North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Committee

FEBRUARY 18, 2026



Agenda

10:00 AM	Welcome and Introduction Committee Member Roll Call Voting Members • Steve Troxler, Commissioner, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services • Rick Long, Installation Coordinator, NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs • Jeff Michael, Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources • Kyle Briggs, Executive Director, NC Wildlife Resources Commission • Dr. Myron F. Floyd, Dean, College of Natural Resources, NC State University • Chester Lowder, Sentinel Landscape Partnership Liaison • Jeremy Goodwin, State Roadside Environmental Engineer, NC Department of Transportation Ex Officio Members • Dr. Chris Baillie, Interim Partnership Coordinator • Jaime Simon. External Affairs and Communication, DoD REPI Program • Denise Evans, Community Planner, 4th Civil Engineer Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base • Marty Korenek, Government and External Affairs, Marine Corps Installations East	Steve Troxler *Commissioner of Agriculture* Veronica Jamison *Farmland Preservation Office Manager*
10:05 AM	Reading of Ethics Reminder	Steve Troxler *Commissioner of Agriculture*
10:06 AM	Approval of Minutes for December 9, 2025	Steve Troxler *Commissioner of Agriculture*
10:10 AM	Committee Member Reports on 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 • NC Department of Transportation • Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes Coordinator • United States Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program • Seymour Johnson Air Force Base • Marine Corps Installations East	 Evan Davis, *Farmland Preservation Director* Rick Long, *Installation Coordinator* Jeff Michael, *Deputy Secretary* Kyle Briggs, *Executive Director* Dr. Myron F. Floyd, *Dean* Chester Lowder, *Partnership Liaison* Jeremy Goodwin, *State Roadside Environmental Engineer* Dr. Chris Baillie, *Interim Partnership Coordinator* Jaime Simon. *External Affairs and Communication, DoD REPI Program* Denise Evans, *Community Planner, 4th Civil Engineer Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base* Marty Korenek, *Government and External Affairs, Marine Corps Installations East*
11:00 AM	Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partner Spotlight: NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation	Amanda Egdorf-Sand *Executive Director*
11:15 AM	Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items	Steve Troxler *Commissioner of Agriculture*
11:30 AM	Public Comments	Public Attendees
11:35 AM	Next Meeting, Assignments, and Adjournment	Steve Troxler *Commissioner of Agriculture*

Committee Member Roll Call

Voting Members

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Ex Officio

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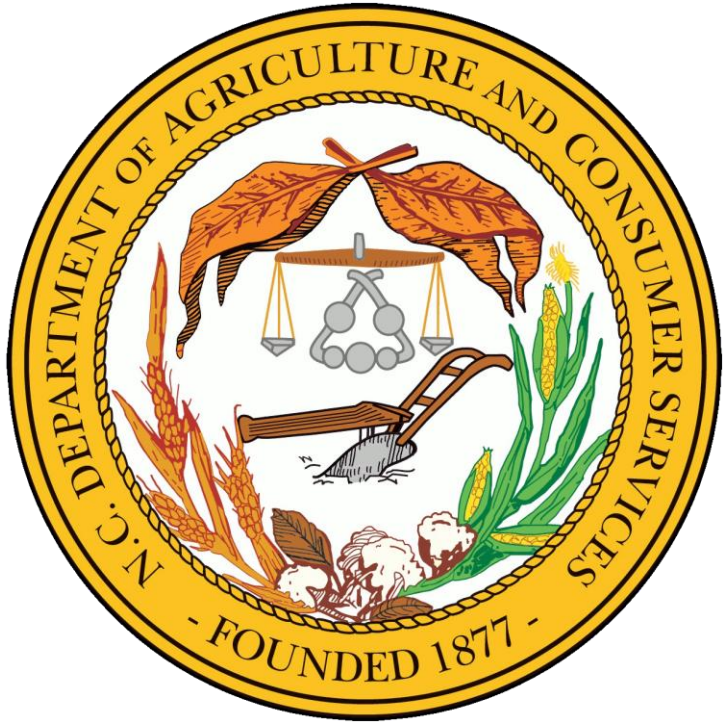
Ethics Reminder

- *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.*

Approval of Minutes

- December 9, 2025

NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Report



Military Partnership Agricultural Conservation Easements – Open Contracts

Farm Name	Military Partner	County	Grantee	Length	Acres
Boyd Farm	USAF-SJAFB	Washington	Working Lands Trust	Perpetual	1,164.08
				Total Acres	**1,164.08**

Completed Military Partnership Agricultural Conservation Easements Since 2016

Military Partner	Acres Conserved	Easements Recorded	Counties
USAF	10,905.494	20	Bertie, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington
Navy/USMC	4,447.291	8	Jones, Pamlico, Onslow
Totals	**15,352.415**	**28**	**7**

Easement Purchase Funding Summary for Completed Military Partnership Agricultural Conservation Easements

NCDA&CS Easement Purchase Funds	REPI (Military) Easement Purchase Funds	USDA Easement Purchase Funds	Landowner Donation of Easement Value	Total Easement Purchase Value
$11,300,469.34	$13,961,381.21	$5,063,613.78	$3,038,641.24	**$33,364,105.57**

MOU with NC MAC

Project	Award	Expenses thru October 2025	Balance
NCDA&CS Project	$40,100.00	$36,846.29	$3,253.71
Coordinator Position	$120,305.60	$0.00	$120,305.60
WLT Project	$53,467.00	$49,704.98	$3,762.02
NCFSWC Project	$53,467.00	$53,467.00	$0.00
TOTAL	**$267,339.60**	**$140,018.27**	**$127,321.33**

NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Report



INFORMATION & EFFORTS

1. NCMAC MOU Completed, Being process
2. 7 Military Child of the Year Semifinalists from NC
3. Military Childcare Roundtable Results
4. XVIII ABC LTC Gavin Joint Innovation Outpost Open,

DATE	TIME	EVENT	EVENT LOCATION	Section
17-19-FEB-26	All Day	AFCEA	Fayetteville, NC	Military Affairs
25-FEB-26	1000	MCAS CP Strategic Partnership Day	Fort Bragg, NC	Military Affairs
12-MAR-26	0900	NC Commander's Council	Ft. Bragg, NC	Military Affairs
24-26-MAR-26	All Day	AUSA Global Force Symposium	Huntsville, AL	Military Affairs
26-March-26	TBD	Roadshow	Asheville, NC	Secretary Mallette
27-MAR-26	TBD	ROTC Roundtable	NCSU	Military Affairs
APR-26	TBD	Military Child of the Year Semifinalist	Jacksonville, NC	Secretary Mallette/ Military Affairs
19-22-APR-26	1000	USNL Sea, Air Space	National Harbor, MD	Military Affairs

NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Report



North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

NCLWF is currently accepting applications for the 2026 grant cycle. The deadline is March 1. More information here: https://nclwf.nc.gov/apply .

