North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Committee



December 5, 2019

Agenda

2:00 pm	Welcome and Introduction ➢ Committee Member Roll Call ➢ Steve Troxler, Commissioner, NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services ➢ Ariel Aponte, Assistant Secretary, NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs ➢ Reid Wilson, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources ➢ Gordon Myers, Executive Director, NC Wildlife Resources Commission ➢ Dr. Myron F. Floyd, Interim Dean, College of Natural Resources, NCSU ➢ Chester Lowder, NCFB Livestock Public Policy Director	Steve Troxler Commissioner of Agriculture Veronica Jamison ADFP Trust Fund Office Manager
2:05 pm	Reading of Ethics Reminder ➢ <u>ETHICS REMINDER</u>: Under the State Government Ethics Act, the chairman is required to remind all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest or appearances of conflicts of interest. If you have any conflict or appearance of conflict of interest with respect to any item on the agenda, please state this for the record and refrain from inappropriate participation on that item.	Steve Troxler Commissioner of Agriculture
2:06 pm	Approval of Minutes for August 22, 2019	Steve Troxler Commissioner of Agriculture
2:10 pm	Committee Member Reports Pertaining to NC Sentinel Landscape Activities ➢ NCDA&CS Report ➢ NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Report ➢ NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Report ➢ NC Wildlife Resources Commission Report ➢ College of Natural Resources - NCSU Report ➢ Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report	Dewitt Hardee Farmland Preservation Director Ariel Aponte Assistant Secretary Reid Wilson Deputy Secretary Gordon Myers Executive Director Dr. Myron F. Floyd Interim Dean Chester Lowder NCFBF Livestock Public Policy Director
3:00 pm	USDA RCPP and REPI Challenge Grant Application Status	Evan Davis Farmland Preservation Assistant Director
3:20 pm	Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items	Steve Troxler Commissioner of Agriculture
3:30 pm	Public Comments	Public Attendees
3:35 pm	Next Meeting, Assignments & Adjournment	Steve Troxler Commissioner of Agriculture

Committee Member Roll Call

- **Steve Troxler**, Commissioner, NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- **Ariel Aponte**, Assistant Secretary, NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
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Ethics Reminder

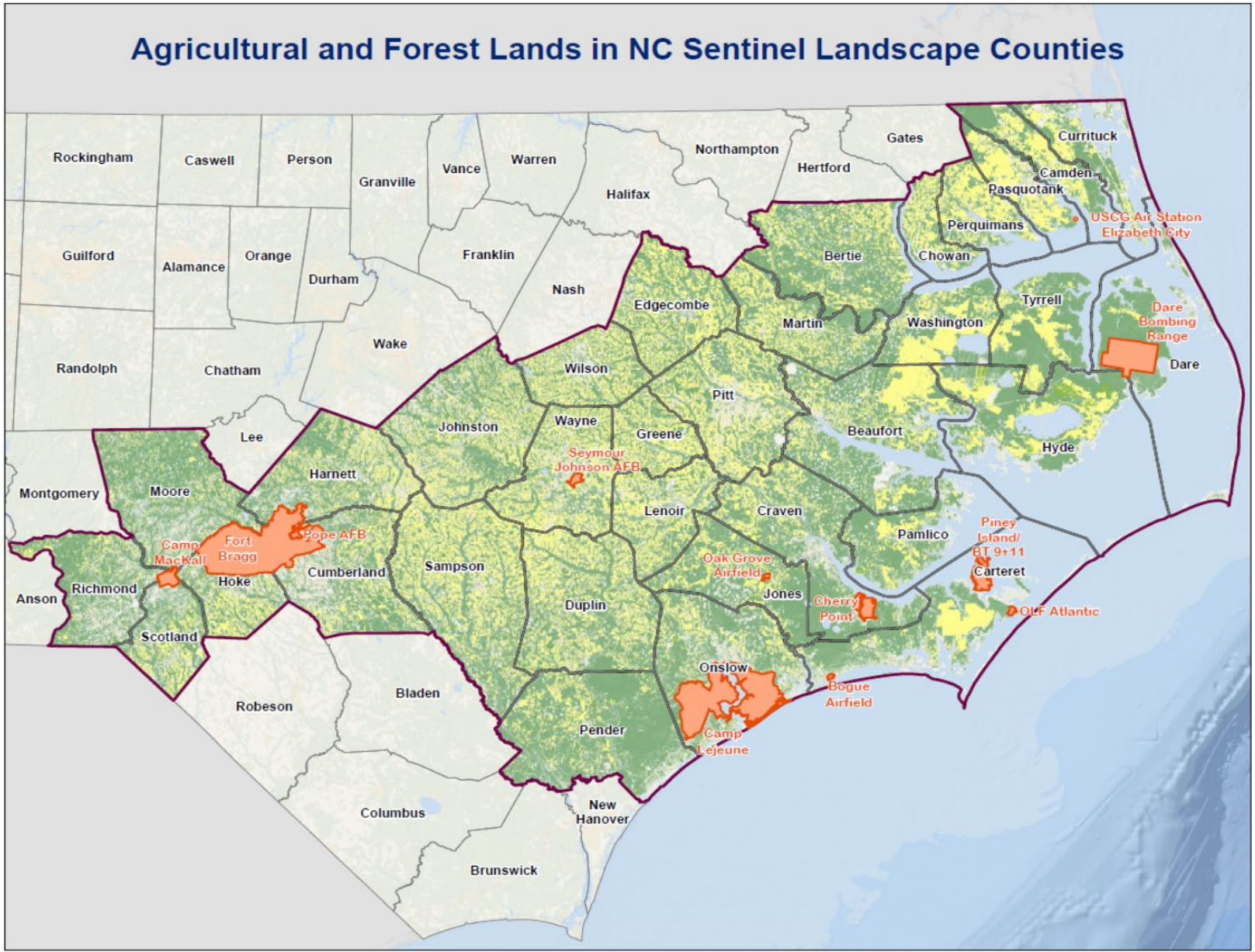
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Approval of Minutes

