North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Committee

JUNE 16, 2026



Agenda

1:30 PM	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, DoW 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*
1:35 PM	Reading of Ethics Reminder	Steve Troxler *Commissioner of Agriculture*
1:36 PM	Approval of Minutes for December 9, 2025	Steve Troxler *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 • 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, DoW 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*
2:15 PM	Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partner Spotlight: Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS)	Addie Thornton *Coordinator, SERPPAS*
2:30 PM	Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items	Steve Troxler *Commissioner of Agriculture*
2:35 PM	Public Comments	Public Attendees
2:45 PM	Next Meeting, Assignments, and Adjournment	Steve Troxler *Commissioner of Agriculture*

Committee Member Roll Call

Voting Members

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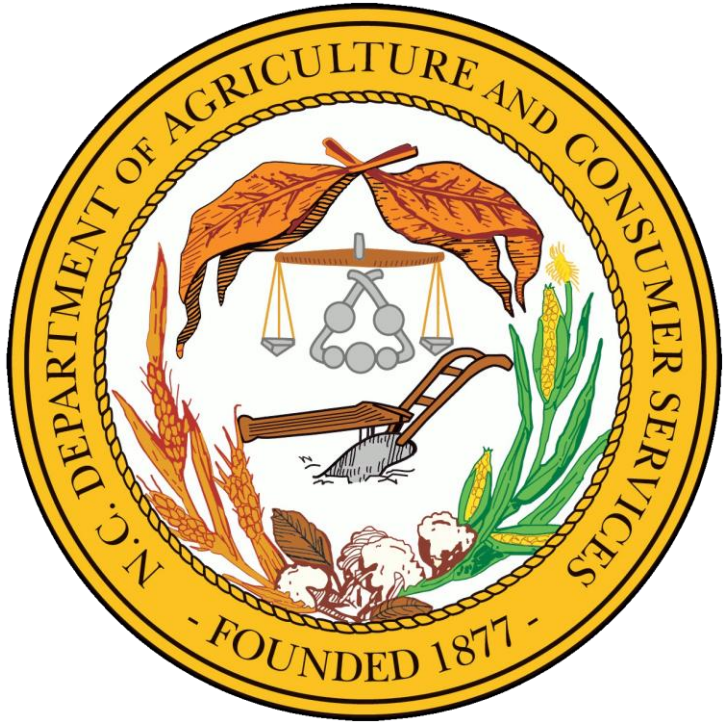
Ethics Reminder

- *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

- February 18, 2026

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	1,132.40
				Total Acres	**1,132.40**

- Closing scheduled for July 15, 2026

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



NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Report



North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF)
2026 Grant Application Summary

NCLWF received $116.8 million in requests for 2026 grants:

- 154 applications
  - 86 land acquisition
  - 41 restoration
  - 8 innovative stormwater
  - 19 planning
- 36 applications in ENCSL counties
  - Requesting $22.5 million (all project types)
  - 7,165 acres

<u>Funding decisions will be made in October.</u>

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Land Acquisition Requests:

Project Name	County	Acres	Request	Total Budget
2026-012 - CWHF - Lewark Tract - Currituck Banks Wildlife Corridor	Currituck	21	$670,050	$721,450
2026-013 - CWHF - North Swan Middle Tract - Currituck Banks Wildlife Corridor	Currituck	4	$217,750	$237,750
2026-028 - NCCF - Bear Ridge Tracts - North River Wetlands Preserve	Carteret	139	$1,062,225	$1,237,225
2026-029 - NCCF - Cabin Creek Headwaters - Bay River	Pamlico	20	$147,875	$367,875
2026-030 - NCCF - Weyerhaeuser Carteret 10 - North River Wetlands Preserve	Carteret	900	$3,030,225	$5,040,225
2026-031 - NCCF - Styron Bay Buffer Tracts - Core Sound	Carteret	75	$158,350	$304,343
2026-032 - NCCF - Temple Farms Tract - North River Headwaters	Carteret	639	$631,475	$4,470,195
2026-033 - NCCLT - Weyerhaeuser Carteret 7 - Adams Creek	Carteret	1,176	$2,375,100	$4,401,100
2026-036 - NCDPR - Cokesbury Road Tract - Raven Rock State Park	Harnett	145	$817,368	$3,559,611
2026-040 - NCWRC - Edwards Timber Tract - Holly Shelter Game Land	Pender	454	$432,500	$799,750
2026-044 - NCWRC - Horseshoe Road Tract - Pee Dee River Game Land	Richmond	345	$1,183,250	$2,308,500
2026-049 - NCWRC - RES Tract - Future Game Land	Harnett	500	$577,116	$1,094,232
2026-052 - NCWRC - Squires Tract - Cape Fear River Wetlands Game Land	Pender	818	$2,572,000	$5,074,000
2026-053 - NCWRC - Temple Tracts - Gull Rock Game Land	Hyde	240	$326,000	$630,000
2026-054 - NCWRC - United Methodist Foundation Tract - Sandhills Game Land	Richmond	496	$838,997	$1,932,000
2026-055 - NCWRC - Wright Tract - Sandhills Game Land	Scotland	92	$315,000	$618,000
2026-071 - TLC - Bowden Branch Forest - Neuse River	Johnston	75	$292,503	$531,288
2026-075 - TLC - Lone Oak Farm - Mill Creek	Johnston	150	$947,000	$1,977,325
2026-076 - TLC - Lowgrounds Phase 2 - Neuse River	Johnston	324	$573,200	$1,105,200
2026-077 - TLC - Rainbow Canyon Tract - Neuse River	Johnston	51	$328,350	$618,350
2026-078 - TNC - Alexander Tract - Sandhills Conservation Corridor	Scotland	63	$217,310	$321,110
2026-080 - TNC - Coastal Plains LLC Tract - Antioch Bay	Hoke	345	$1,167,620	$1,679,071
2026-084 - TRLT - Methodist University Forest - Cape Fear River	Cumberland	93	$686,310	$1,291,810
	TOTAL	**7,165**	**$19,567,574**	**$40,320,410**

