North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Committee



February 10, 2021

Agenda

1:30 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, Secretary, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources ➢ Kyle Briggs, Chief Deputy Director, NC Wildlife Resources Commission ➢ Dr. Myron F. Floyd, Dean, College of Natural Resources, NCSU ➢ Chester Lowder, Sentinel Landscape Partnership Liaison	David Smith Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Veronica Jamison ADFP Trust Fund Office Manager
1:35 pm	Reading of Ethics Reminder ➢ 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.	David Smith Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture
1:36 pm	Approval of Minutes for November 30, 2020	David Smith Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture
1:40 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 Walter Clark CWMTF Executive Director Cameron Ingram Executive Director Dr. Myron F. Floyd Dean Chester Lowder Sentinel Landscape Partnership Liaison
2:30 pm	Update on 2021 REPI Challenge Application	Evan Davis Farmland Preservation Assistant Director
2:35 pm	Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items	David Smith Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture
2:40 pm	Public Comments	Public Attendees
2:45 pm	Next Meeting, Assignments & Adjournment	David Smith Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture

Committee Member Roll Call

- **David Smith**, Chief Deputy 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
- **Kyle Briggs**, Chief Deputy Director, NC Wildlife Resources Commission
- **Dr. Myron F. Floyd**, Dean, College of Natural Resources-NCSU
- **Chester Lowder**, Sentinel Landscape Partnership Liaison

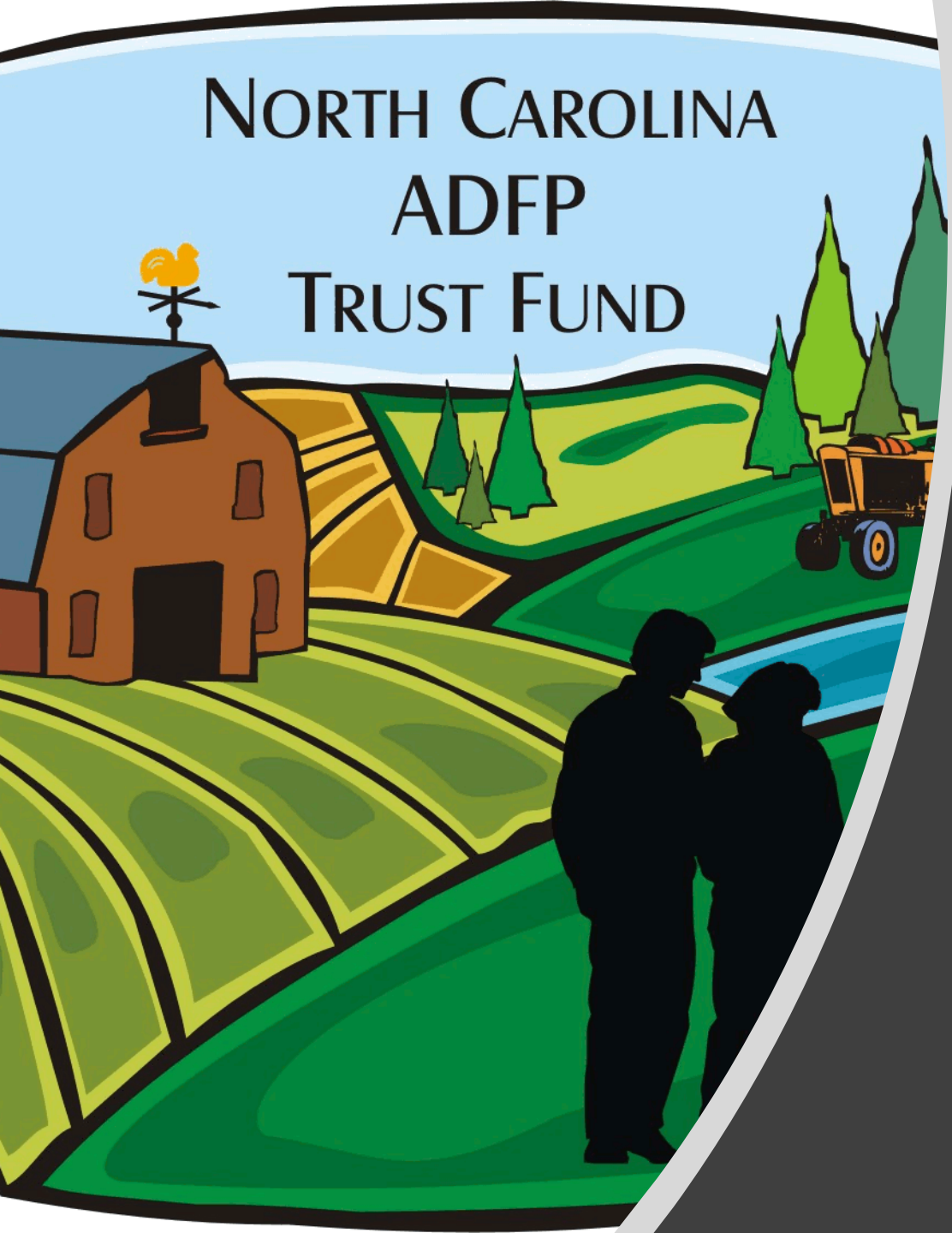
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Approval of Minutes