- August 22, 2019

NCDA&CS ENCSL Program Updates

Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape



NAVY- ALE-ADFPTF Template

- Submitted revised template to NAVFAC on October 1, 2019
- On step 3 (Waiting on NAVFAC Edits)
  - 1. NCDA&CS Legal will be using the current NAVY – ADFPTF template (Exhibit B-Deed Easement) which is to same as the fillable template easement (ADFP Navy Easement Template Final -Fillable) and begin inserting terms and conditions associated with the USDA NRCS Conservation Easement requirements.
  - 2. The additional USDA NRCS Conservation requirements will be pulled from the current USDA NRCS ALE – NCDA&CS ADFPTF conservation easement template. A copy of this conservation easement template (ADFP ALE Easement Final Template 10-18-2018 Fillable) is attached.
  - 3. The revised draft of language (USDA NRCS-NAVY-NCDA&CS ADFPTF) will be forwarded to USDA NRCS for comments and edits.
  - 4. The USDA NRCS comment and edited version will then be sent to NAVFAC (Amanda) for review and comments.
  - 5. All revisions and edits will be then be sent to all parties involved and hopefully discussed with a hopefully approval by all.

ENCSL Military / Agriculture Conservation Easement Designated Funds 2014 to 11-13-2019				
	Resource Amount	Expenditures	Contracted or Selected for Contracting	Balance
ADFPTF				
Totals	$ 12,871,186.67	$ 882,218.25	$ 8,954,205.87	$ 3,034,762.55
USAF- NCDACS Cooperative Agreement				
Totals	$ 8,429,270.00	$ 797,718.25	$ 7,794,948.66	$ (163,396.91)
NAVY-NCDA&CS Encroachment Protection Agreement				
Totals	$ 1,138,101.00	$ -	$ 1,112,858.59	$ 25,242.41
USDA NRCS ALE				
Totals	$ 6,782,570.00	$ -	$ 6,716,270.00	$ 66,300.00
Total Funding	$ 29,221,127.67	$ 1,679,936.50	$ 24,578,283.13	$ 2,962,908.04

ENCSL Stats

- The ADFP Trust Fund is currently working with landowners to conserve and preserve **49,514.82 acres** in the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape (ENCSL).
- The ADFP Trust Fund has **contracted 11,440.39 acres** of privately-owned farms and forests determined by military partners to be in areas vital to the training mission of the armed services.
- The total project value for these conservation easement contracts total **$24,578,283.**
- The ADFP Trust Fund **leveraged $15,624,077 million** in federal funds for these projects.
- There are **38,074.43 acres** of privately-owned farms and forests **under option** for conservation easements.

