North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Committee

JUNE 11, 2024



Agenda

1:00 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 • Cameron Ingram, 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*
1:05 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*
1:06 PM	Approval of Minutes for March 18, 2024	David Smith *Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture*
1:10 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	Evan Davis *Farmland Preservation Director* Rick Long *Installation Coordinator* Jeff Michael *Deputy Secretary* Cameron Ingram *Executive Director* Dr. Myron F. Floyd *Dean* Chester Lowder *Sentinel Landscape Partnership Liaison* David Harris *State Roadside Environmental Engineer*
1:40 PM	Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partnership Program Review Update	Chris Baillie *ENCSL Resilience/Climate Adaptation Coordinator*
2:00 PM	Legislative Updates	Cameron Dawson *NCDA&CS Legislative Liaison*
2:20 PM	Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items	David Smith *Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture*
2:25 PM	Public Comments	Public Attendees
2:30 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
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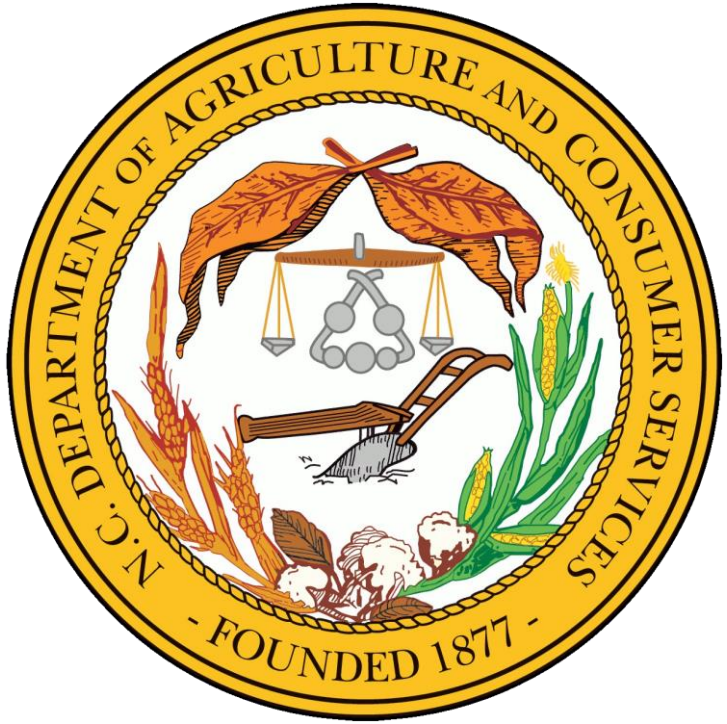
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NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Report



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**

Grant Proposals

- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – America's Ecosystem Restoration Initiative: America the Beautiful Challenge 2024 – Pre-Proposal
  - Readiness, Recreation, and Restoration in Support of the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape
  - Submitted on April 4
  - $2M request

- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
  - Johnston County and US Air Force Priority Areas for Conservation
  - Due July 2
  - $12M request

NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Report



NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Report



NC Wildlife Resources Commission Report



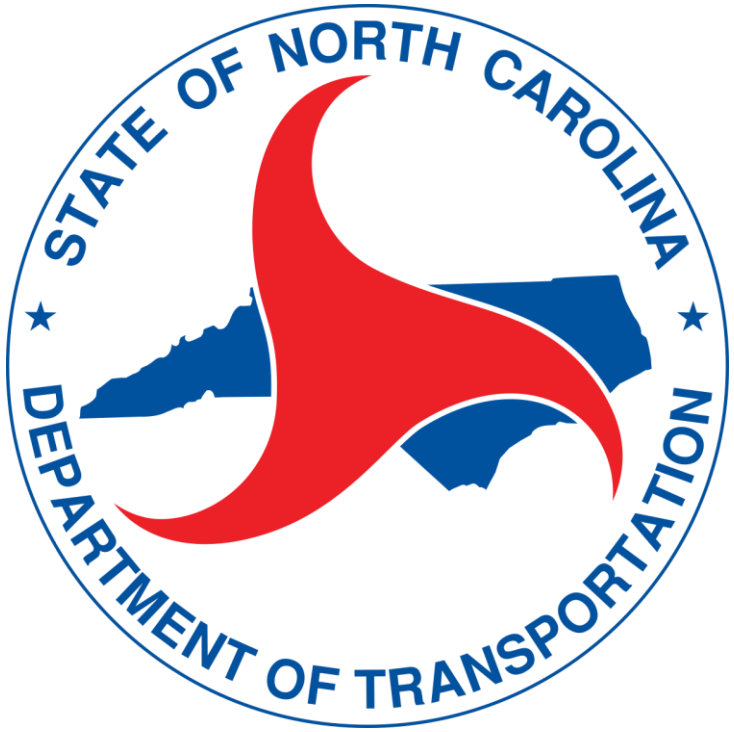
NC State University College of Natural Resources Report



Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report



NC Department of Transportation Report



Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partnership Program Review Update



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ENCSL Program Review Update

North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Committee Meeting
June 11, 2024

Christopher Baillie

Partnership Coordinator (Interim)

Resilience/Climate Adaptation Coordinator

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NORTH CAROLINA
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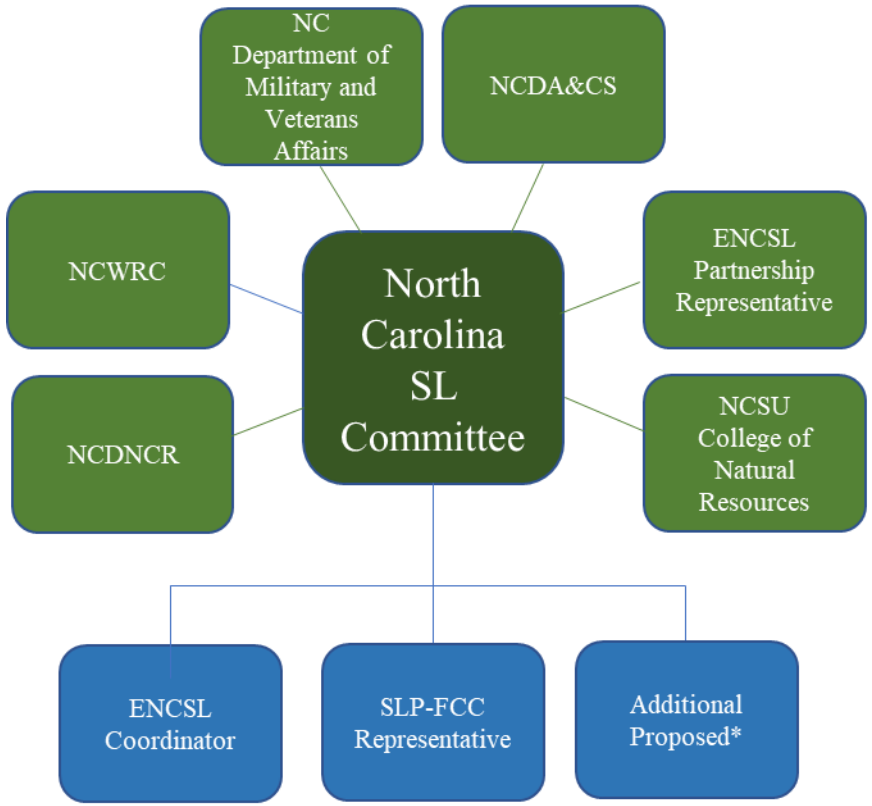
Program Review Priority Areas

Governance Structure	Strategic Planning	Coordination Capacity & Resourcing

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ENCSL-Governance Body



Current State LS Committee Seats

Ex-Officio Additional Seats

Additional Proposed Ex-Officio Seats

- Anchor Installation POCs
- NCDEQ
- NC A&T
- Assn of County Commissioners
- NGO representing working land owners

Revision to Section 3.19.(d) of Senate Bill 131 / S.L. 2017-10 "ESTABLISH NORTH CAROLINA SENTINEL LANDSCAPES COMMITTEE" included in the Farm Act to allow for Federal agency representation on the Committee

Program Review Priority Areas

Governance Structure

Strategic Planning

Coordination Capacity & Resourcing

ENCSL Strategic Plan Status Review

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Section 1. Vision, Purpose, Principles, Priorities		
	1.A. Vision	Development
	1.B. Purpose	Concurrence
	1.C. Principles	Concurrence
	1.D. Priorities	Concurrence
Section 2. The Partnership		
	2.A. History	Final Vetting
	2.B. Composition	Review
	2.C. Military Partners	Complete
	2.D. Other Government Partners	Clarification Needed-MOU
	2.E. Private Partners and Other Key Stakeholders	
Section 3. Defining and Describing the Landscape		
	3.A. Setting the Boundary	Additional Work by Chris; Vetting
	3.B. Landscape Description	
	3.B1-5. Maps, Land Use/Ownership, Threats, Values	
Section 4. Management and Governance		
	Being handled by Governance Work Group	
Section 5. Goals, Strategies and Actions		
	5.A. Goals	Development
	5.B. Strategies and Actions	Development
	5.C. Action Timelines and Project Management Systems	Development
Section 6. Metrics, Communications, and Funding		
	6.A. Metrics	Development
	6.B. Communications	Development
	6.C. Funding	Additional Work by Chris; Vetting