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North Carolina Department of Natural & Cultural Resources

North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The deadline for certification of 2025 donations for the Conservation Tax Credit recently passed.

(Preliminary numbers will be provided at the meeting)

DNCR
North Carolina Department of Natural & Cultural Resources

NC Wildlife Resources Commission Report



NC State University College of Natural Resources Report



Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report



Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report

Highlights

- REPI Challenge
- MIRR Kickoff
- Easement Closings
- Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund

Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report

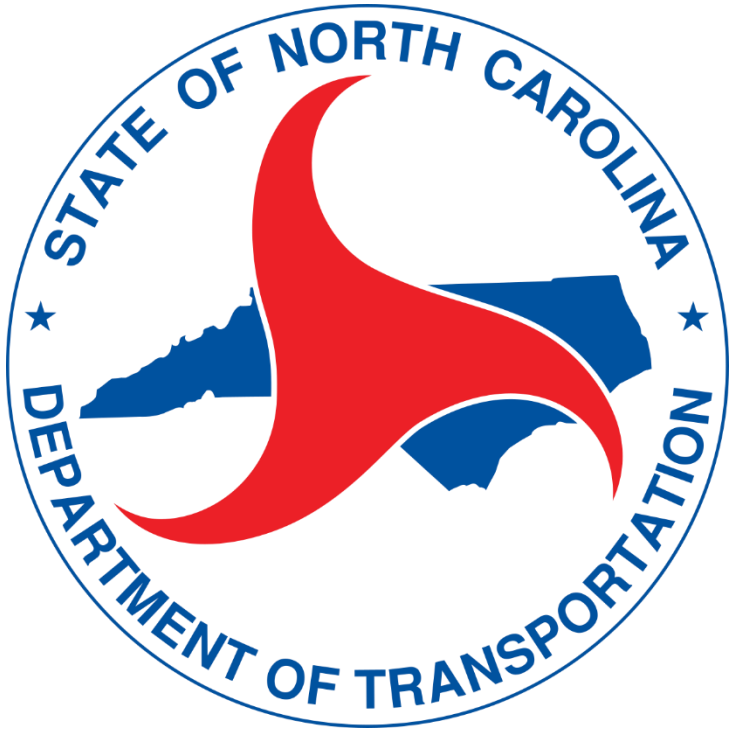
Highlights

- WRE/ALE Decision Memo

- Resilience Specialist Hiring



NC Department of Transportation Report



Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes Coordinator Report



United States Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program Report



Seymour Johnson Air Force Base



Marine Corps Installations East











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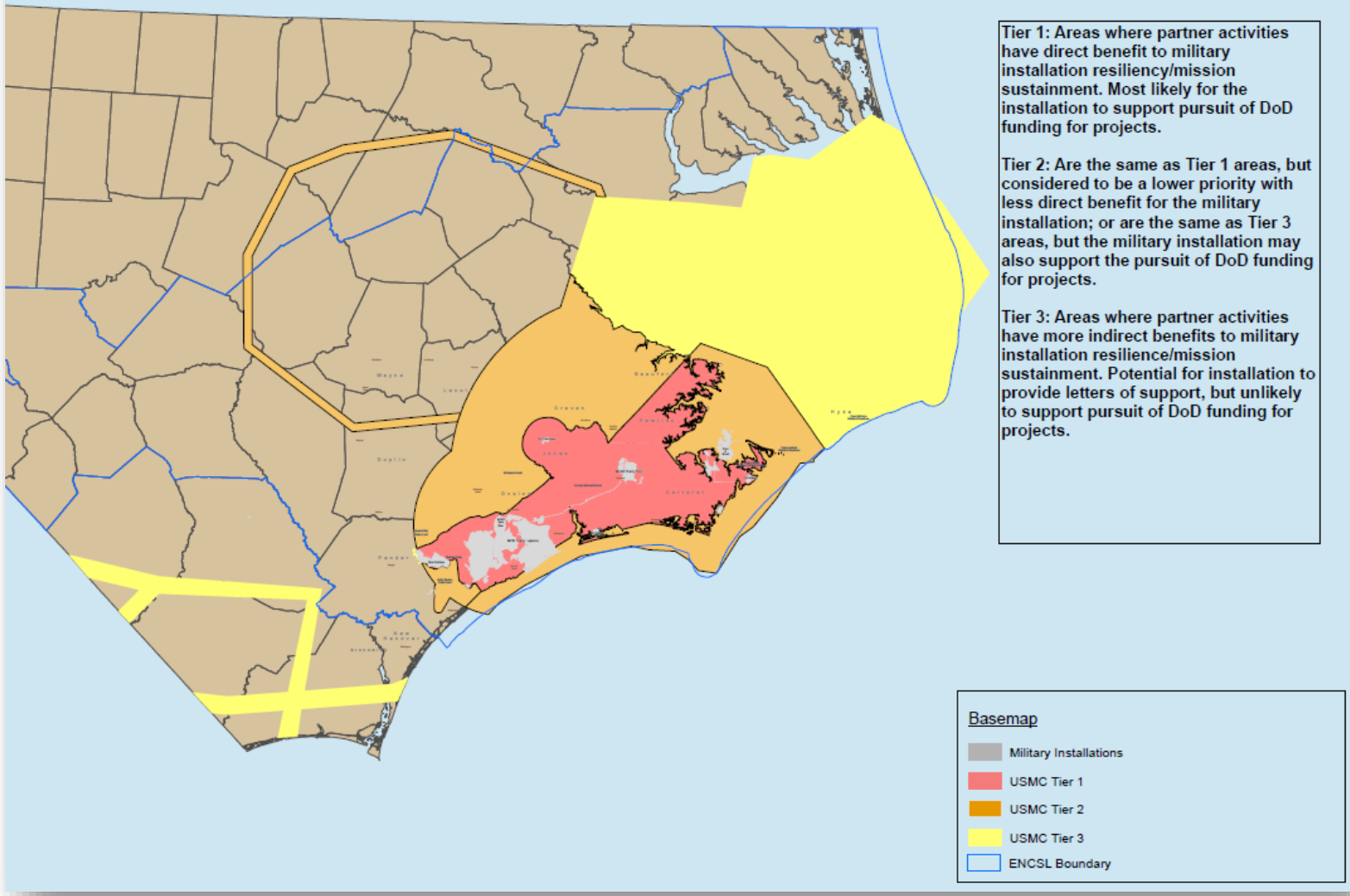
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Marine Corps Installations East Report

