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2013 Annual Report





“...to encourage the preservation of qualifying agricultural, horticultural and forestlands to foster the growth, development and sustainability of family farms.”



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Background of the ADFP Trust Fund

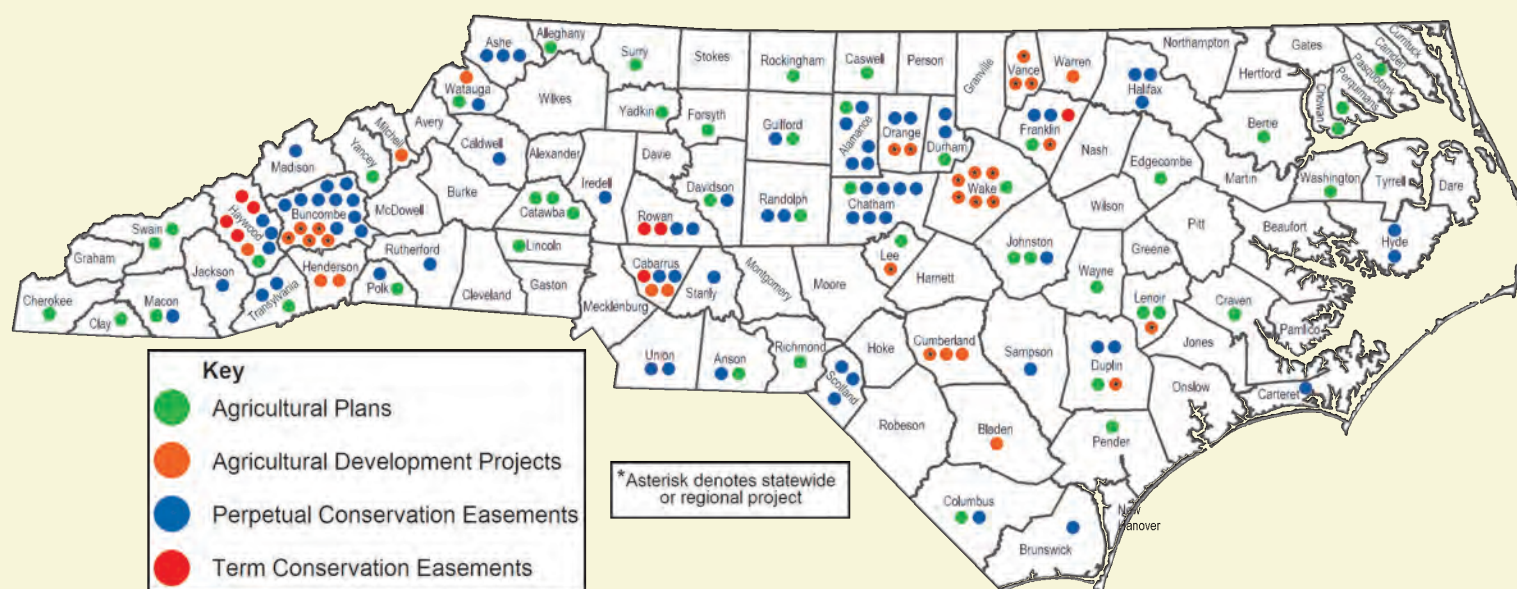
*Preserving working family farms is one of
Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler's top priorities.*

In March 2005, Commissioner Troxler delivered his "Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Strategy" to the General Assembly. During that legislative session, the General Assembly passed House Bill 607, establishing the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

The ADFP Trust Fund's mission includes three grant priorities:

- **Conservation Easements:** Deed restrictions that landowners voluntarily place on their property to protect agricultural resources. These include perpetual and term (year limited) easements.
- **Agricultural Plans:** These plans establish a comprehensive guide for counties and local governments to protect and preserve farms, forests and agribusinesses. This includes the formation of Voluntary Agricultural District programs or Farmland Protection Plans.
- **Development Projects:** Agriculturally-based projects geared toward developing a process or facility that will generate income and, in turn, benefit the agricultural community as a whole.

Awarded Grants — Cycles Pilot, I, II, III, IV, V, VI & TVA



Why Preserve Farmland in North Carolina?

Agriculture and Agribusiness is North Carolina's Number One Industry.

According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, North Carolina is among the leading states in farmland acreage loss at an estimated rate of 10.3% over a 10 year period. North Carolina lost more than 970,000 acres of farmland from 1997 to 2007 or approximately 100,000 annually.

Agriculture and Agribusiness is essential to the North Carolina economy.

\$77 Billion

of North Carolina's \$440 billion gross
state product comes from agriculture and
agribusiness, accounting for

Agriculture and agribusiness,
including the food, fiber, and
forestry industries employ

17.5 Percent

of the total gross state product.

642,000

of North Carolina's 3.8
million employees.

Prepared by Mike Walden, Professor, North Carolina State University. April 2013.

Quality of Life

When farms are kept in agriculture, it maintains the quality of life that each North Carolinian enjoys everyday. Rural working landscapes are an integral part of our agricultural heritage and these areas attract a significant amount of people and industry. Future generations will benefit from measures that we take today to improve and protect farms and forests.

Environment

Farms and forests are critical to providing a healthy environment. Farm soils help to filter out contaminants, serve as a recharge area for water, and help to mitigate the risk associated with flooding. Forests help to filter out carbon dioxide and provide a habitat for wildlife. In addition, farms that provide goods to local communities reduce the amount of fossil fuels associated with transportation.

ADFP Trust Fund Updates

Since 2005, the ADFP Trust Fund has preserved 7,756.69 acres of farm and forest lands

- The ADFP Trust Fund will preserve another **1,917.5 acres** by 2014 based on contract schedules.
- To date, ADFP Trust Fund grant recipients have secured over **\$29 million** in matching funds.
- ADFP Trust Fund grant recipients anticipate over **\$7 million** in matching funds by 2014.

Recent Easement Closings

- Gerringer Farm Easement — Piedmont Land Conservancy — Guilford County — 8/2/2012
- Thompson Farm Easement — Black Family Land Trust — Orange County — 10/25/2012
- Rocky Pee Dee Farm Easement — The Land Trust for Central N.C. — Anson County — 11/6/2012
- Flying Cloud Farm Easement — Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy — Buncombe County — 12/4/2012
- Robinson Farm Easement — Southwestern N.C. RC&D Council — Haywood County — 6/14/2013



The Duplin County Livestock Facility's grand opening was on January 15, 2013. This Cycle IV agricultural development project was granted to Duplin County and the Duplin County Cooperative Extension. This facility will allow the Coastal Carolina Cattle Alliance to reach and impact more beef cattle producers through marketing and educational programs. Additionally, this facility provides space for Duplin County, Duplin County Cooperative Extension, and groups like 4-H and the FFA to have hands-on demonstrations and activities. As of June 2013, 959 head of cattle have been sold, bringing in over \$600,000 since March 2013.