NORTH CAROLINA LAND & WATER FUND

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Restoration, Innovative Stormwater, and Planning Requests:

Project Name	County	Type	Request	Total Budget
2026-401 - Audubon NC - Pledger Landing Living Shoreline	Tyrrell	Restoration	$245,950	$345,950
2026-417 - NCCF - Living Shoreline Cost Share Program 2026	Carteret	Restoration	$560,270	$985,770
2026-418 - NCCF - North River Headwaters - Wetland Restoration	Carteret	Restoration	$498,500	$2,827,075
2026-419 - NCCF - Roanoke and Stump Sounds - Oyster Reef Restoration	Dare	Restoration	$118,757	$315,300
2026-420 - NCCF - Tyson Point on Jordan Creek - Living Shoreline	Beaufort	Restoration	$375,000	$588,576
2026-441 - Windsor - Hoggards Mill Pond - Aquatic Passage and Restoration	Bertie	Restoration	$400,000	$2,850,000
2026-801 - Albemarle RC & D - Perquimans River Living Shoreline - Feasibility Study	Perquimans	Planning	$82,500	$92,500
2026-807 - Greenville - FEMA Buyout Lots - Restoration Plan	Pitt	Planning	$51,408	$65,508
2026-813 - NCCF - Lower Chowan River - Watershed Plan	Chowan	Planning	$75,000	$97,000
2026-817 - Sound Rivers - Adkin Branch - Watershed Plan	Lenoir	Planning	$50,000	$69,000
2026-818 - Sound Rivers - Pikeville Slough Watershed - Restoration Plan	Wayne	Planning	$75,000	$89,000
2026-1004 - NCCF - Constructed Saltwater Wetland - Retrofit Study	Dare	Innovative Stormwater	$173,500	$199,010
2026-1006 - NCSU - Dry to Batch Detention - Retrofit Study	Johnston	Innovative Stormwater	$215,874	$330,303
		TOTAL	**$2,921,759**	**$8,854,992**

Complete list available on the website:
https://nclwf.nc.gov/docs/2026-grant-application-list/open

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Final Certified Conservation Tax Credits for 2025:

	#	Acres	Estimated Value	Maximum Tax Credit
Working farm and forest	29	3,320	$ 25,062,783	$ 3,806,133
Fish and widllife	13	800	$ 4,994,497	$ 1,196,549
Historic landscape	1	9	$ 532,000	$ 133,000
Total	**43**	**4,129**	**$ 30,589,280**	**$ 5,135,682**

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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

Meetings & Events

- ENCSL Partnership Meeting - 4/22/2026

- SERPPAS Principals Meeting – 4/27-29/2026

Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report

ENCSL Partnership Data 2025 Call Highlights:

- ✓ Highest Non-Federal Committed Funding Since Inception ($36.2M)
- ✓ Highest Private Funding Since Inception ($9.1M)
- ✓ Highest Local Funding Since Inception ($1.5M)

Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report

Project Spotlight: Troutman Longleaf Farm

Three Rivers Land Trust, Fort Bragg, DOW REPI • Hoke County, NC



Military Training Buffer

Permanent easement protects over 1 mile of shared border with Camp Mackall, safeguarding Special Forces Assessment & Selection training from future development.

Longleaf Pine Ecosystem

Over 500 acres of Longleaf habitat featuring wiregrass, Bachman's sparrows, and red-cockaded woodpeckers.

Drinking Water Source

1.5 miles of Drowning Creek frontage preserved: the primary drinking water source for the city of Southern Pines, NC.

A Lasting Family Legacy

The Troutman family conserved the DP Troutman Longleaf Farm, originally purchased in 1938, honoring a legacy of responsible land stewardship.

