North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Committee

FEBRUARY 25, 2025



Agenda

1:30 PM	Welcome and Roll Call • 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 • David Harris, State Roadside Environmental Engineer, NC Department of Transportation	David Smith *Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture* Veronica Jamison *Farmland Preservation 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 December 9, 2024	David Smith *Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture*
1:40 PM	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	 Corey Hoilman *Farmland Preservation Assistant Director* Rick Long *Installation Coordinator* Jeff Michael *Deputy Secretary* Kyle Briggs *Executive Director* Dr. Myron F. Floyd *Dean* Chester Lowder *Sentinel Landscape Partnership Liaison* David Harris *State Roadside Environmental Engineer*
2:50 PM	Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items	David Smith *Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture*
2:55 PM	Public Comments	Public Attendees
3:00 PM	Next Meeting, Assignments, and Adjournment	David Smith *Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture*

Committee Member Roll Call

- 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
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- Chester Lowder, Sentinel Landscape Partnership Liaison
- Jeremy Goodwin, State Roadside Environmental Engineer, NC Department of Transportation

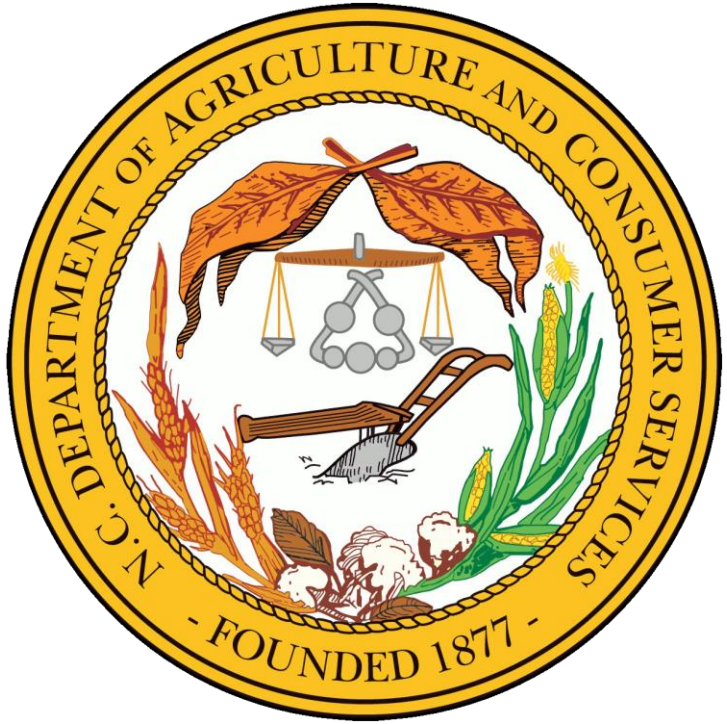
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Approval of Minutes

- December 9, 2024

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	1,164.00
Futral Farm	MCIEAST-MCB Camp Lejeune	Onslow	Working Lands Trust	Perpetual	485.01
Jenkins Farm	MCIEAST-MCAS Cherry Point	Jones	Working Lands Trust	Perpetual	197.30
Small Farm 1	MCIEAST-MCAS Cherry Point	Jones	Working Lands Trust	Perpetual	138.68
Small Farm 2	MCIEAST-MCAS Cherry Point	Jones	Working Lands Trust	Perpetual	31.04
McCotter Farm 2	MCIEAST-MCAS Cherry Point	Pamlico	Working Lands Trust	Perpetual	870.17
				Total Acres	**2,886.20**

Completed Military Partnership Agricultural Conservation Easements Since 2016

Military Partner	Acres Conserved	Easements Recorded	Counties
USAF	10,905.124	20	Bertie, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington
Navy/USMC	2,214.591	3	Jones, Pamlico
Totals	**13,119.715**	**23**	**6**

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
$9,400,969.34	$10,805,881.21	$5,063,613.78	$3,038,641.24	**$28,309,105.57**