DISTRIBUTION: DoD COMMUNITY ONLY

MCIEAST - USMC - ENCSL TIERING MAP



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MCIEAST Encroachment Projects/Easements

- Futral Project
  - The “Futral” project, partnered by Working Lands Trust, was executed on 19DEC25 and consists of 465.13 acres of working lands located in Onslow County, NC. The Navy and North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) co-hold a perpetual easement over the entire property. The total purchase price of the “Futral” easement was $635,000.00 with Navy’s share totaling $317,500.00.
- Upcoming Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Projects
  - MCB Camp Lejeune — King (Pender County, 115 acres, EOY 2026 Closing)
  - MCB Camp Lejeune — Saus (Pender County, 217 acres, EOY 2026 Closing)
  - MCB Camp Lejeune — Thomas (Onslow County, 33 acres, EOY 2026 Closing)
  - MCAS Cherry Point — Carteret 2, Phase 3 (Carteret County, 897 acres, EOY 2026 Closing)
  - MCAS Cherry Point — Carteret 7 (Carteret County, 787 acres, Spring/Summer 2026 Closing)
  - MCAS Cherry Point — Carteret 2, Phase 4 (Carteret County, 400 acres, 2027 Closing)
  - MCAS Cherry Point — North River Headwaters LLC (Carteret County, 273 acres, EOY 2026/ Early 2027 Closing)
- REPI Funding for FY26
  - To be announced

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QUESTIONS?

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Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partner Spotlight





NC FOUNDATION for

SOIL&WATER CONSERVATION

An Incubator of Conservation Ideas since 1999

Together we are driving conservation forward

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Our Priorities



$53 M in Support

raised and leveraged for conservation in NC

www.ncsoilwater.org

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AgCarolina Farm Credit
AgSouth Farm Credit
NC Pork Council
Farm Bureau North Carolina
Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Gross Farms
Smithfield Good food. Responsibly.
North Carolina Forestry Association
NC Electric Cooperatives

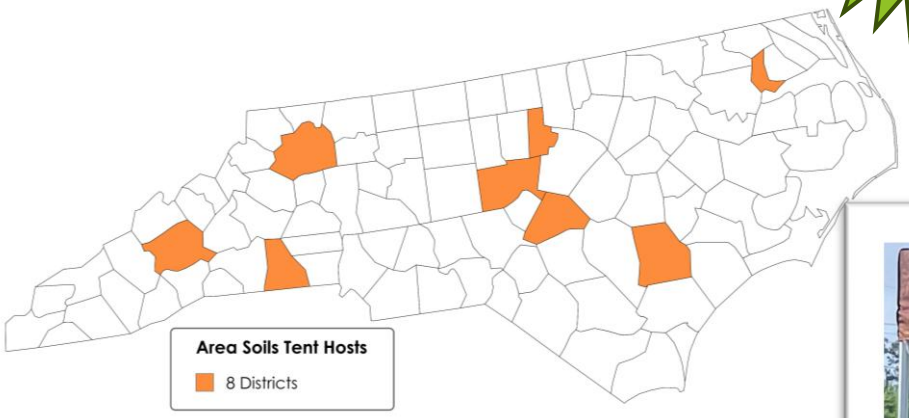


Education & Outreach

21 Projects | $4.7 M

NC FOUNDATION for SOIL&WATER CONSERVATION

Soils Tents for all 96 Districts



A1: Buncombe
A2: Wilkes
A3: Chatham
A4: Durham
A5: Chowan
A6: Duplin
A7: Harnett
A8: Cleveland

https://tinyurl.com/soils-tents





8 Area Tents +
14 District Tents

2024-2025

Education & Outreach Tools for Districts

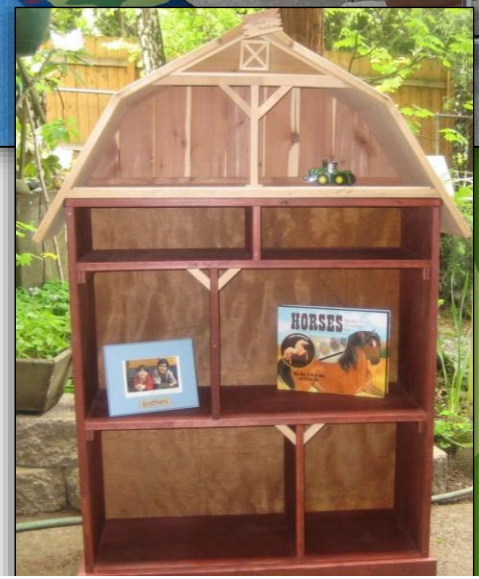
45 Education Tools for 27 Districts

2024-2025



Enviroscape in action
Stokes SWCD





Book Barns in Classrooms
Alleghany SWCD

115 Events

25k People Reached

By Districts from 2023-2025



Tech Boost for Enviroscape
Lincoln SWCD



Augmented Reality Sand Table
Wilkes SWCD



Education & Outreach Tools for Districts

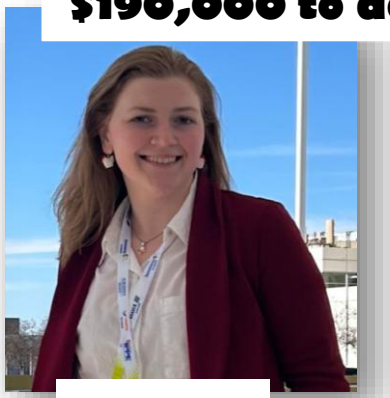
App Closes 3/31

Careers in Conservation Scholarship Program

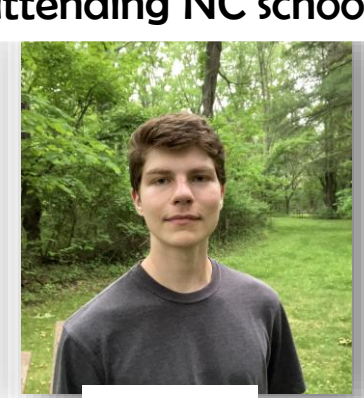
Supporting over **121 future conservation leaders** with college scholarships

$190,000 to date for NC students attending NC schools for natural resource-related fields