*Visit The ADFP Trust Fund website for the latest news.
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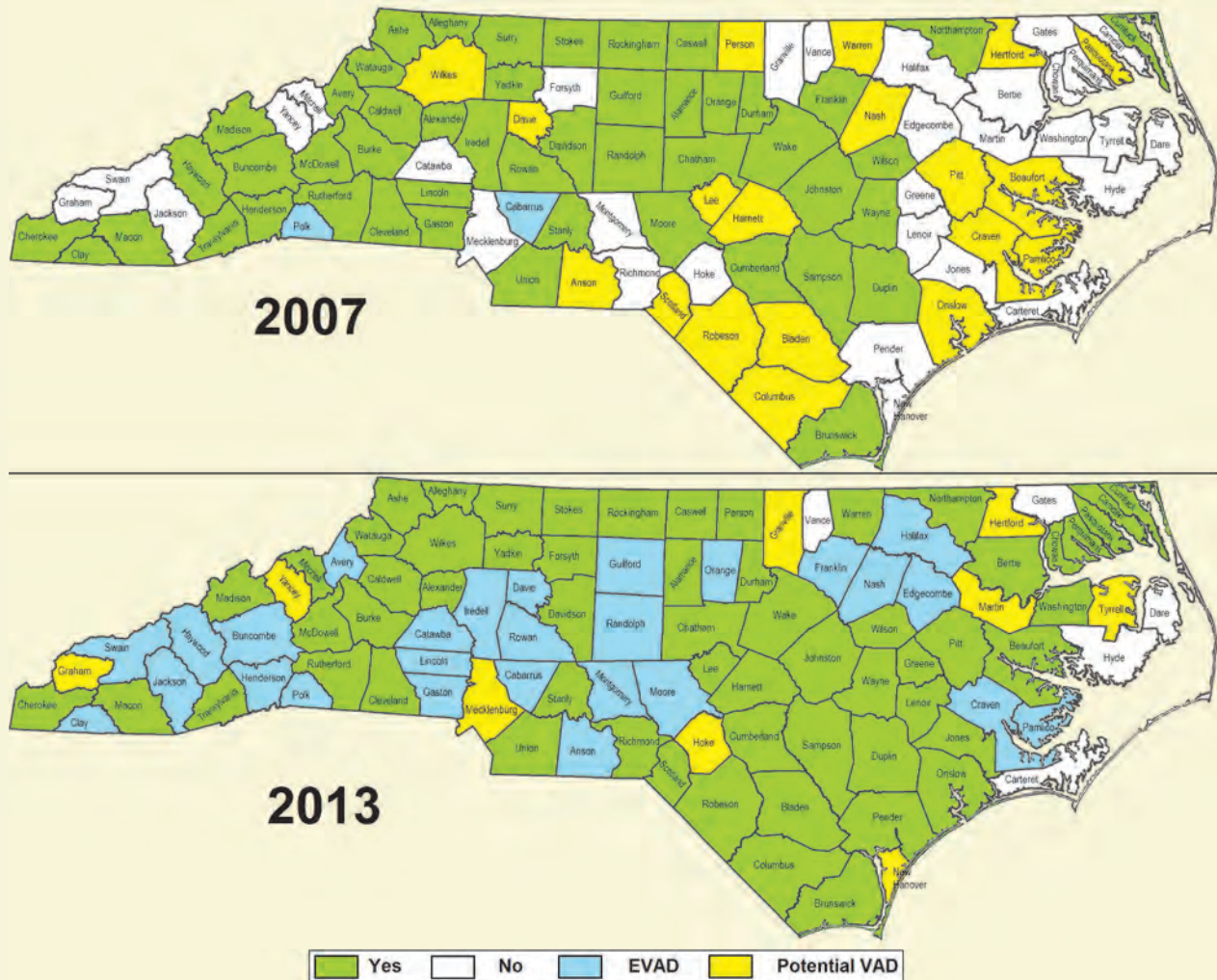
Voluntary Agricultural Districts

| | 2007 | 2013 |
|---|------|------|
| Counties with Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) Program | 50 | 86 |
| Counties with Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District (EVAD) Program | 2 | 27 |
| Potential VAD Counties | 19 | 9 |
| No VAD Activity | 31 | 5 |

| <i>VAD and EVAD statistics as of September 2013</i> | VAD | EVAD |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Number of Farms Enrolled | 7,006 | 387 |
| Total Acreage Farmland | 674,604.6 acres | 37,949.68 acres |
| County Program Acreage Average | 8,031.01 acres | 1,459.6 acres |
| County Program Acreage Average Increase From Last Year | 269.44 acres | 133.65 acres |
| County Program Acreage Average Percentage Increase From Last Year | 7.15% | 29.14% |

*Total farmland acreage in VAD and EVAD programs statewide: **712,554.28***

*Total farms enrolled in VAD and EVAD programs statewide: **7,393***



2013 Voluntary Agricultural Districts Workshops

Northeast Regional Workshop at the Vernon James Center in Plymouth on February 4
Regional Session: Developing and Sustaining VADs in Eastern N.C.
21 Attendees

Southeast Regional Workshop at Mount Olive College in Mount Olive on February 18
Regional Session: Southeastern N.C. is Special featuring State Senator Brent Jackson
22 Attendees

Piedmont Regional Workshop at Elon University in Elon on February 25
Regional Session: Farmland Preservation in the Piedmont feat. Rockingham & Durham counties
32 Attendees

Foothills Regional Workshop at the Catawba Ag Center in Newton on March 6
Regional Session: Next Step from the VAD: Catawba County's Farm & Food Sustainability
36 Attendees

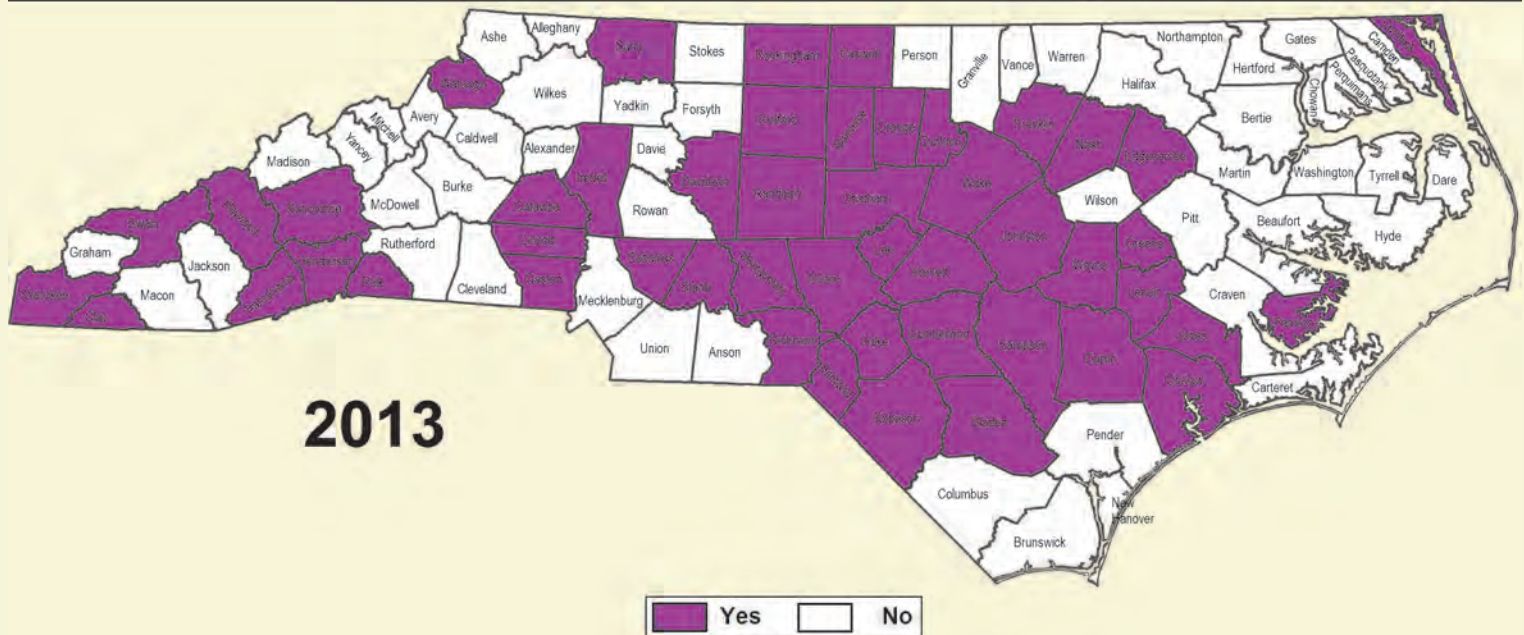
Western Regional Workshop at the Cowee School in Franklin on March 22
Regional Session: Southwestern N.C. is Special
30 Attendees

Attendees included private landowners, county VAD board members, county commissioners and managers, N.C. Cooperative Extension agents and directors, county Soil & Water Conservation District staff, N.C. Forest Service, county planning departments and more.