- November 30, 2020

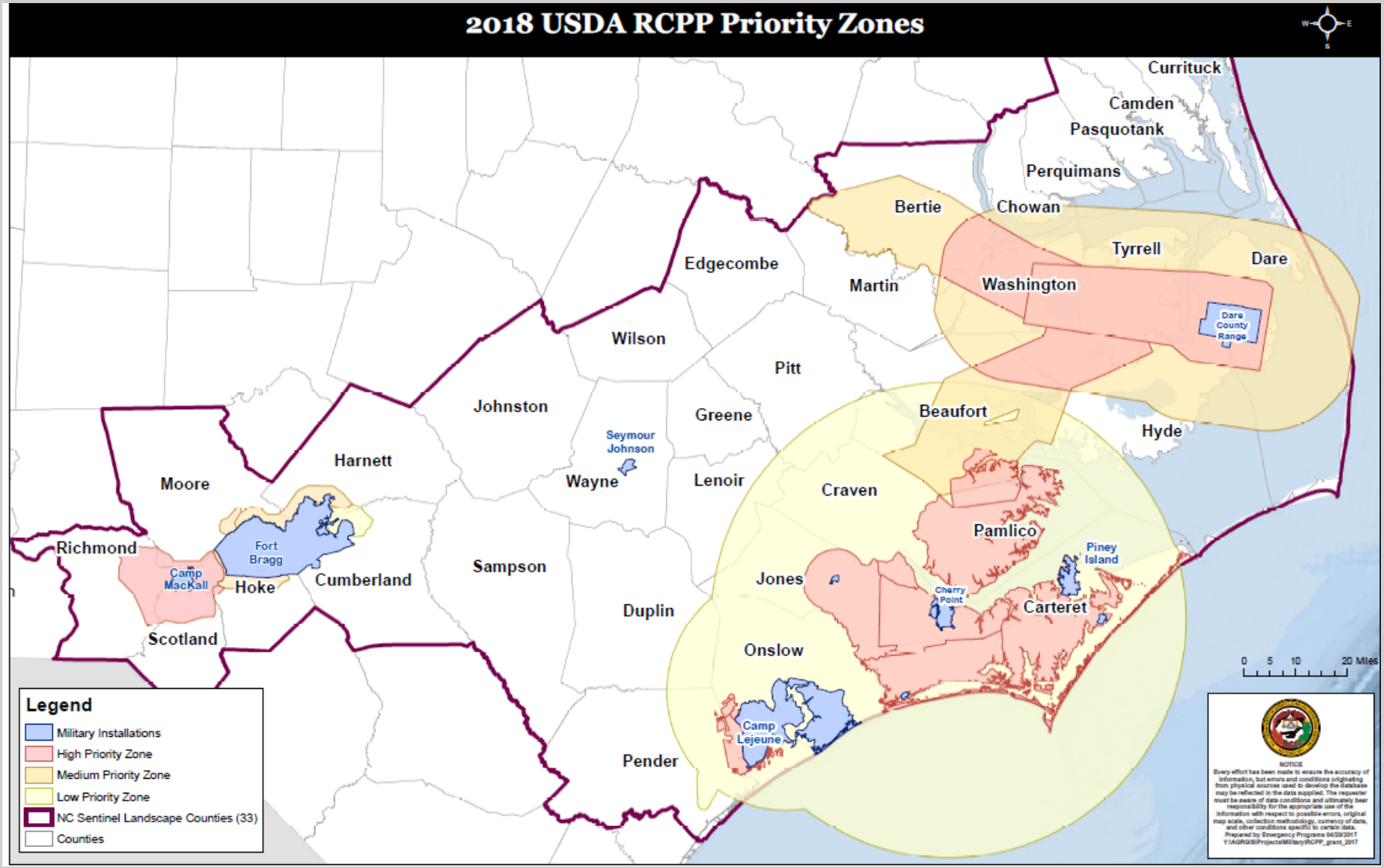
NCDA&CS ENCSL Program Updates



Overview of ADFPTF Funding, Contracts, Easements, & Staffing

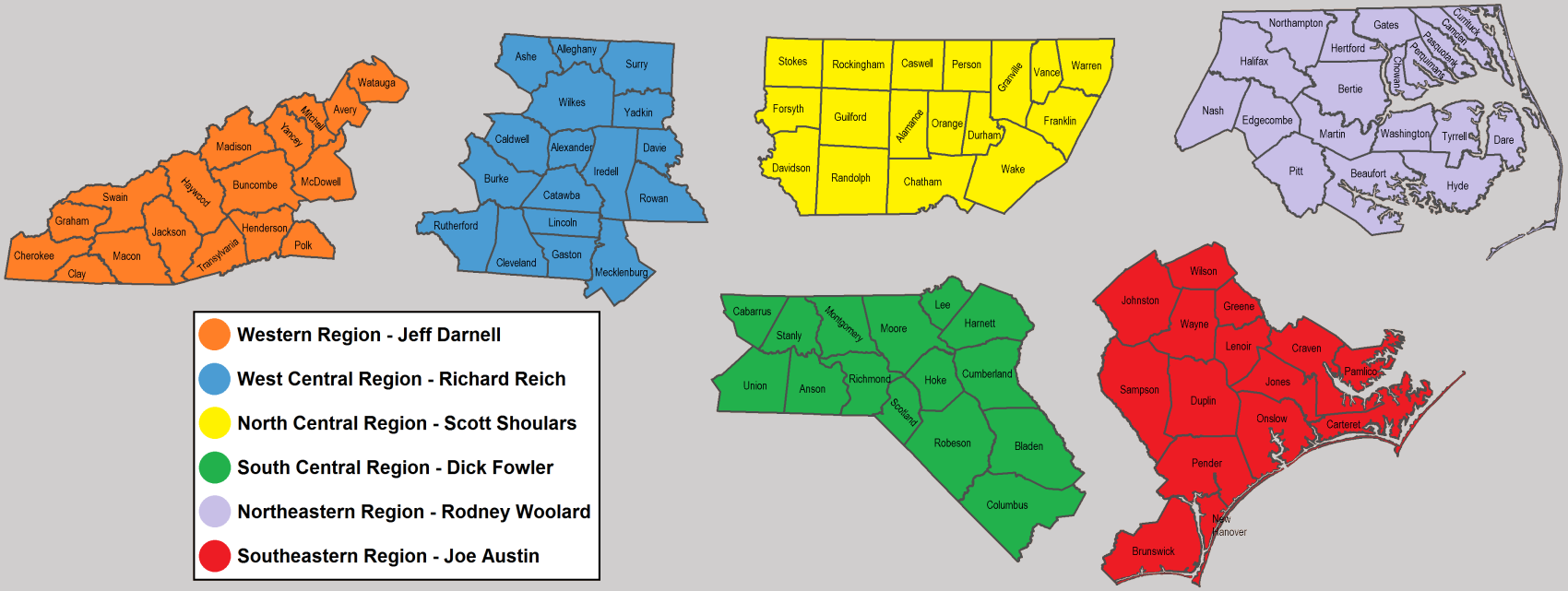
Dewitt Hardee,
Director

Military Partnership Conservation Focus Area



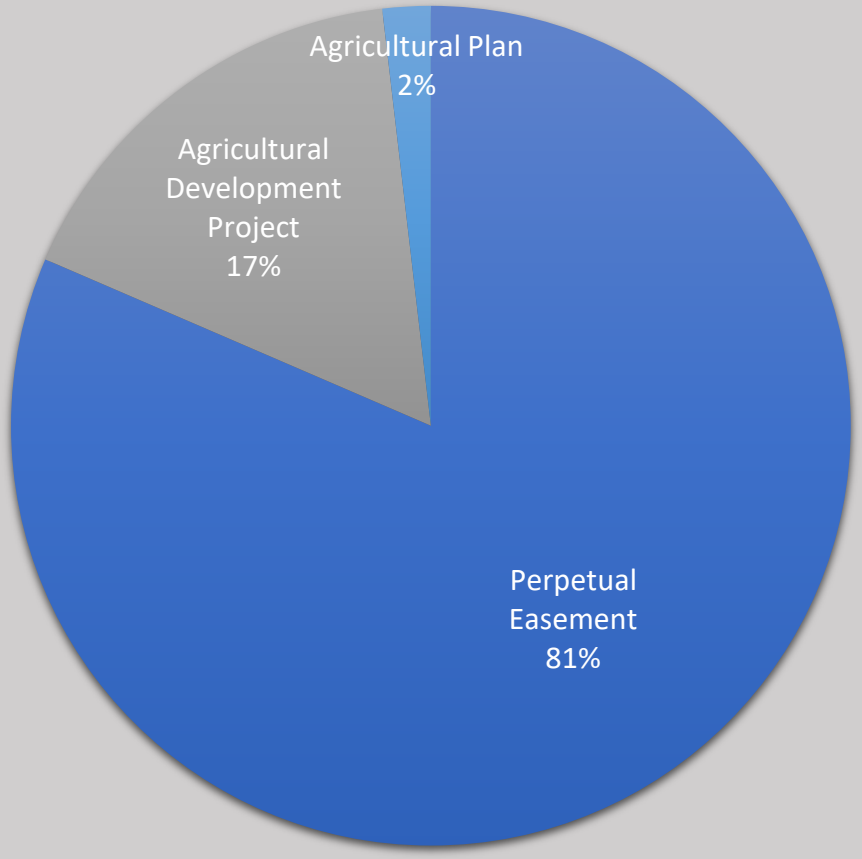
Statewide Farmland Preservation Action Plan

- Grant Cycle XIV Applications – Mid-October to Mid-December
- Maintain the 6 Regional Focus Area Concept
- Seek additional Partnership Funds – RCPP, REPI, EEG, etc.
- Focus the 3 ENCSL Region Field Staff on Landowner Outreach



