forestlands To Foster The Growth,
Development, and Sustainability of
Family Farms.....**





**To Fund Agricultural
Plans & Development
Projects**

**To Fund Term
Easement
Purchases**

**To Fund
Perpetual
Easement
Purchases**

2008-2009 (Cycle I) Grant Cycle

- Awarded \$7.6 million in grants to help communities across the state protect farmland or promote agricultural development.
- Received 93 applications requesting \$29 million in grants.
- A total of 41 grants were funded.

2009-2010 (Cycle II) Grant Cycle

- \$4 million available for funding.
- Received 70 applications.
- Over \$15 million in grant requests.
- Awarded over \$3.9 million in grants.
- Awarded 35 grants.

Cycle III Applicant Summary

- **Easements:**

- 30 Easement Applicants (29 Perpetual, 1 term)
- Total Requested Grant Amount: \$6,262,598 (Perpetual: \$6,067,598; Term: \$195,000)

- **Plans and Projects:**

- 10 Plan Applicants Total
- 5 Project Applicants Total
- Total Requested Grant Amount: \$676,499

- **Total:**

- 45 Applicants
- Requested Grant Funds: \$6,939,097

Protected Acreage Overview

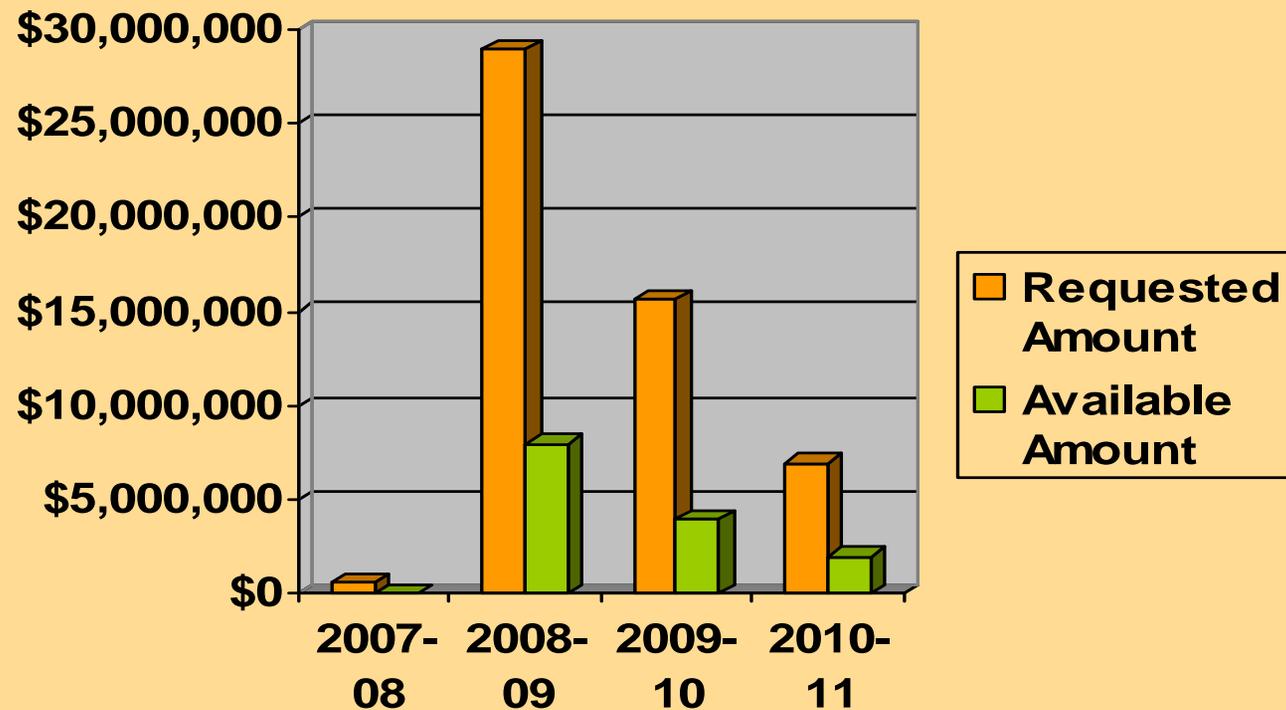
As of April 14, 2010

Cycle	Acreage Under Review for Contract	Acreage Currently Under Contract	Acreage Placed in Easement
I		1,202	2,100
II		2,515	393
III	3,936		
Total	3,936	3,717	2,493