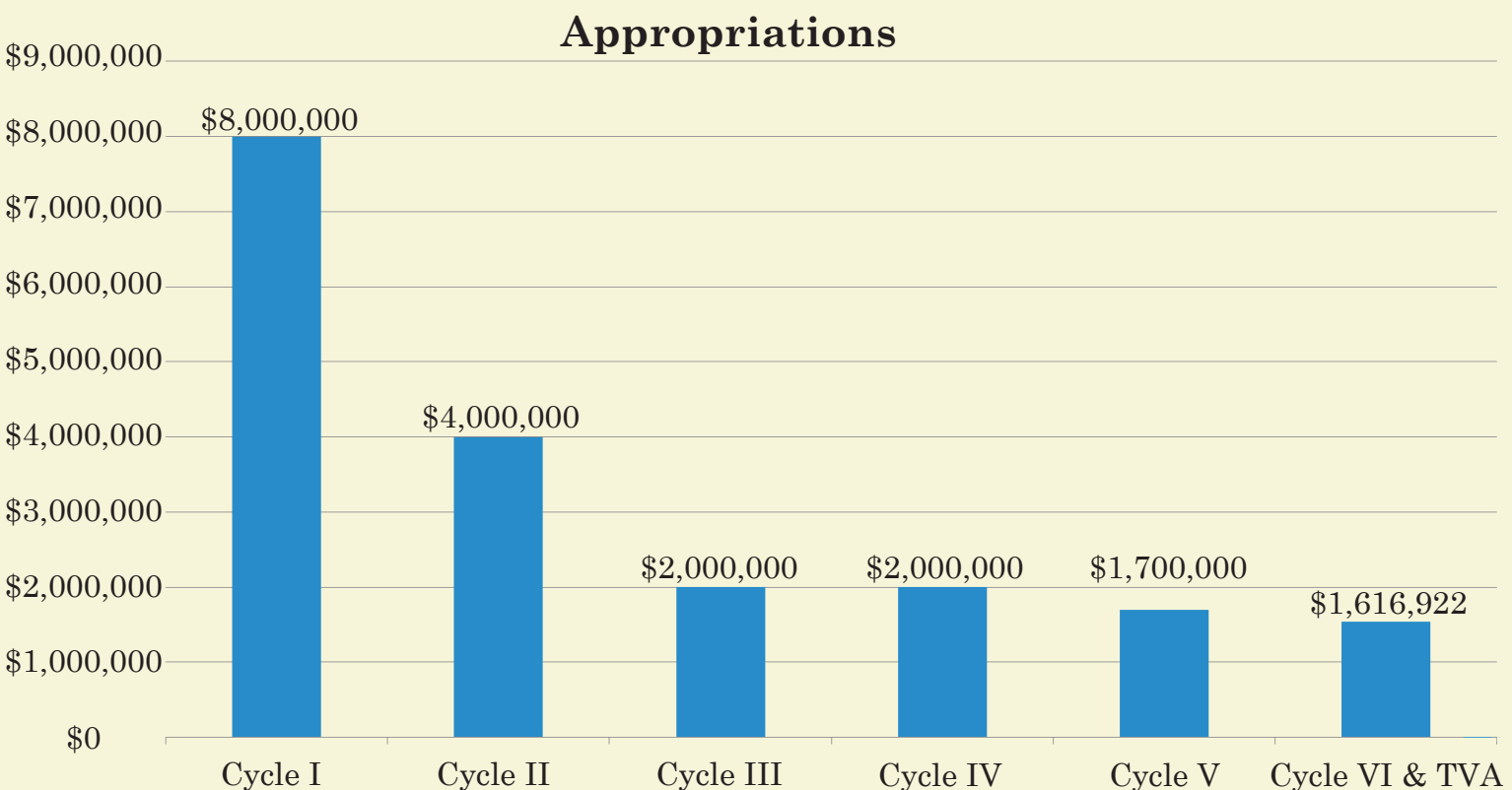
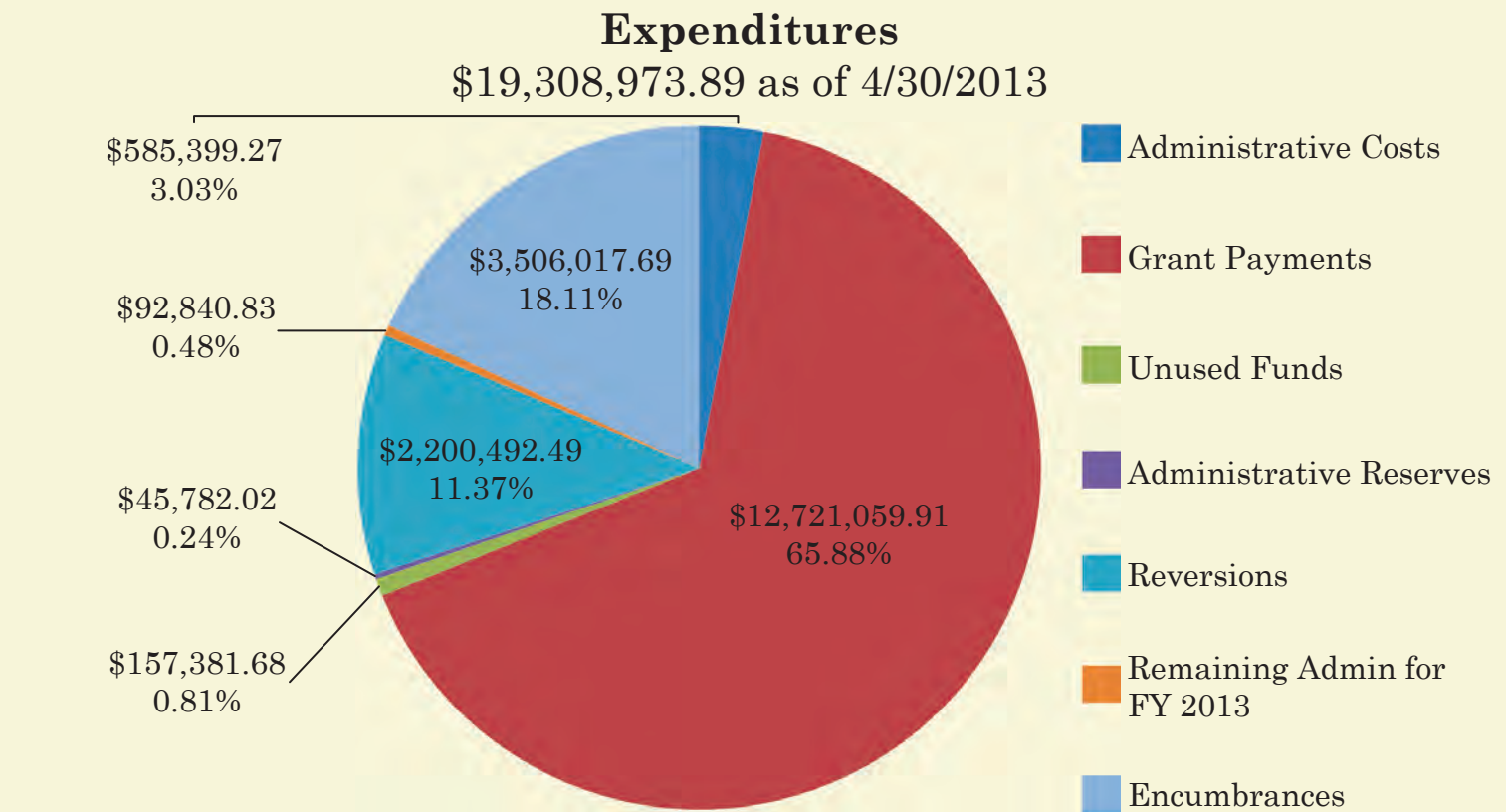
Farmland Protection Plans

| NCDA&CS Approved Farmland Protection Plan | 2010 | 2013 |
|---|------|------|
| Yes | 6 | 49 |
| No | 94 | 51 |