Needs: Largely vetting and refinement

Needs: Full buildout

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ENCSL Strategic Plan Sections 1-3 Review

Proposed near-term convening of the Committee to vet existing, as well as draft outstanding, components of Sections 1-3 of the Strategic Plan

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ENCSL Governance Body

ACTION: Section 1-3 Draft Development

Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape

All Partners

ACTION: Vetting and Comments Via Basecamp Document

ENCSL Governance Body

ACTION: Address and reconcile suggestions. Finalize

Coordination, Material and Resource Collation, & Writing Support:

Sentinel Landscape Coordinator(s)

LEGACYWORKS GROUP

ENCSL Strategic Plan: Goals, Strategies, Actions, & Metrics

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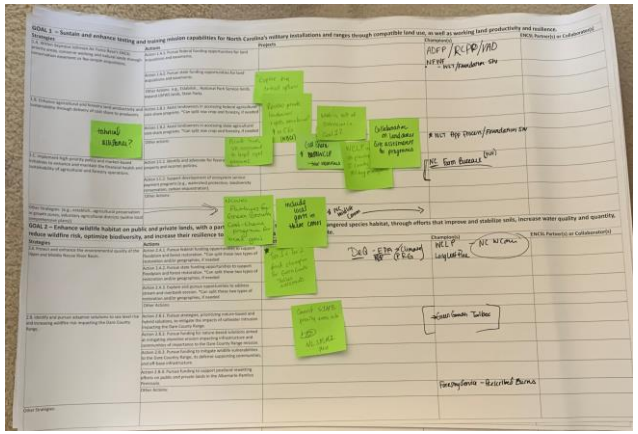
Buildout: Three Regional Planning Processes

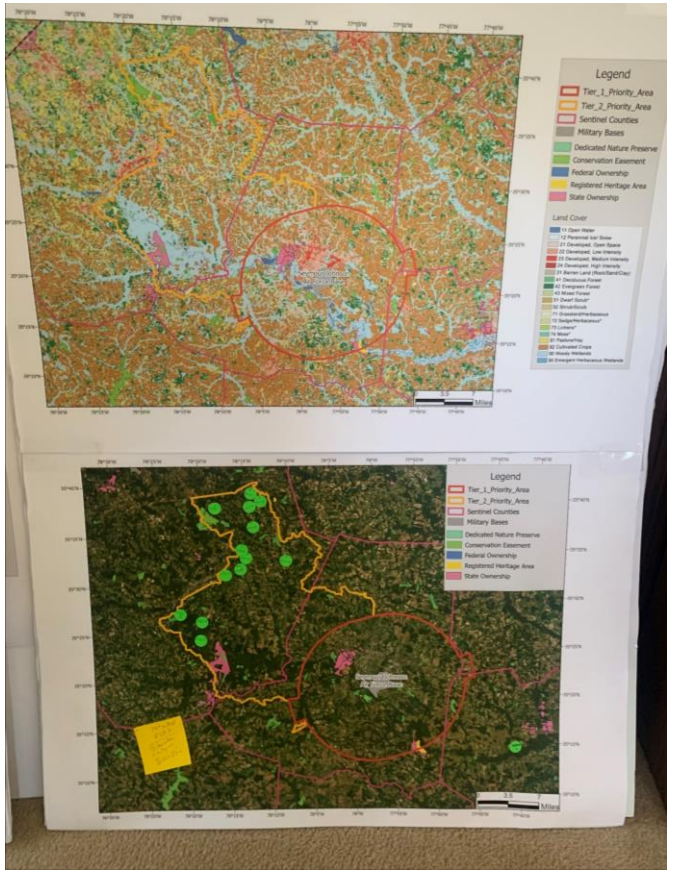
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ENCSL Strategic Plan: Goals, Strategies, Actions, & Metrics

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base ENCSL Priority Geography Planning Workshop: 5/20/2024