Buncombe


Granville


Watauga


Orange


New Hanover


Wilkes


Rutherford

Appalachian State University

University of North Carolina Asheville

NC State University

Warren Wilson College

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

UNCW University of North Carolina Wilmington

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill


Wake


Wake


Randolph


Columbus


Guilford


Stokes


Chowan

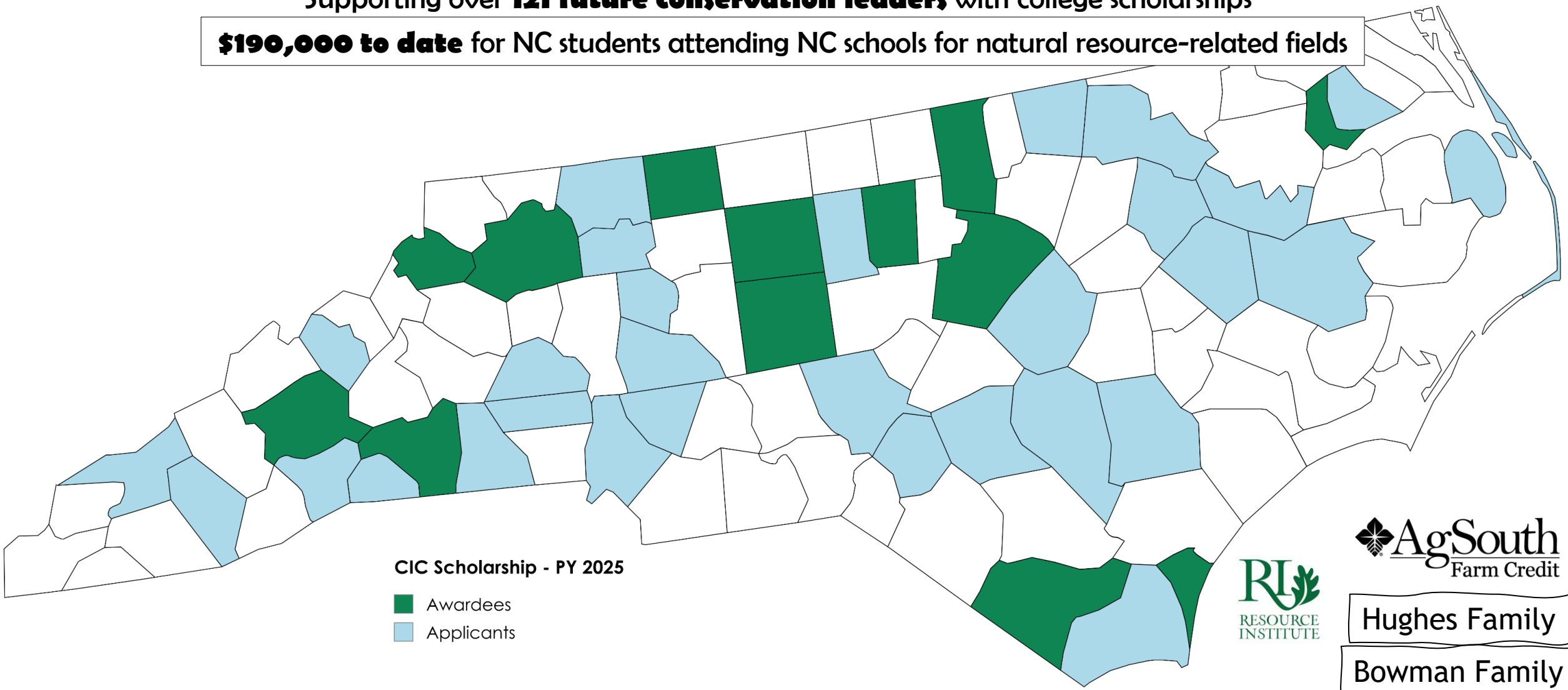
Education & Outreach - Supporting the Next Generation of Leaders

NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation

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AgSouth Farm Credit

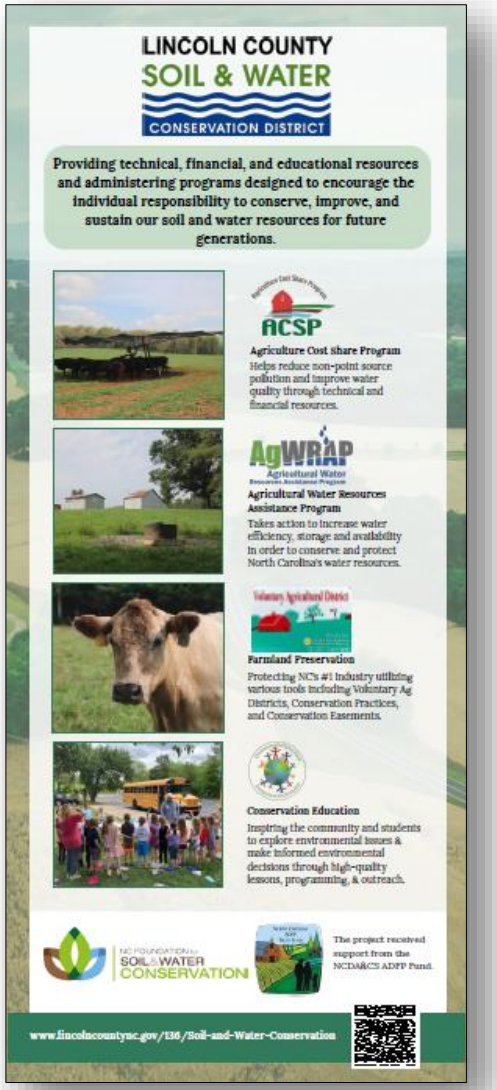
RI RESOURCE INSTITUTE

Hughes Family

Bowman Family

Education & Outreach – Supporting the Next Generation of Leaders

FREE BANNERS for Districts Programs







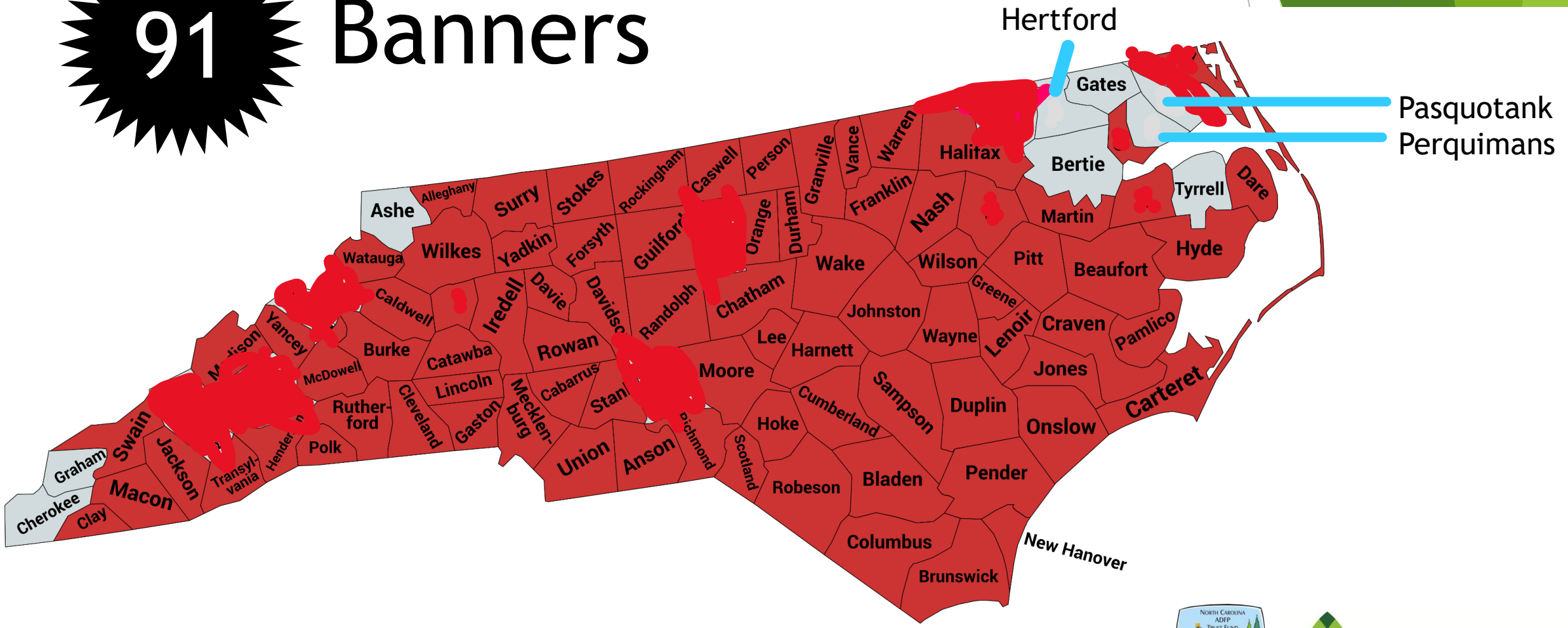


Education & Outreach Tools for Districts

NORTH CAROLINA ADFP TRUST FUND

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91 Banners

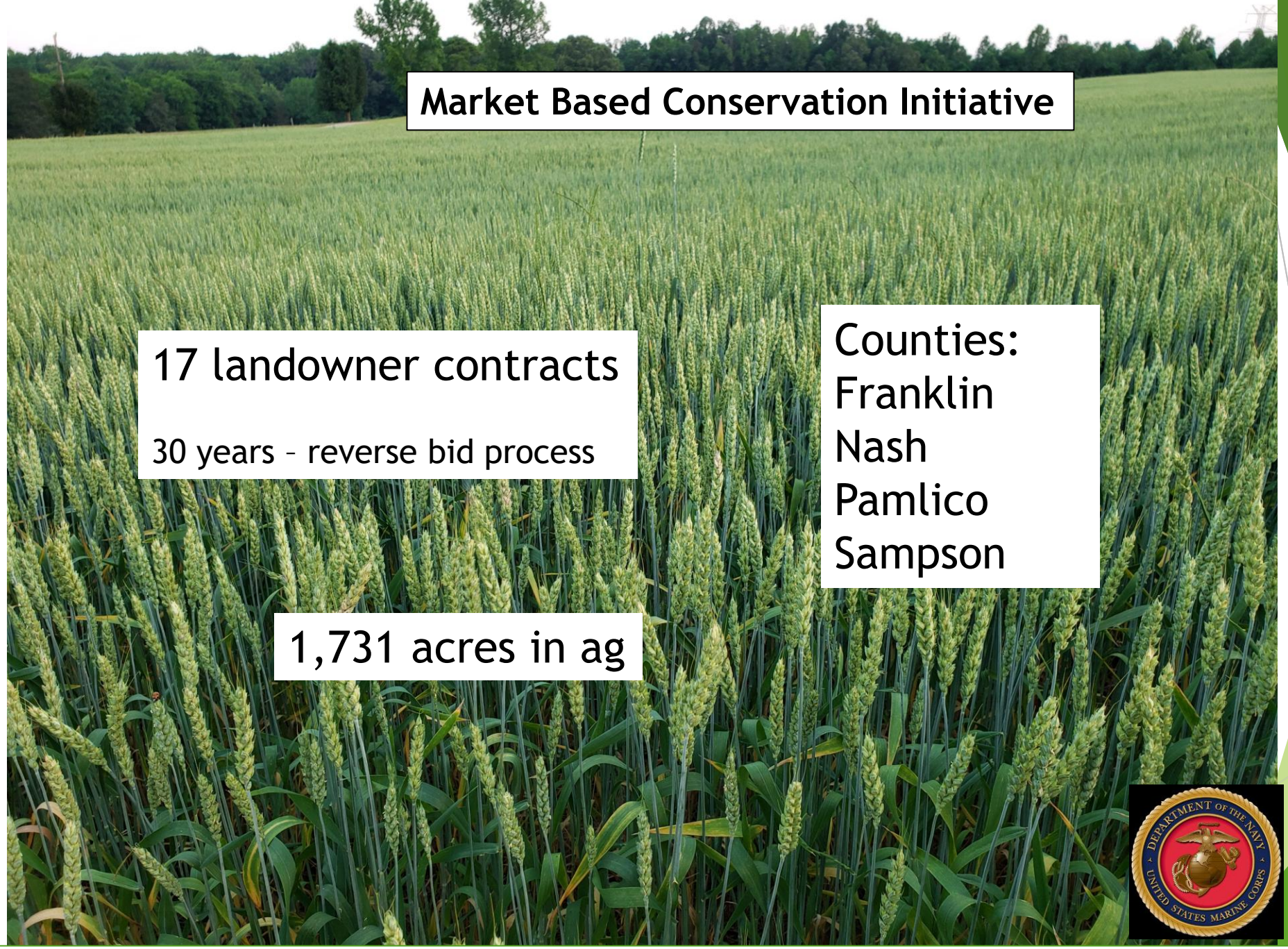

Hertford
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Perquimans
Gates
Halifax
Bertie
Tyrrell
Dare
Martin
Hyde
Warren
Vance
Granville
Franklin
Nash
Wilson
Pitt
Beaufort
Greene
Craven
Pamlico
Lenoir
Jones
Carteret
Onslow
Duplin
Pender
New Hanover
Brunswick
Columbus
Bladen
Robeson
Scotland
Sampson
Cumberland
Hoke
Johnston
Wayne
Lee
Harnett
Wake
Orange
Durham
Person
Caswell
Rockingham
Stokes
Surry
Alleghany
Ashe
Watauga
Wilkes
Yadkin
Forsyth
Guilford
Randolph
Chatham
Davie
Iredell
Davidson
Rowan
Cabarrus
Stanly
Mecklenburg
Union
Anson
Richmond
Moore
Caldwell
Burke
Catawba
Lincoln
Gaston
Cleveland
Rutherford
Polk
McDowell
Yancey
Madison
Transylvania
Henderson
Jackson
Swain
Graham
Macon
Clay
Cherokee