Budget

State appropriations account for 100% of funding sources for the ADFP Trust Fund.



Cycle V Grant Recipients 2012-2013

Agricultural Plans

| Plan Title | Applicant | Requested Amount from ADFP | Proposed Grant | Estimated Total Project Value |
|--|--|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Alleghany County Farmland Protection Plan | Alleghany Soil & Water Conservation District | \$15,000 | \$15,000 | \$25,826 |
| Macon County VAD & EVAD Program — “Taking it Beyond the Signs” | Macon Soil & Water Conservation District | \$12,760 | \$7,225 | \$26,560 |
| Washington County Voluntary Agricultural District | Washington County Cooperative Extension | \$4,000 | \$4,000 | \$7,345 |
| TOTALS | | \$31,760 | \$26,225 | \$59,731 |

Agricultural Development Projects

| Project Title | Applicant | Requested Amount from ADFP | Proposed Grant | Estimated Total Project Value |
|---|---|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bladen Conservation Equipment | Bladen Soil & Water Conservation District | \$98,000 | \$45,500 | \$138,000 |
| Cumberland County Farmers Market Study | Cumberland County Cooperative Extension | \$51,800 | \$25,000 | \$60,077 |
| Fostering Bio-Fuel Growth in North Carolina | Operation Spring Plant | \$100,000 | \$36,000 | \$132,700 |
| Henderson County Farm Fresh Program | Henderson County | \$64,000 | \$64,000 | \$89,600 |
| PlanIT East Agricultural Mapping/Analysis Project | North Carolina’s Eastern Region | \$12,000 | \$12,000 | \$16,000 |
| Sustaining Agriculture Under the “MTR” II | N.C. Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | \$130,000 |
| Vance County Regional Farmers Market | Vance County | \$100,000 | \$100,000 | \$400,000 |
| TOTALS | | \$525,000 | \$382,500 | \$966,377 |

Cycle V Grant Recipients 2012-2013

Conservation Easements

| Easement Name | Applicant | Requested Amount from ADFP | Proposed Grant | Estimated Total Project Value | Acres | County |
|------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Almond Farm | The LandTrust for Central North Carolina | \$54,713 | \$54,713 | \$168,852 | 80 | Stanly |
| Brown Farm | Buncombe Soil & Water Conservation District | \$200,000 | \$200,000 | \$1,014,900 | 233 | Buncombe |
| Cates Farm | North American Land Trust | \$99,687 | \$99,687 | \$506,411 | 25 | Alamance |
| Dan Barrier Farm | Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District | \$89,600 | \$89,600 | \$179,200 | 35.4 | Cabarrus |
| Ferguson Farm | Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District | \$367,000 | \$285,781 | \$1,097,911 | 144 | Haywood |
| Gainey Farm III | Sandhills Area Land Trust | \$256,655 | \$256,655 | \$366,555 | 165 | Scotland |
| Jeffers Farm | Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy | \$55,330 | \$55,330 | \$486,340 | 57 | Buncombe |
| Lindale Farm | Triangle Land Conservancy | \$270,000 | \$270,000 | \$845,000 | 195 | Chatham |
| Krider Farm | New River Soil & Water Conservation District | \$239,700 | \$239,700 | \$331,200 | 57.7 | Ashe |
| Wilkins Farm | Alamance County | \$281,000 | \$100,000 | \$116,726 | 27 | Alamance |
| TOTALS | | \$1,913,685 | \$1,651,466 | \$5,113,095 | 1,019.1 | |

All conservation easements are perpetual.

Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Agricultural Plans

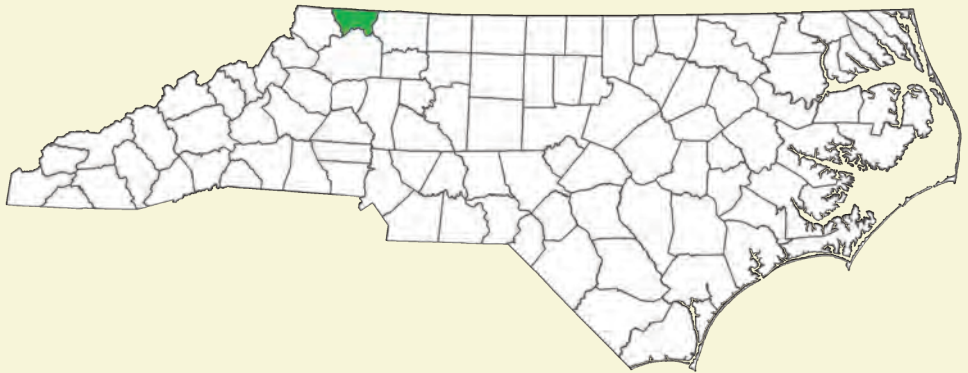
Alleghany County Farmland Protection Plan

Applicant: Alleghany County Soil and Water Conservation District

Proposed Grant: \$15,000

Total Project Value: \$25,826

Purpose & Objectives: Aid the development and adoption of a county farmland protection plan.



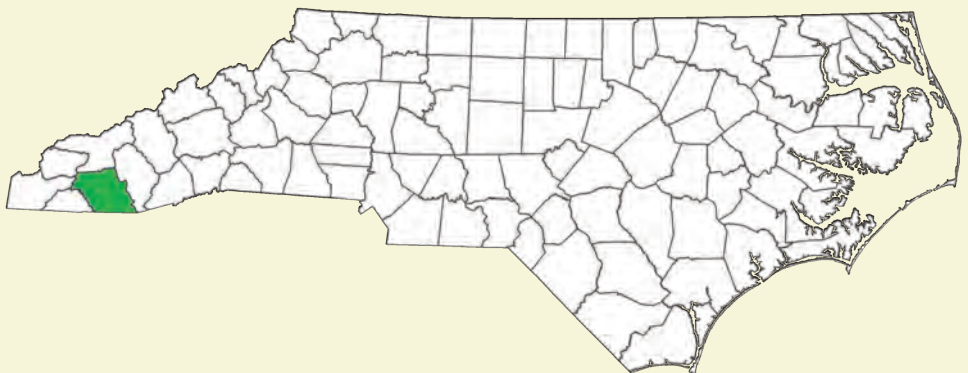
Macon County VAD & EVAD Program — “Taking it Beyond the Signs”

Applicant: Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District

Proposed Grant: \$7,225

Total Project Value: \$26,560

Purpose & Objectives: Implement the VAD and EVAD ordinances in Macon County, including educational meetings, signage and other outreach to farmers and landowners.



Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Agricultural Plans

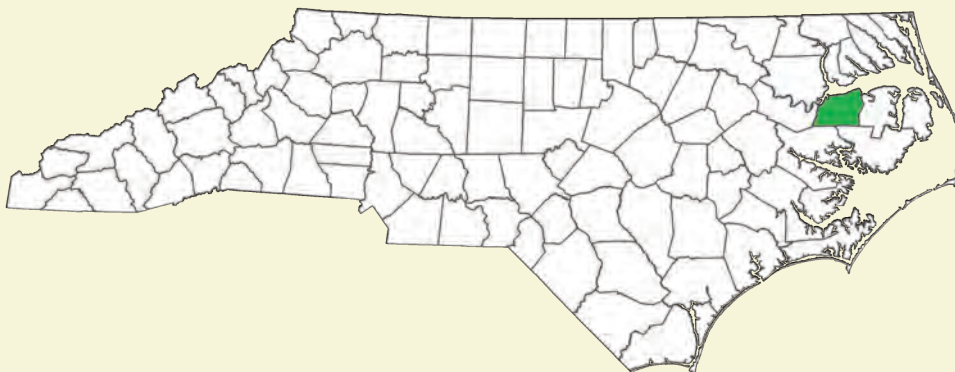
Washington County Voluntary Agricultural District

Applicant: Washington County Cooperative Extension

Proposed Grant: \$4,000

Total Project Value: \$7,345

Purpose & Objectives: Implement the VAD ordinances in Washington County, including educational meetings, signage and other outreach to farmers and landowners.



Agricultural Development Projects

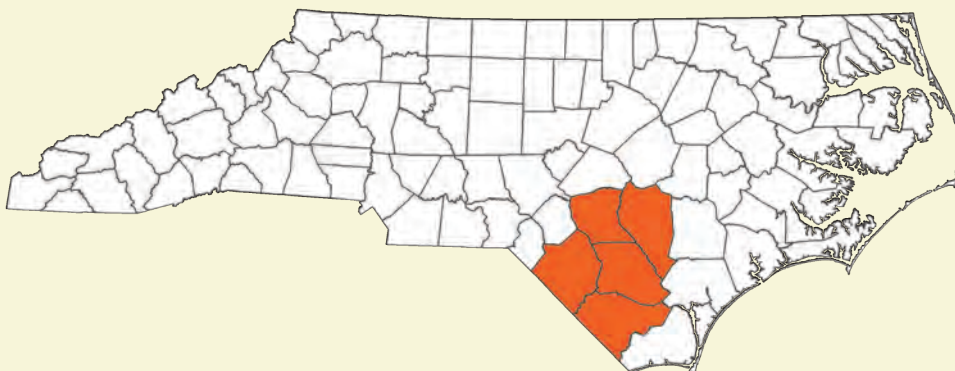
Bladen Conservation Equipment

Applicant: Bladen County Soil and Water Conservation District

Proposed Grant: \$45,500

Total Project Value: \$138,000

Purpose & Objectives: Allow low-income farmers access to grain drills and other tools in order to promote conservation tillage practices.



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Agricultural Development Projects

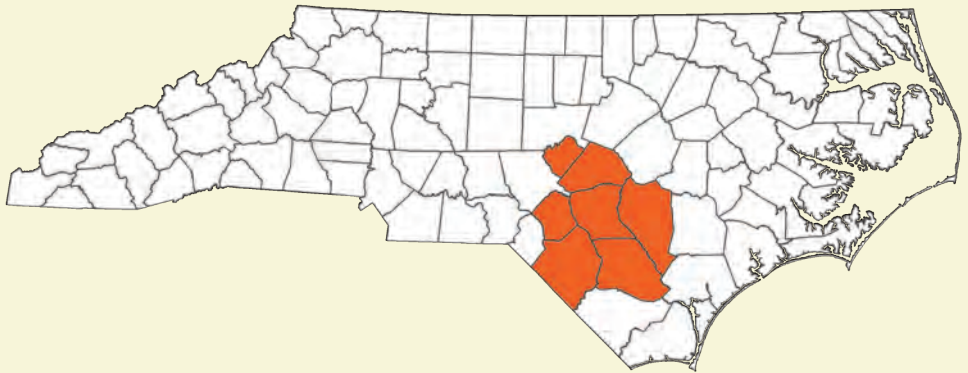
Cumberland County Farmers Market Study

Applicant: Cumberland County Cooperative Extension

Proposed Grant: \$25,000

Total Project Value: \$60,077

Purpose & Objectives: Cumberland County Cooperative Extension will work with a consulting firm to determine the feasibility and ideal location for a local farmers market in the county.



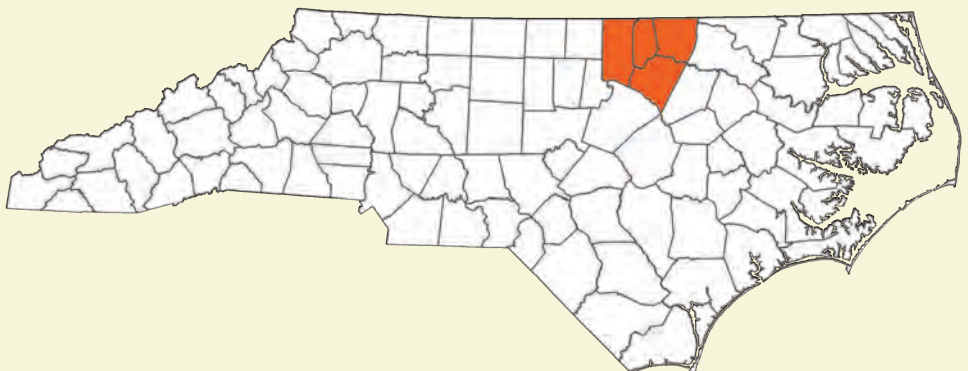
Fostering Bio-Fuel Growth in North Carolina

Applicant: Operation Spring Plant

Proposed Grant: \$36,000

Total Project Value: \$132,700

Purpose & Objectives: Assist an oil seed growers association in the development of an extraction process for biodiesel. The project will identify farmers in former tobacco growing areas and assist in the purchase of extraction equipment.



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Agricultural Development Projects

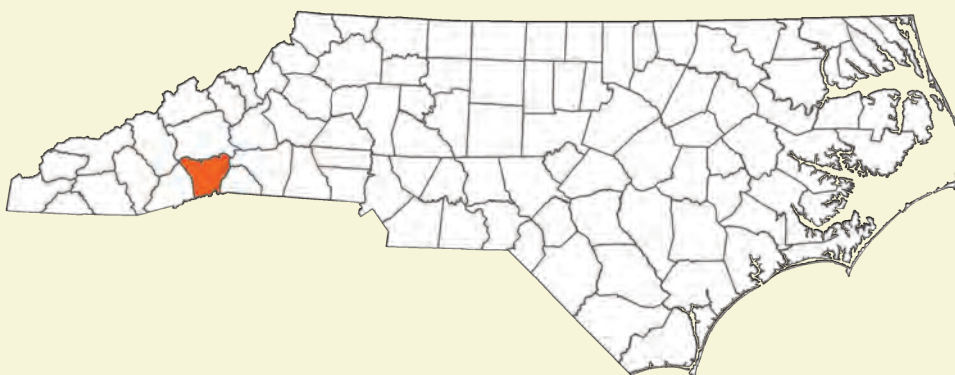
Henderson County Farm Fresh Program

Applicant: Henderson County

Proposed Grant: \$64,000

Total Project Value: \$89,600

Purpose & Objectives: Establish the “Henderson County Farm Fresh” marketing program to promote local products and producers.