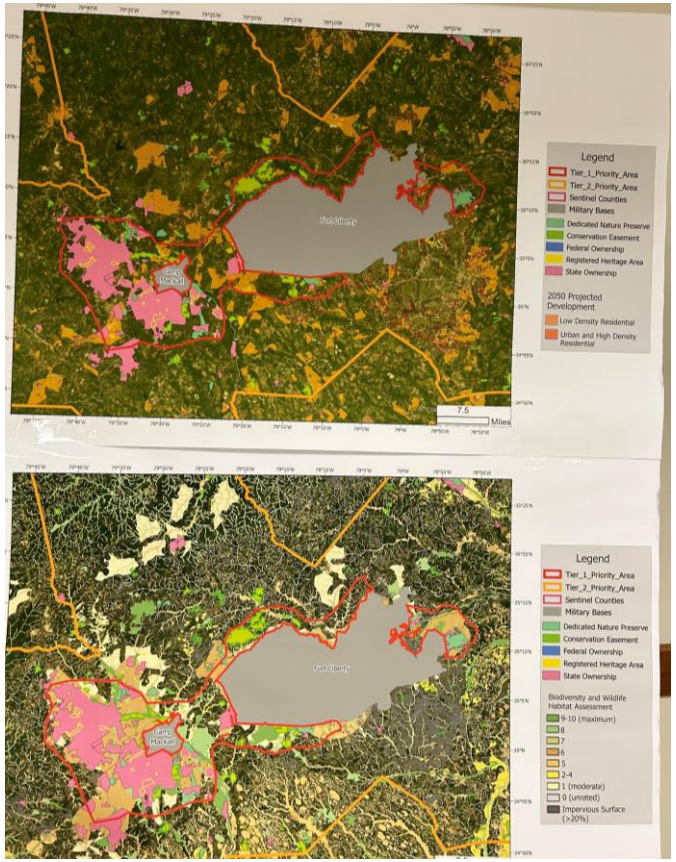
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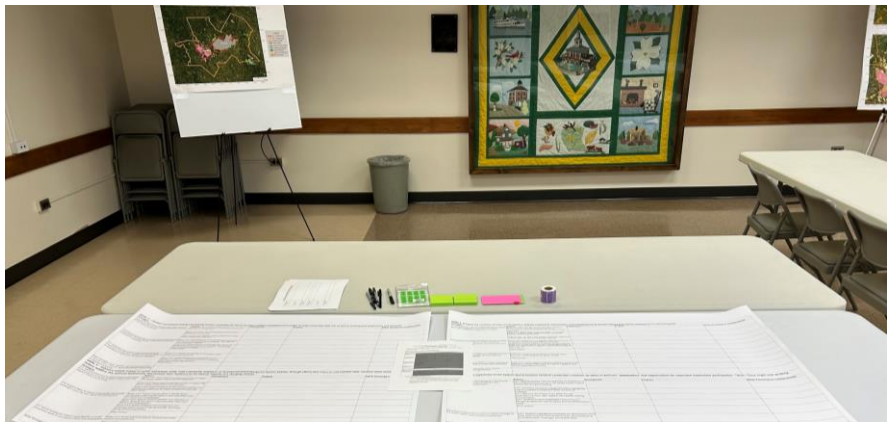
ENCSL Strategic Plan: Goals, Strategies, Actions, & Metrics

Fort Liberty ENCSL Priority Geography Planning Workshop: 5/29/2024











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ENCSL Strategic Plan: Goals, Strategies, Actions, & Metrics