Improving the Environment

30 Projects | $33 M

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Market Based Conservation Initiative

$1.2M

17 landowner contracts

30 years – reverse bid process

Counties:
Franklin
Nash
Pamlico
Sampson

1,731 acres in ag

NORTH CAROLINA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
Yours for Life

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Conservation Partnership



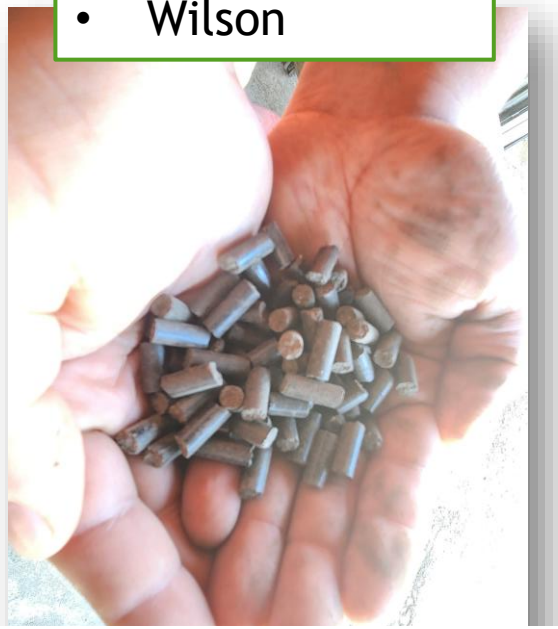
Innovative Manure Management

Project Locations

- Bladen
- Duplin
- Lenoir
- Northampton
- Pender
- Sampson
- Wilson

Stats as of 4/30/25 (last reported)	
Tons of Fertilizer Produced:	2,322
Tons of Fertilizer Sold:	1,776
Avg % of fertilizer moved out of NC:	83%
Sludge removed from lagoons:	17,212 cubic yards

14 Awardees



Pelletized Sludge-Based Fertilizer

As of Today:	
Planning Stage:	9 projects
Active Stage:	5 projects
Grant $ Expended:	$1,754,701
Grant $ Remain:	*$2,245,299*
Match $ Expended:	$5,234,176
Match $ Remain:	*$14,724,469*

Over $5 million in strategic funding for manure management and fertilizer production

Innovative Conservation

NC PORK COUNCIL

NC FOUNDATION for SOIL&WATER CONSERVATION



Building Conservation Capacity

61 Projects | $15.2 M

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Advancing Community-Led Resilience Initiatives and Co-Designed Conservation Practices in a Sentinel Landscape

$1.5M

GOALS

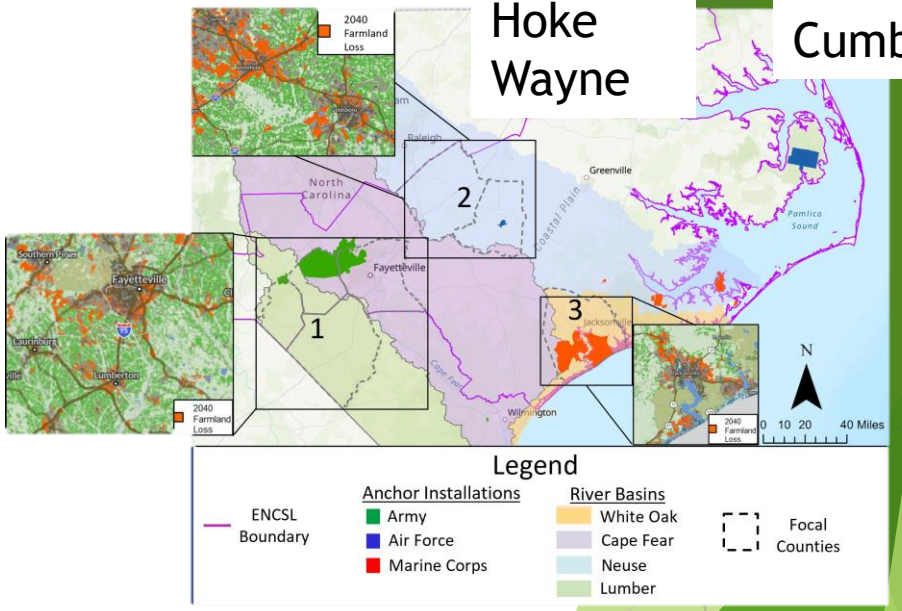
- Build conservation capacity
- Utilize community & indigenous knowledge to prioritize nature-based solutions
- Support stakeholder engagement

ACTION PLAN:

- ⟹ Targeted outreach – Lumbee Tribe & SWCDs
- ⟹ Heirs' Property outreach
- ⟹ H&H modeling for 3 watersheds
- ⟹ Stakeholder meetings – streamline permitting

Robeson
Scotland
Hoke
Wayne

Johnston
Onslow
Cumberland







Current Initiatives



No-Till Drill
Guilford SWCD



Boom Sprayer
Alleghany SWCD



No-Till Drill
Davie SWCD

District Rental Equipment

- 20 no-till drills
- 1 boom sprayer
- 1 roller crimper
- 1 seeder with trailer
- 4 Fire ant bait spreaders

27 Pieces of Equipment







23 Demo Days

1,100

People Reached

Soil Health – District Equipment

ADFP Trust Fund

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Soil Penetrometer
Lenoir SWCD