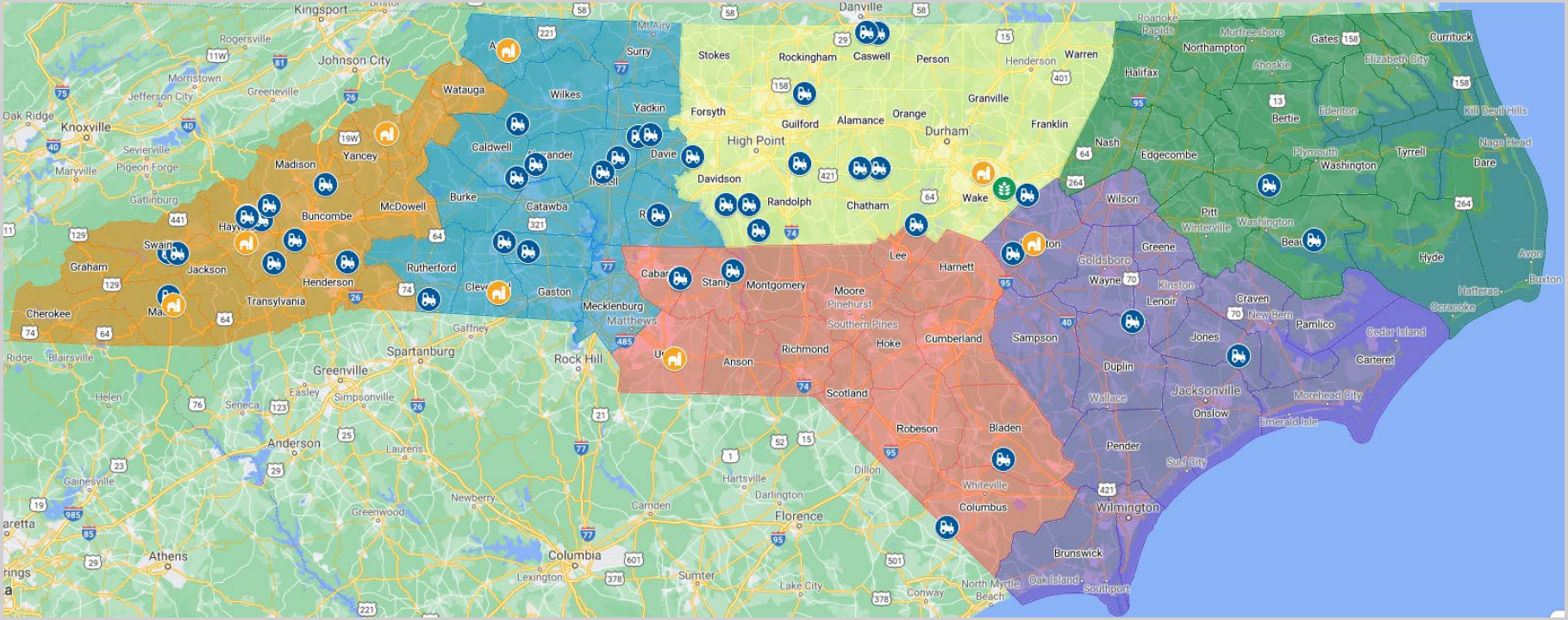
Cycle XIV Applications

General Appropriations Application Type

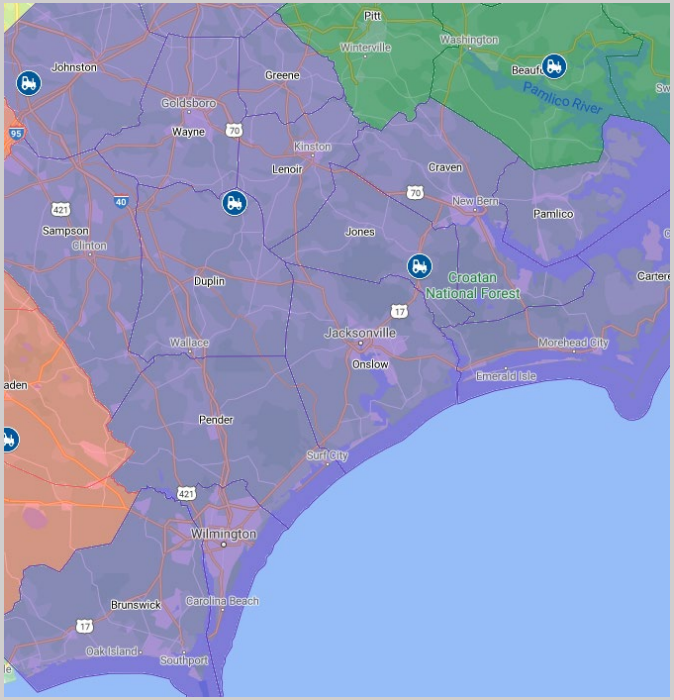