MOU with NC MAC

Project	Award	Expenses thru Jan 2025	Balance
NCDA&CS Project	$40,100.00	$15,779.46	$24,320.54
Coordinator Position	$120,305.60	$0.00	$120,305.60
WLT Project	$53,467.00	$22,412.27	$31,054.73
NCFSWC Project	$53,467.00	$35,280.95	$18,186.05
TOTAL	**$267,339.60**	**$73,472.68**	**$193,886.92**

NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Report



NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Report



North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF)

Since November, NCLWF has closed two projects in the ENCSL counties:

1. **NC Coastal Land Trust (NCCLT) Hoggard's Mill tract in Bertie County**
   - **$250K**
   - **314 acres**
   - **Protects training routes for Seymour Johnson AFB**

2. **NCCLT Weyerhaeuser tract in Carteret County**
   - **$1M**
   - **593 acres**
   - **In rotary low altitude transit route between MCAS Cherry Point and Piney Island (BT-11)**

North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

NCLWF is currently accepting applications for the 2025 grant cycle. The deadline is March 1. More information here: https://nclwf.nc.gov/apply .

NC Wildlife Resources Commission Report



NC State University College of Natural Resources Report



Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report



ENCSL Partnership Updates

North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Committee Meeting
February 25, 2025

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Partner Updates

Land Acquisition Project Closings

•NC Coastal Land Trust (Lead), NC Coastal Federation, MCAS Cherry Point: Closed on 593 acre property on the Newport River. Funding from NCLWF, USFWS NAWCA, DOD REPI, US Endowment for Forestry and Communities.

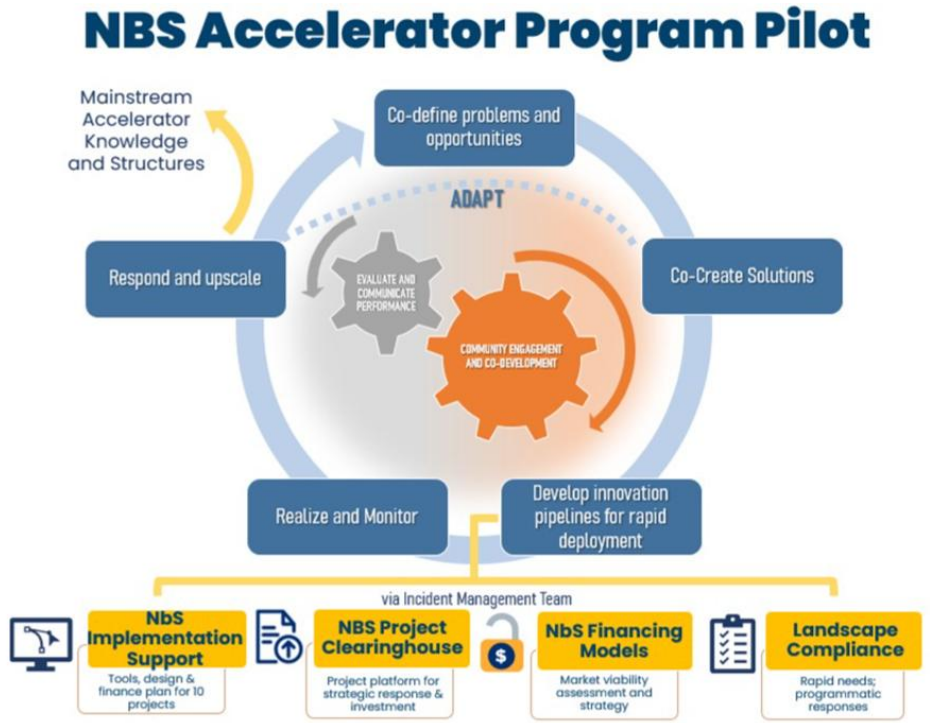
•NC Coastal Land Trust closed on 300 acres in Hoggard's Millpond in Bertie County and transferred the property to the town of Windsor. Funding from NCLWF, USFWS NAWCA, NCEEG, US Endowment for Forestry and Communities and the Town of Windsor.