Fire Ant Bait Spreader
Durham SWCD
Orange SWCD
Davidson SWCD
Person SWCD



Drones for Districts

Storm assessment
Easement monitoring
Crop health

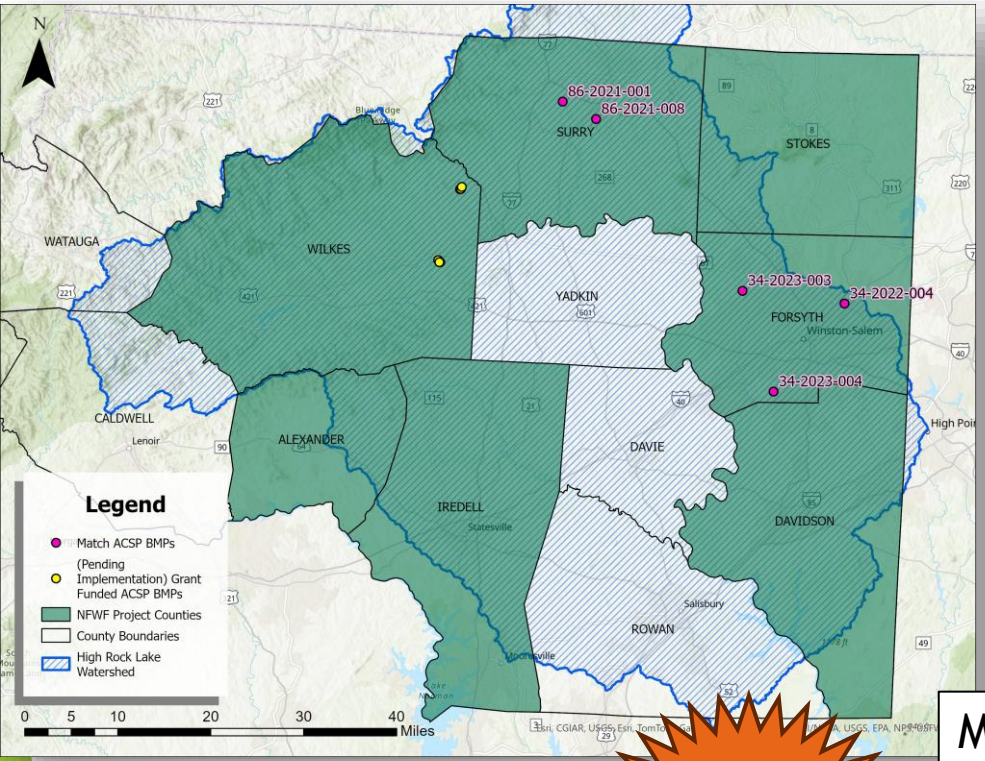
12 Drones

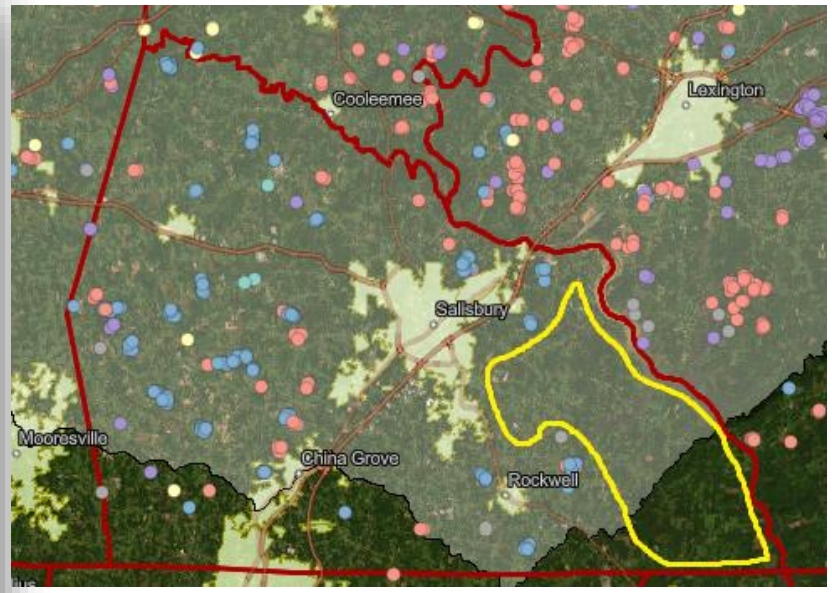


District Post Driver Packages
7 host Districts (mountains)
Hurricane Helene

7 Post Drivers

Improving Soil Health to benefit Freshwater Aquatic Species in the High Rock Lake Watershed







Mapping a Baseline in Rowan County
BMP Implementation 2006-2016

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District Reports

AmeriCorps

NFWF

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Farmland Preservation and Farm Transition workshops