54 Total Applications

Cycle XIV Applications



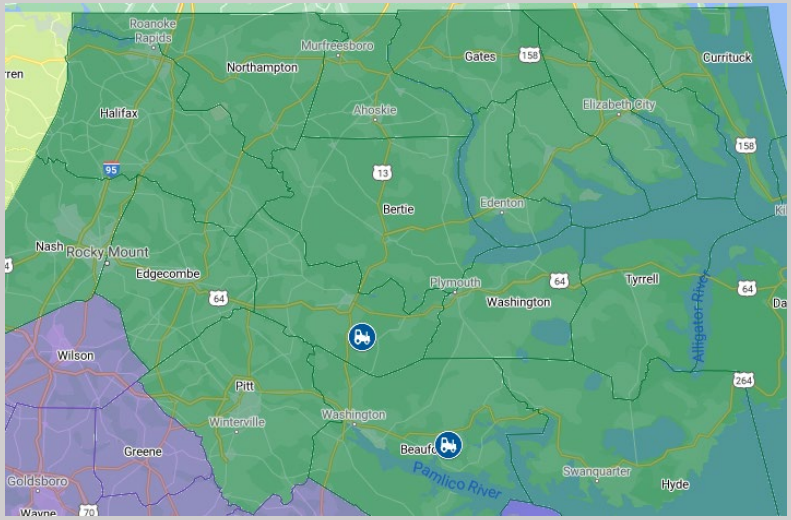
Cycle XIV Applications-Southeastern Easements