MCI-EAST ENCSL Priority Geography Planning Workshop

Upcoming: 6/21/2024

Program Review: Status

Governance Structure



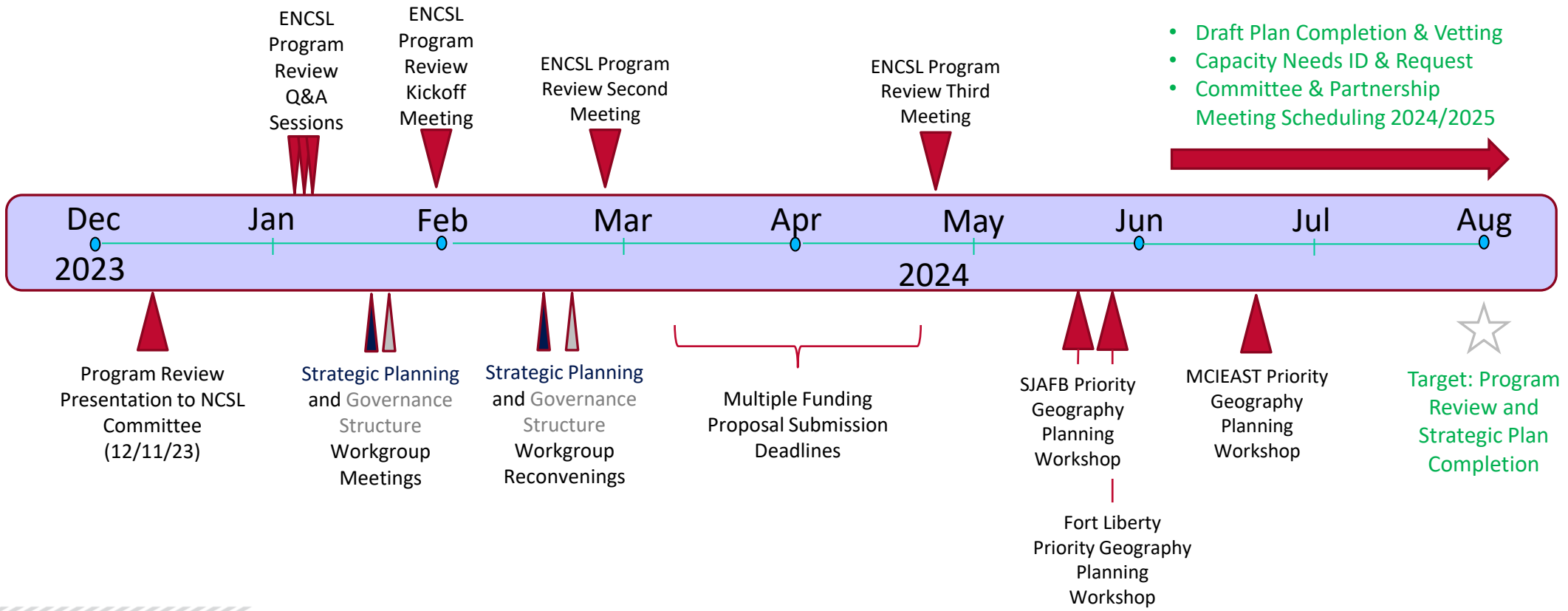
Strategic Planning



Coordination Capacity



Program Review: Pathway to Completion



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Questions?

Legislative Update



SENATE BILL 355:
North Carolina Farm Act of 2024.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Agriculture	**Date:**	May 29, 2024
Introduced by:	Sen. Jackson	**Prepared by:**	Chris Saunders Committee Counsel
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition S355-CSTQf-39		

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute to Senate Bill 355 would make various changes to the agricultural laws of this state.*

INCENTIVIZE FARMLAND PRESERVATION, FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, AND MILITARY BUFFERS

The conservation tax credit was enacted in 1983 and was repealed in 2013 as part of the Tax Simplification and Reduction Act. Prior to its repeal, a taxpayer was allowed a nonrefundable income tax credit for certain donations of real property located in North Carolina.

The amount of the credit was 25% of the fair market value of the donated property interest, capped at $250,000 for individuals and $500,000 for corporations.

To be eligible for the credit, the land was required to be useful for
(i) public beach access or use,
(ii) public access to public waters or trails,
(iii) fish and wildlife conservation,
(iv) forestland or farmland conservation,
(v) watershed protection,
(vi) conservation of natural or scenic river areas,
(vii) conservation of predominantly natural parkland, or
(viii) historic landscape conservation; the land must be donated in perpetuity to and accepted by the State, a local government, or a body organized to receive and administer lands for conservation purposes and qualified to receive charitable contributions.

INCENTIVIZE FARMLAND PRESERVATION, FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, AND MILITARY BUFFERS

Section 15 would reenact the tax credit for certain real property donations and modify the purposes for which donated land will qualify for the credit. The credit would be available to both individuals and corporations, and the amount of the credit and the caps are the same – 25% of the fair market value of the property, capped at $250,000 for individuals and $500,000 for corporations.

Under the credit as reenacted and modified by this section, the credit would be allowed for only for land donated for the following six purposes:
(i) Farmland preservation
(ii) Fish and wildlife conservation
(iii) As a buffer to limit land use activities that would restrict or interfere with military training, testing, or operation on a military installation or training area.
(iv) Floodplain protection
(v) Historic landscape conservation
(vi) Public trails or access to public trails

This section would be effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

AMEND COMPOSITION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SENTINEL LANDSCAPES COMMITTEE

Section 17 would add two voting members to the Sentinel Landscapes Committee, namely the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's designee and a representative of the North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes Partnership.

This section would also add two nonvoting ex officio members, namely the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes Coordinator and a representative from the United States Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program.

This section would also make the Commissioner of Agriculture or the Commissioner's designee the permanent chair of the Sentinel Landscapes Committee.

"Upon a favorable vote by a majority of the voting members, the Committee chair may appoint voting members and nonvoting ex officio members representing other State agencies, local government officials, federal agencies, military installations, and nongovernmental organizations that are experienced in land management activities within sentinel lands."

Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items



Public Comments



Next Meeting, Assignments, and Adjournment