Image Source: Three Rivers Land Trust

Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report

ENCSL Partnership Resilience Specialist

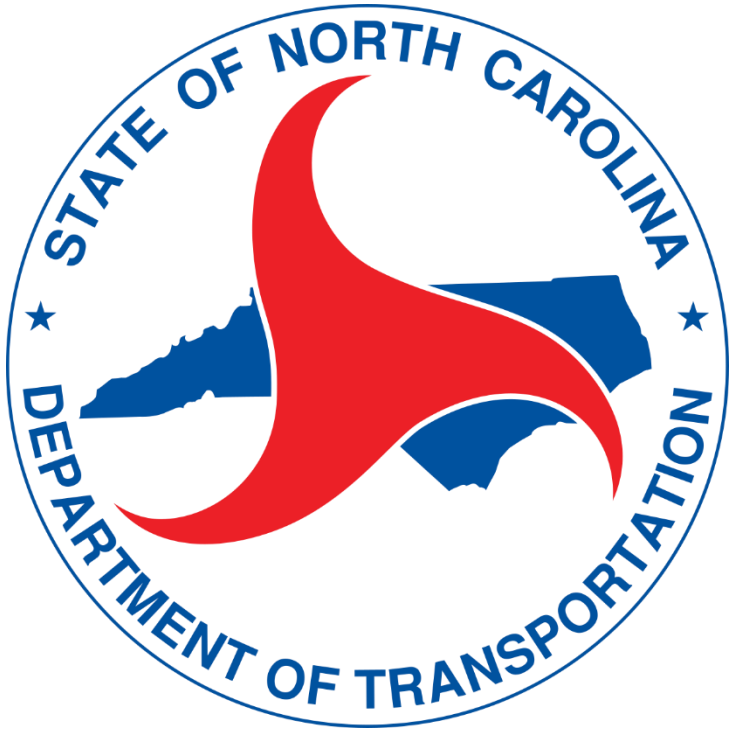
- 27 Applicants
- Five Candidates Interviewed (4/30-5/5)
- Top Candidate Accepted Position
  - Faren R. Wolter, Ph.D.

Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape Partnership Report

Active Exploration Areas

- Land Use Policies
- Transferable Tax Credit Systems
- Forest Product Markets

NC Department of Transportation Report



Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscapes Coordinator Report



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



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READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base



Marine Corps Installations East



Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape Partner Spotlight



2026 SERPPAS Principals Meeting

Addie Thornton, SERPPAS Coordinator

SERPPAS
Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability





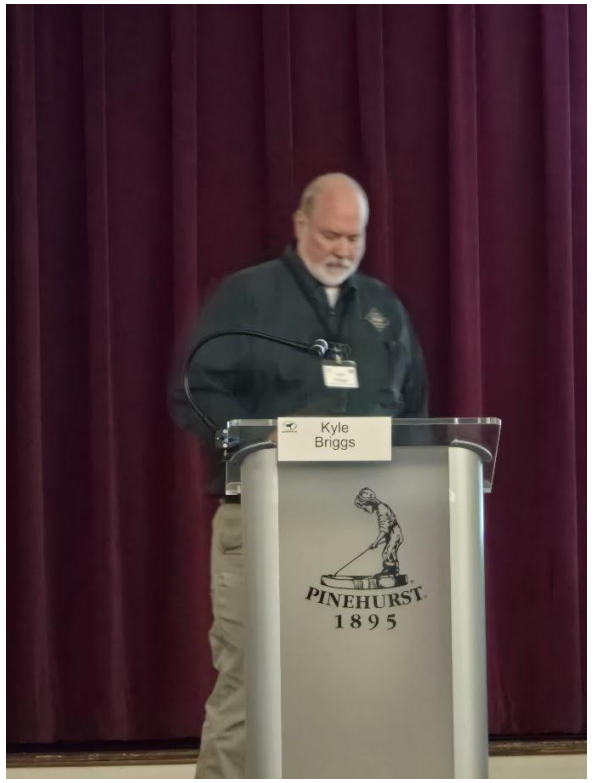
Outcomes

- Approved the 2026 SERPPAS Strategic Plan
- Celebrated 20 years of SERPPAS
- Visited Paint Hill Farm – Readiness and Recreation Project supporting Fort Bragg
- Principals endorsed SERPPAS engagement on the following:
  - Supporting the Marine Corps Maritime Center of Excellence
  - Impacts to DOW from declining forest markets – regional solutions for sustaining working forests
  - Regional corridors supporting SERPPAS interests

NC Leaders


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Military Training Operations: Ch
Approach
COL Gregory
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Colonel Gregory Pace
Deputy Commander, MCIEAST-MCB Camp
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Bill Crowell
Shannon Deaton


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Training Areas
Legend
Land Protected with REPI:
Fort Bragg & Camp Mackall
The Nature Conservancy
FORT BRAGG
Legend
FORT BRAGG
HIGH QUALITY LANDS EQUALS HIGH QUALITY TRAINING
162,506 ACRES
145,737 TRAINING ACRES
119,214 MANEUVER ACRES
20,180 TRAINING EVENTS
1,135,239 SOLDIERS TRAINED
PRESCRIBED BURN
ROUGHLY 50K ACRES ANNUALLY
FOUR ENDANGERED SPECIES,
ONE THREATED, DOZENS OF RARE SPECIES
MISSION * ENVIRONMENT

In the Field



SERPPAS


Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape:
Working Lands Supporting Military Readiness

Additional Sentinel Landscape Committee Business Items



Public Comments



Next Meeting, Assignments, and Adjournment