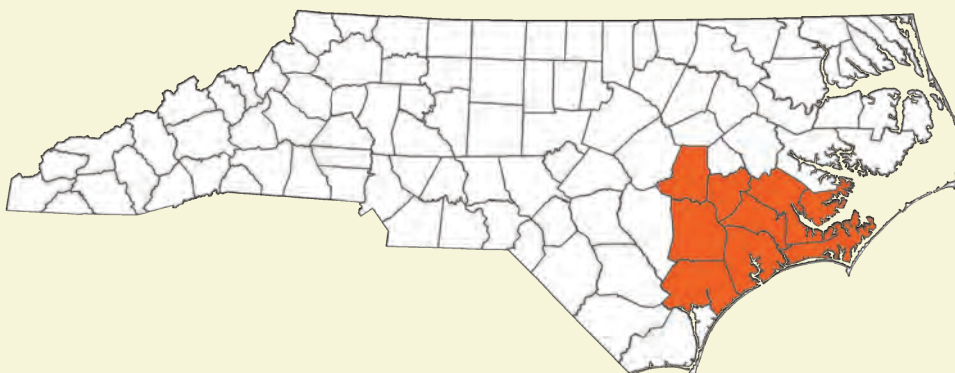
PlanIT East Agricultural Mapping/Analysis Project

Applicant: North Carolina's Eastern Region

Proposed Grant: \$12,000

Total Project Value: \$16,000

Purpose & Objectives: Development of population and farmland maps for planning conferences. These maps will serve as the starting point for PlanIT East's “EnvisionEast-2050” program.



Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Agricultural Development Projects

Sustaining Agriculture Under the “MTR” II

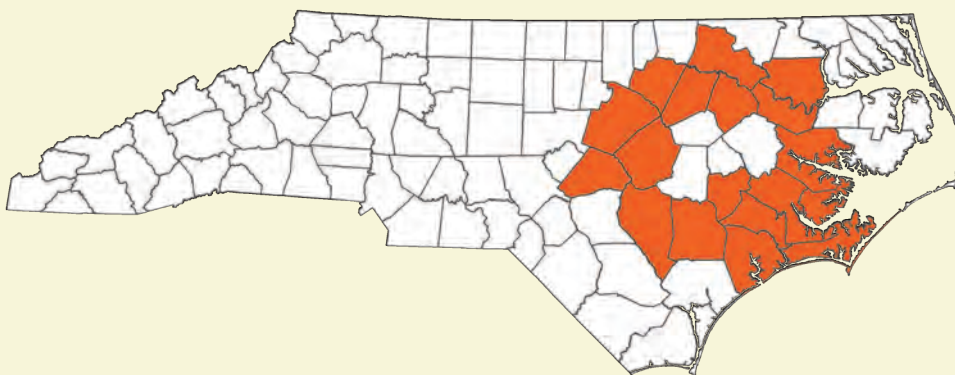
Applicant: North Carolina Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation

Proposed Grant: \$100,000

Total Project Value: \$130,000 + \$6 million in Department of Defense funding

Purpose & Objectives: Second phase of a 30-year landowner agreement program in cooperation with the military for the preservation of working farms and forests under the military training route in Beaufort, Bertie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Sampson and Wake counties.

**North Carolina Foundation for
Soil & Water Conservation, Inc.**



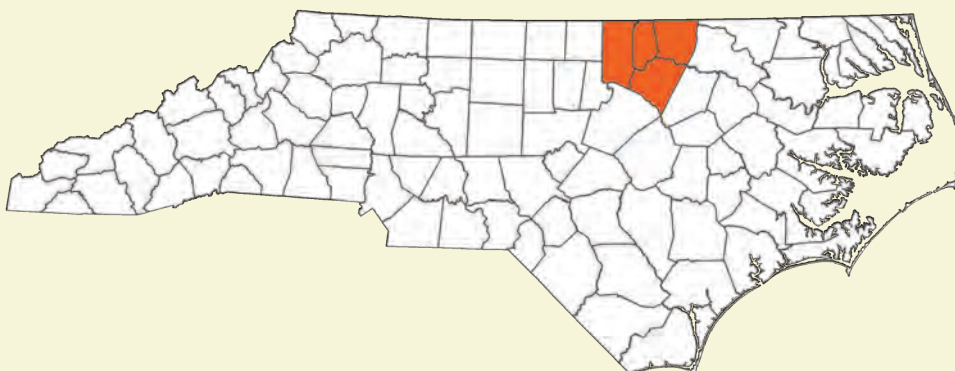
Vance County Regional Farmers Market

Applicant: Vance County

Proposed Grant: \$100,000

Total Project Value: \$400,000

Purpose & Objectives: The construction of a farmers market will enable local farmers to diversify production, increase income of local farmers, provide options for fresh local food and offer a venue for local meetings and events.



Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Conservation Easements

Almond Farm

Applicant: The LandTrust for Central North Carolina

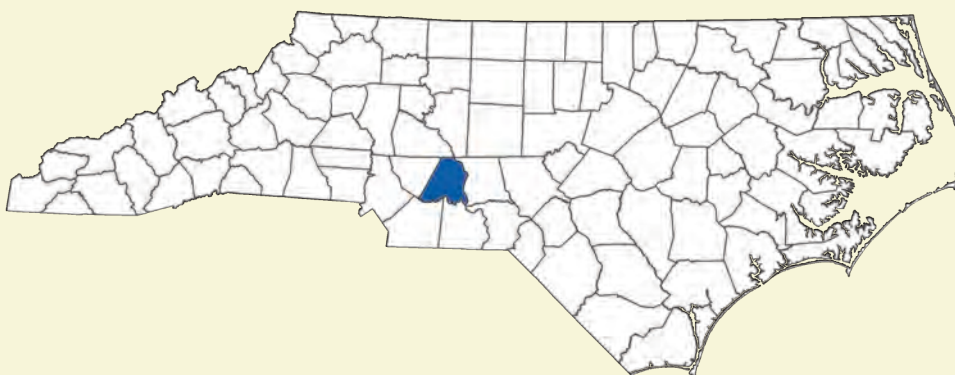
Proposed Grant: \$54,713

Total Project Value: \$168,852

Stanly County

80 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Brown Farm

Applicant: Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District

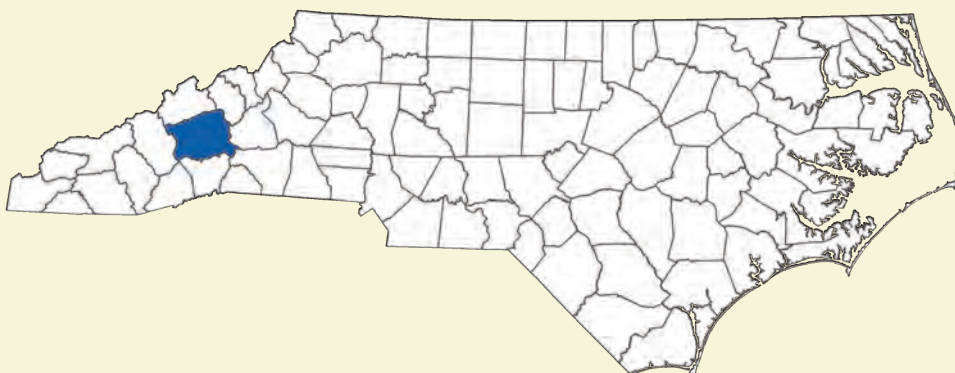
Proposed Grant: \$200,000

Total Project Value: \$1,014,900

Buncombe County

233 Acres

Perpetual Easement



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Conservation Easements

Cates Farm

Applicant: North American Land Trust

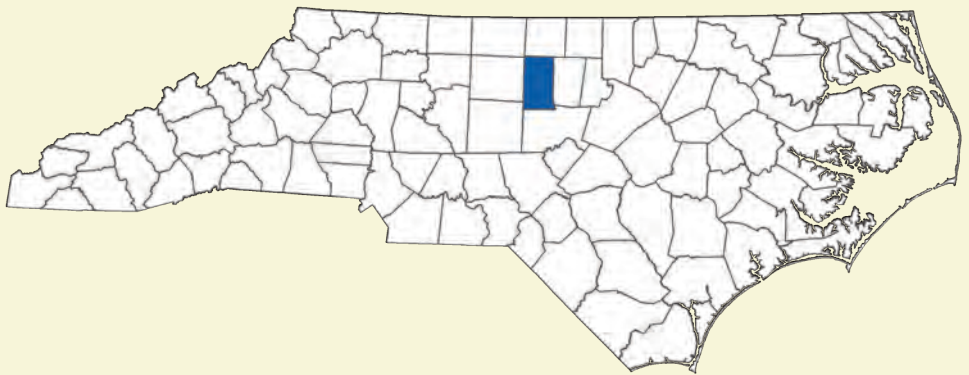
Proposed Grant: \$99,687

Total Project Value: \$506,411

Alamance County

25 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Dan Barrier Farm

Applicant: Cabarrus County Soil and Water Conservation District

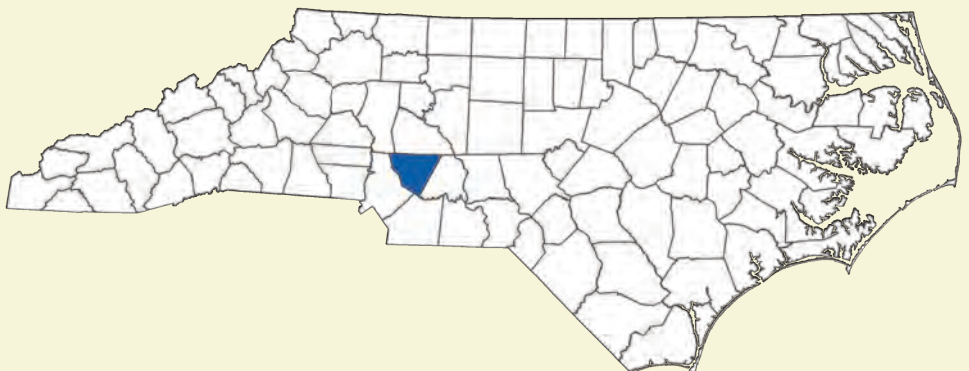
Proposed Grant: \$89,600

Total Project Value: \$179,200

Cabarrus County

35.4 Acres

Perpetual Easement



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Conservation Easements

Ferguson Farm

Applicant: Haywood County Soil and Water Conservation District

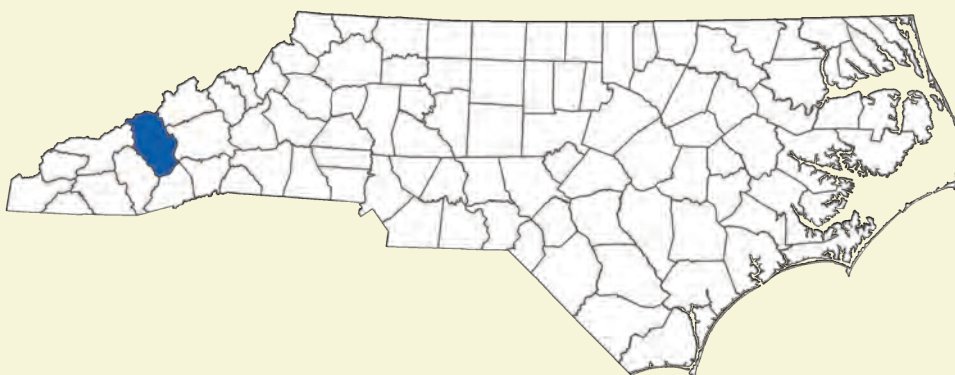
Proposed Grant: \$285,781

Total Project Value: \$1,097,911

Haywood County

144 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Gainey Farm III

Applicant: Sandhills Area Land Trust

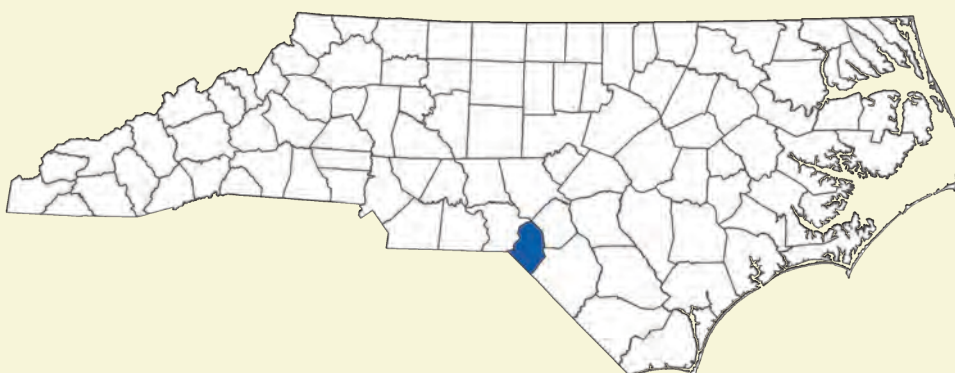
Proposed Grant: \$256,655

Total Project Value: \$366,555

Scotland County

165 Acres

Perpetual Easement