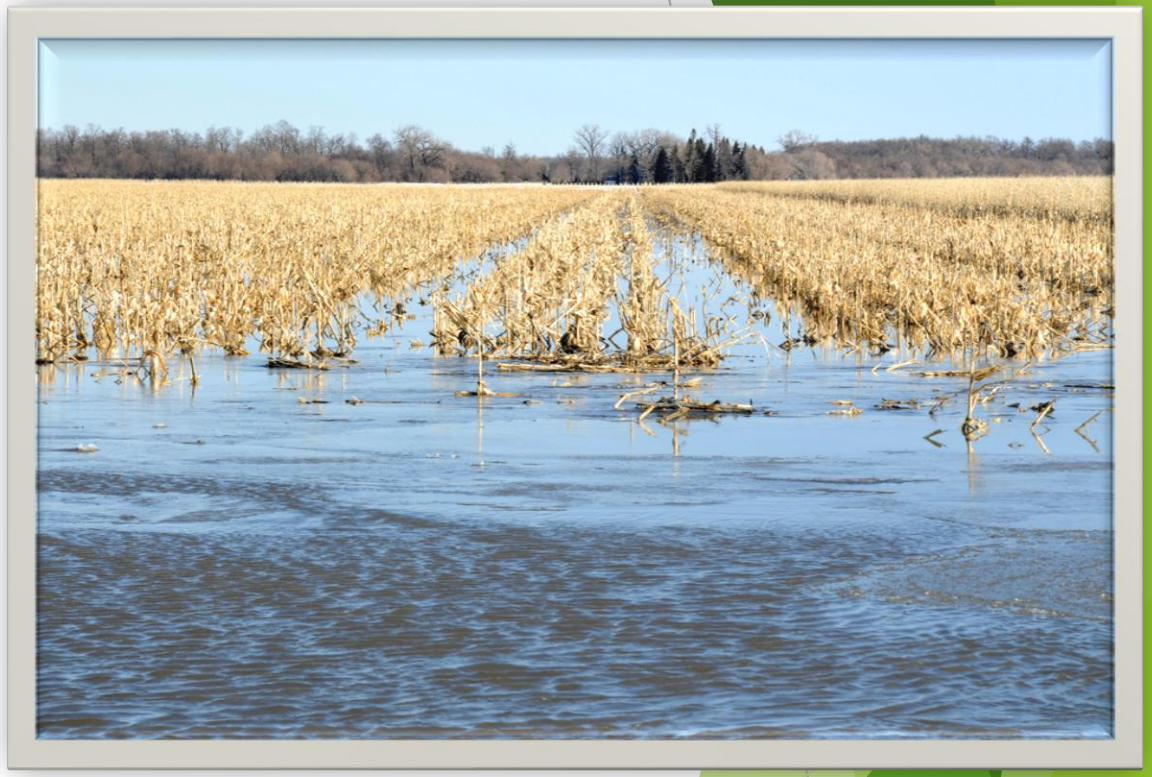
Looking Forward

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Plan complete ~ Fall 2026

Ag Water Strategic Plan





AgWRAP
Agricultural Water
Resources Assistance Program

2011 Plan = Drought

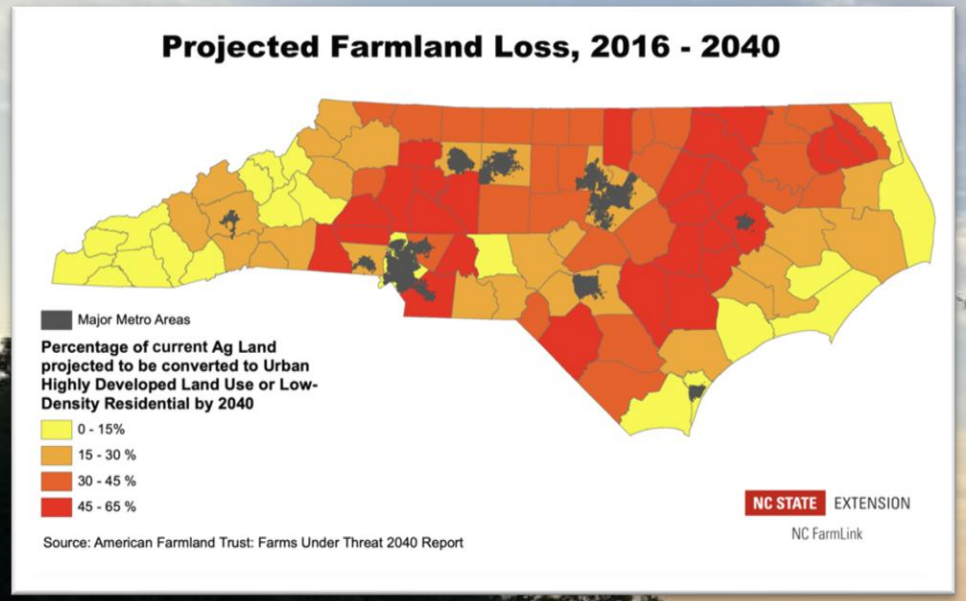
2026 Plan = Drought + Flooding

New Program?

North Carolina
Tobacco Trust Fund Commission

NC FOUNDATION for SOIL&WATER CONSERVATION

NC Farm & Forest Portal



Project Goals

- Develop "NC Farm & Forest" web portal
  - Decision-making tool
  - County level historical trends – AFT Farms Under Threat 2040 report data
- Outreach to stakeholders
- Assess available tools for NC adaptation

Metrics

- 100 county-level infographics on ag land loss
- 10 community events for information distribution
- 1 video

District Funds:
SWCD travel honorariums for workshops
Farm Succession Coordinator Certification

American Farmland Trust
SAVING THE LAND THAT SUSTAINS US

NC STATE | NC FARMLINK

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FY 2025 Implemented

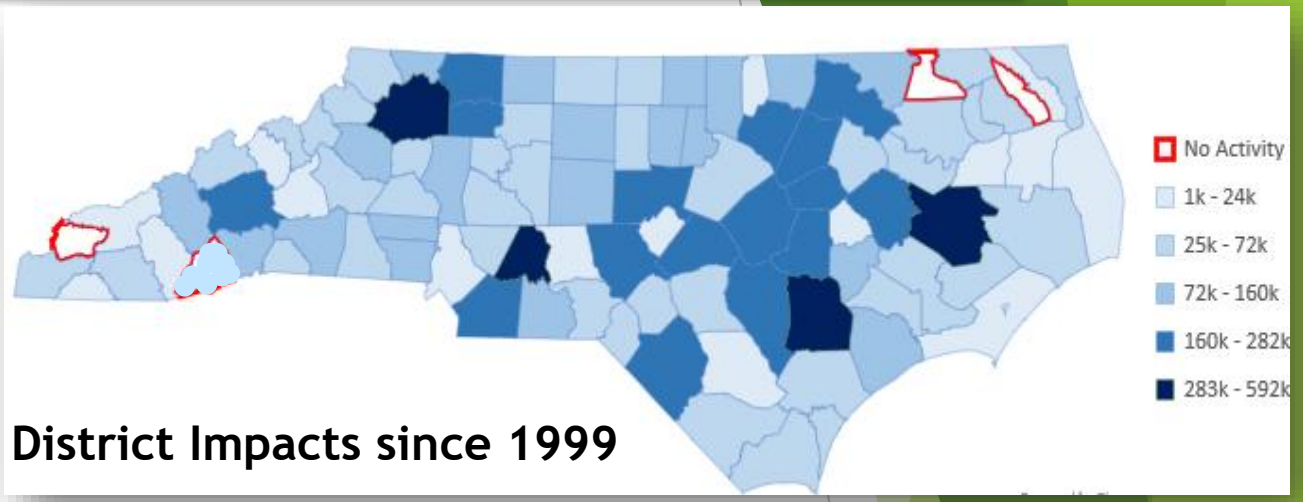
$770,000 for Districts from 2024-2025

Total direct funds for Districts: $677,533
- Remainder: $36,000 (drones + tech)

Total support funds for Districts: $95,993
- Remainder: $240,200

Landowner BMPs: $84,600
- Remainder: $130,000

Fertilizer Technology Cost Share: $1.65M
- Remainder: $2.27M



District Impacts since 1999

Submitted (FY2026)

Total direct funds for Districts: $400,000

- Environmental Education, Soil Health Equipment & Outreach: $463,728
- AWARDED: Farmland Preservation Portal by County: $63,000
- AWARDED: Ag H2O Plan update: $107,250

In Development (FY2026)

- Outdoor Environmental Learning Centers: $???

How can we help you?

NC FOUNDATION for SOIL&WATER CONSERVATION

Foundation's Strategic Plan

2026 - 2030



What is the Foundation's role in the Conservation Partnership?

How can the Foundation help Districts?

What are current or emerging natural resource issues in your District?

What new education initiatives can the Foundation support?

How can the Foundation support District program delivery?

Does your District need help with building capacity?
- technical, educational, or board function

What types of resources does your District need to be more effective conservation leaders?

District roundtables and surveys – Coming Soon!

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Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items



Public Comments



Next Meeting, Assignments, and Adjournment