NCMAC – NCDA&CS Agreement

2019 Agreement

- Status
  - Signed November 13, 2019
  - $150,000
  - MOU agreement has same elements as 2018 agreement

2018 Agreement

- Status

Current Remaining Balance
$124,449.56

Military Affairs Quarterly Budget Report (July-Sept 2019)

Administrative
Rodney Woolard – Total work payment & hours - $933.63 for 27.5 hours
Joe David Austin -Total work payment & hours - $1,391.95 for 42 hours
Dick Fowler -Total work payment & hours - $137.50 for 4 hours

Total this quarter $2,463.08 for 73.5 hours

Grant Expenses
$2,258.79 – NCFSWC Project
$1,848.50 – NCSU Project

NCMAC – NCDA&CS Agreement NCFSWC Activities

Managing Your Land and Legacy; a Landowner Outreach Meeting of the ENC Sentinel Landscapes Partners

Landowners and Landusers this is a chance to learn about a variety of conservation tools and land management resources available to you!

The Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes partnership is offering a series of landowner outreach meetings entitled Managing Your Land and Legacy: Opportunities and Options. Attendees will be exposed to federal, state, and private resources and programs all geared to keep agriculture and forestry lands in production by meeting the objectives of the private landowner and producers. Attendees receive a copy of the Conserving Working Lands handbook and a chance to speak to local representatives during the "Conservation Speed Dating" portion.

Funding is provided by the NC Military Affairs Commission, the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The local soil and water conservation districts are hosting the meetings and the NC Foundation for soil and Water Conservation provides staff support.

December 6, 2019 Moore County Workshop
7:30AM to 10AM at the Moore County Ag Center, 707 Pinehurst Ave, Carthage NC 28327

January 24, 2020 Hyde County Workshop
7:30AM to 10AM at the Hyde County Government Center Multi-Purpose Room, 30 Oyster Creek Rd, Swan Quarter NC 27885

January 31, 2020 Jones County Workshop tentative

Craven and Washington Counties will also hold workshops in 2020

The ENC Sentinel Landscapes partnership is an innovative partnering approach focused on collaboration and coordination between farmers and foresters, conservationists, and the military bases to provide mutual benefits to protect the state's two largest economic sectors - Agriculture + Forestry and the Military.

2016 RCPP ALE Land Parcels

Cycle	ADFP Tracking Number	Contract Number	Grantee	Project Name	Acres
XI	ADM-ADFP-MIL-RCPP-004	16-030-2037	The Working Lands Trust, Inc.	ABCEDEF Farm	298
XI	ADM-ADFP-MIL-RCPP-18-001	16-030-2038	The Working Lands Trust, Inc.	ABCEDEF Farm	61.6
XI	ADM-ADFP-MIL-RCPP-18-002	16-030-2039	The Working Lands Trust, Inc.	ABCEDEF Farm	120.86
XI	ADM-ADFP-MIL-RCPP-18-003	16-030-2031	The Working Lands Trust, Inc.	ABCEDEF Farm	290.52
XI	ADM-ADFP-MIL-RCPP-18-005	16-030-2036	The Working Lands Trust, Inc.	ABCEDEF Farm	201.25
XI	ADM-ADFP-MIL-RCPP-18-006	16-030-2034	The Working Lands Trust, Inc.	R&M Properties of Hyde County LLC	409.5
XI	ADM-ADFP-MIL-RCPP-18-007	16-030-2033	The Working Lands Trust, Inc.	Shoaf Farm	655.34
					2,037.07

NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Report

NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Report

NC Wildlife Resources Commission Report

College of Natural Resources-NCSU Report

Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report

USDA RCPP and REPI Challenge Proposals

- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
  - Proposal submitted December 3, 2019

- Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Challenge
  - Pre-Proposal form due January 24, 2020
  - All pre-proposal applicants will be notified regarding status of their pre-proposals on February 21, 2020
  - If invited, full proposals due April 24, 2020

Additional Business Items



Public Comments



Next Meeting, Assignments, & Adjournment