Other Farmland Preservation Efforts

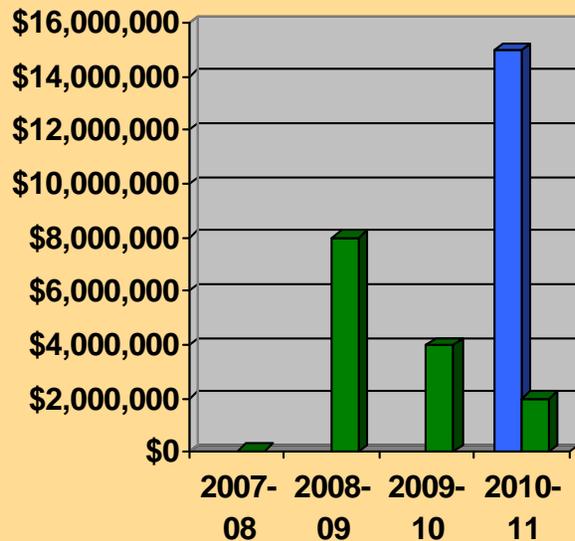
- There are currently 76 counties with Voluntary Agricultural Districts in place.
- 16 counties have developed Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural Districts.
- 12 county-wide Farmland Protection Plans have been written and implemented.

ADFP Trust Fund Grant Application Requests 2007- Present



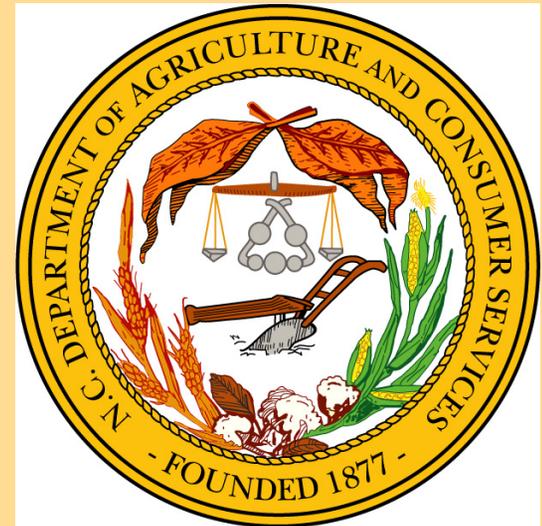
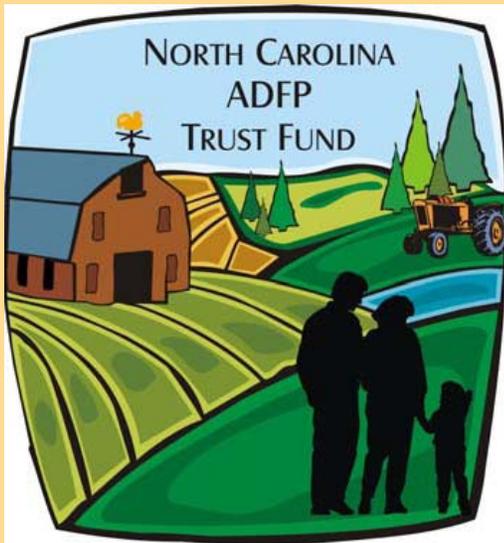
Cycle IV Grant Year

For the upcoming fiscal year July 2010-June 2011, the Commissioner and ADFP Advisory Committee are requesting \$5 million for Cycle IV grant applications, based upon unfulfilled requests from Cycle III.



- Requested Amount for Cycle III funding: \$15 million
- Actual Amount Received for Cycle III funding: \$2 million

Questions?





ADFP Trust Fund "Farmland Protection"

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