(Advancing the following Goals/Strategies: 1A, 2B, 2C)

Partner Updates

A-P NBS Accelerator Pilot

- Proposal Submitted: 1/17/2025.
- Funding availability reduced, so currently rescoping to $1M FY25 budget.
- Resubmission by the end of February.



(Advancing the following Goals/Strategies: 1A, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2F, 2G 3C, 3A, 4A)

Partner Updates

Proposal Lead: The Nature Conservancy
Funding Requested: $2.6m
Activities:

- 8-month/year seasonal fire crew
- Funds contract burning, aerial ignition burns, planting longleaf, and midstory control for TNC, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, NC Plant Conservation Program, Waccamaw Siouan Tribe, Coharie Tribe, and NC Forest Service
- Host four Fire in the Pines festivals, social media outreach, and 16 education days to increase awareness of and appreciation for longleaf and fire
- Provide tools for NC Parks to control midstory and invasive species
- Complete a plan for the translocation of the iconic Venus Flytrap to fire-managed and climate-resilient locations on private and public lands
- Implement phase III of a study on bottomland hardwood management at Bladen Lakes State Forest and share results with landowners

Outcomes (projected):

- 125,900 acres burned, 6,218 acres of longleaf habitat enhanced, 1451 acres of longleaf planted, and 12,000 people with increased knowledge over 4yrs.

Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund



(Advancing the following Goals/Strategies: 2A, 2B, 2D, 4A)

ENCSL Administrative Items

Subcommittees (Approval Requested)

- Policy and Appropriations Subcommittee
- Communications Subcommittee

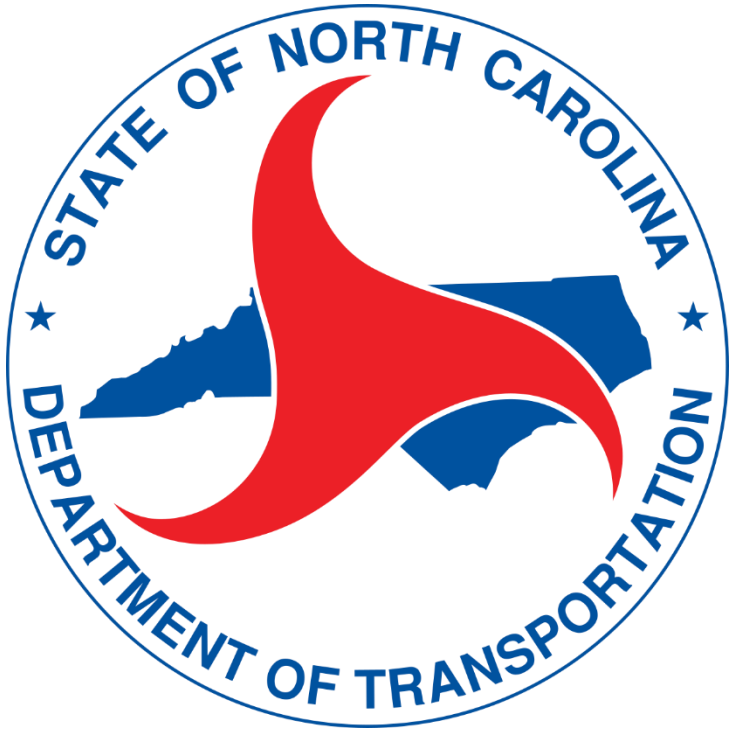
ENCSL Strategic Plan

- Recent revisions
- Requested Committee review timeline

Committee Memo to Stein Administration



NC Department of Transportation Report



Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items



Public Comments



Next Meeting, Assignments, and Adjournment