Project Title	County	Acres	Applicant organization	Amount requested from ADFPTF	Total secured and unsecured matching funds	Total project value
Edna Stancil Farm	Wayne	42.00	County of Wayne	$107,250.00	$90,000.00	$197,250.00
Gary Benson Farm	Johnston	120.00	Johnston SWCD	$220,153.00	$201,665.00	$421,818.00
Foscue Farm Phase I*	Jones	148.00	Working Lands Trust	$134,067.50	$128,467.50	$262,535.00
		310.00		$461,470.50	$420,132.50	$881,603.00

*Resubmission from Cycle XIII

Cycle XIV Applications-Northeastern Easements



Project Title	County	Acres	Applicant organization	Amount requested from ADFPTF	Total secured and unsecured matching funds	Total project value
Midyette Farm	Beaufort	263.00	Beaufort SWCD	$133,701.00	$329,123.00	$462,824.00
JGR/MGN LLC Farm	Martin	111.90	Working Lands Trust Inc.	$78,401.00	$160,444.00	$238,845.00
		374.90		$212,102.00	$489,567.00	$701,669.00

Cycle XIV Project and Plan Applications

Project Title	Type	Scope	Applicant organization	Amount requested from ADFPTF	Total secured and unsecured matching funds	Total project value
Ashe County Agricultural Center	Project	Regional (4-20 counties)	Ashe County	$500,000.00	$1,100,000.00	$1,600,000.00
Regional Soil Fertility Improvement Project	Project	Regional (4-20 counties)	Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership	$122,748.60	$115,000.00	$237,748.60
Enhancing Capacity of Regional Hay & Straw Reprocessing Facility	Project	Regional (4-20 counties)	Cleveland County Economic Development Partnership	$120,000.00	$161,500.00	$281,500.00
Mitchell Giving Gardens	Project	Local (1-3 counties)	Cooperative Extension, Mitchell County Center	$11,670.00	$23,925.00	$35,595.00
Johnston County VAD Sign Project	Project	Local (1-3 counties)	Johnston County Soil and Water District	$5,000.00	$15,000.00	$20,000.00
Building Conservation Easement Partners for Working Lands Protection	Project	Statewide (21+ counties)	NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation	$236,000.00	$106,000.00	$342,000.00
Honoring & Preserving Nokwisi Agriculture	Project	Local (1-3 counties)	Nikwasi Initiative	$21,265.00	$28,500.00	$49,765.00
WNC Farm to Table - Jackson County Pilot Project	Project	Regional (4-20 counties)	Southwestern NC Resource Conservation & Development Council	$35,000.00	$35,000.00	$70,000.00
Union County Agricultural Pavilion	Project	Local (1-3 counties)	Union County Cooperative Extension	$235,000.00	$2,500,000.00	$2,735,000.00
Wake Cost of Community Services Study	Plan	Wake County	Wake Soil and Water Conservation District	$10,000.00	$2,000.00	$12,000.00
				$1,296,683.60	$4,086,925.00	$5,383,608.60

NCDA&CS/NCMAC MOU

- 3rd MOU Signed on December 4, 2020
  - $150,000
  - Three subgrant areas
    - $75,000 for 3 temporary positions as support for Sentinel Landscape programs
      - 3 ADFPTF Area staffers
    - $40,000 NCSU College of Natural Resources
      - Sentinel Landscape Partnership support including publications and landowner outreach
    - $35,000 NC Foundation of Soil & Water Conservation
      - Community level outreach and education
      - Facilitate landowner engagement

NCMAC – NCDA&CS MOU Budget & Expenditures

Expenditures as of 12-31-2020

Project	YTD Expenses	Balance
NCDA Outreach	$55,155.49	$94,844.51
NCSU Project	$48,749.17	$31,250.83
NCFSWC Project	$29,361.41	$40,638.59
TOTAL	$133,266.07	$166,733.93

Budget Balance as of 1-19-2021

NCMAC/NCDA MOU	Appropriated Funding
MOU dated 8/31/2018	$150,000.00
MOU dated 11/13/2019	$150,000.00
MOU dated 12/4/2020	$150,000.00
TOTAL	$450,000.00
Less Expenses	-$133,266.07
Balance 12/31/2020	$316,733.93

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

2021 REPI Challenge Application Update

- February 3: All narrative sections including maps
- February 10: Meeting to discuss first draft
- February 17: Meet with Subject Matter Experts and other stakeholders to discuss second draft, and request letters of support
- February 24: Meet to finalize all materials
- March 1: Submit final package

Additional Business Items



Public Comments



Next Meeting, Assignments, & Adjournment