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Conservation Easements

Jeffers Farm

Applicant: Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy

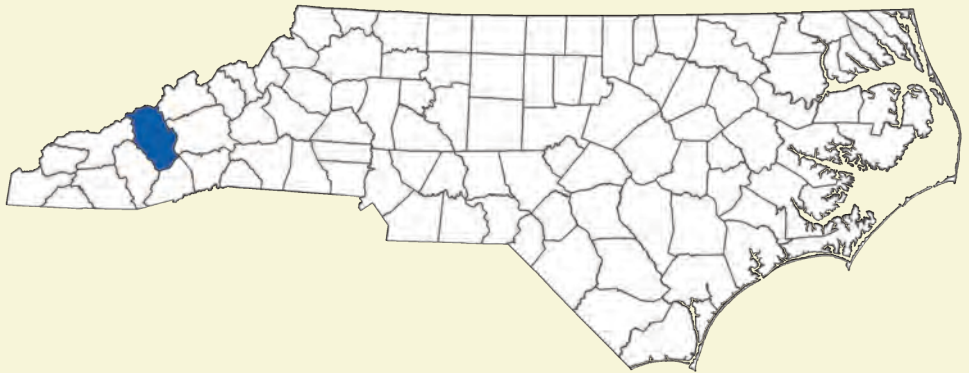
Proposed Grant: \$55,330

Total Project Value: \$486,340

Buncombe County

57 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Lindale Farm

Applicant: Triangle Land Conservancy

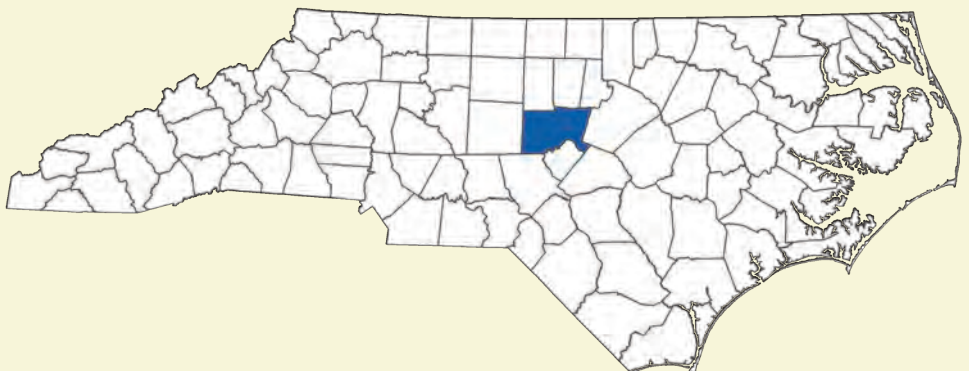
Proposed Grant: \$270,000

Total Project Value: \$845,000

Chatham County

195 Acres

Perpetual Easement



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Conservation Easements

Krider Farm

Applicant: New River Soil and Water Conservation District

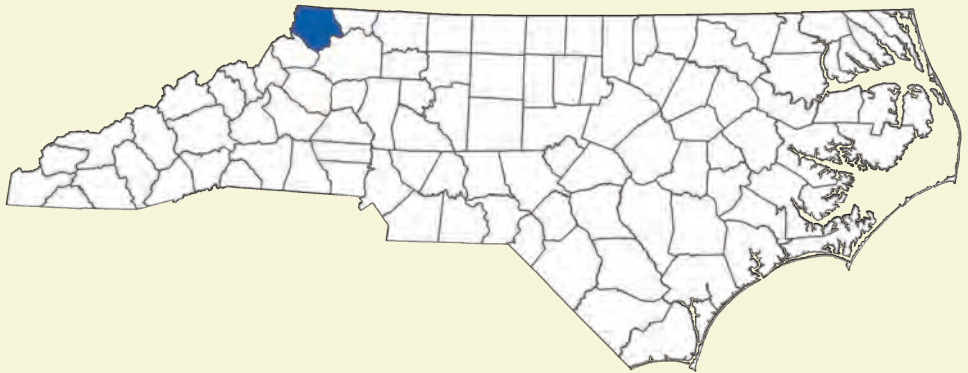
Proposed Grant: \$239,700

Total Project Value: \$331,200

Ashe County

57.7 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Wilkins Farm

Applicant: Alamance County

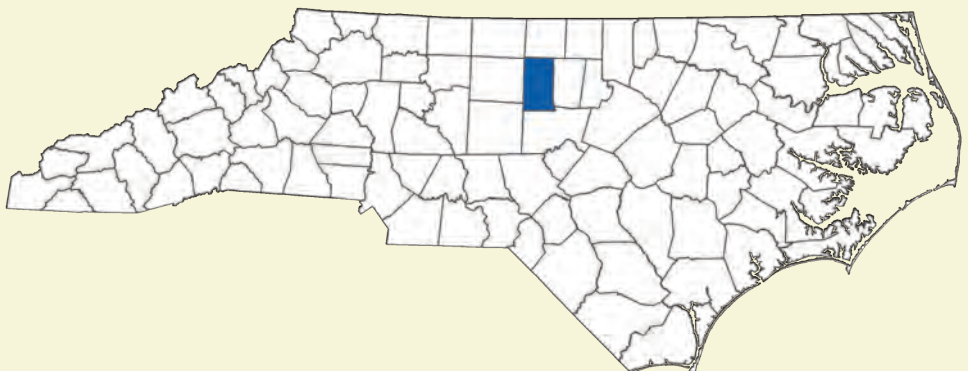
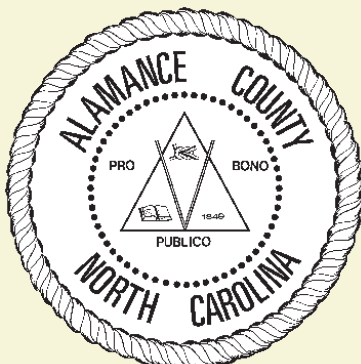
Proposed Grant: \$100,000

Total Project Value: \$116,726

Alamance County

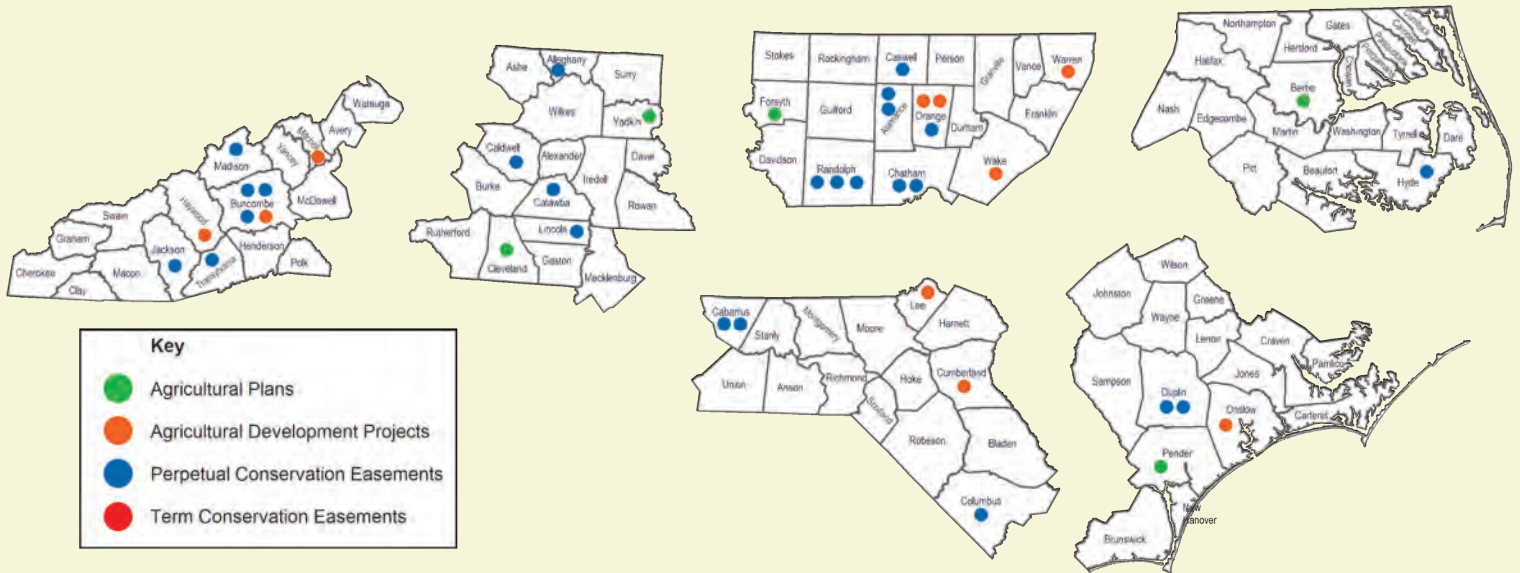
27 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Cycle VI Applicants

| Application Type | Number of Applications | Amount Requested from ADFP | Amount of Match | Total Project Value |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Perpetual Conservation Easements | 25 | \$4,582,497.50 | \$9,144,813.50 | \$13,727,311 |
| Term Conservation Easements | 0 | - | - | - |
| Agricultural Plans | 5 | \$53,000 | \$18,750 | \$71,750 |
| Development Projects | 10 | \$1,023,200 | \$615,243.28 | \$1,638,443.28 |
| TOTALS | 40 | \$5,658,697.50 | \$9,778,807.78 | \$15,437,504.28 |

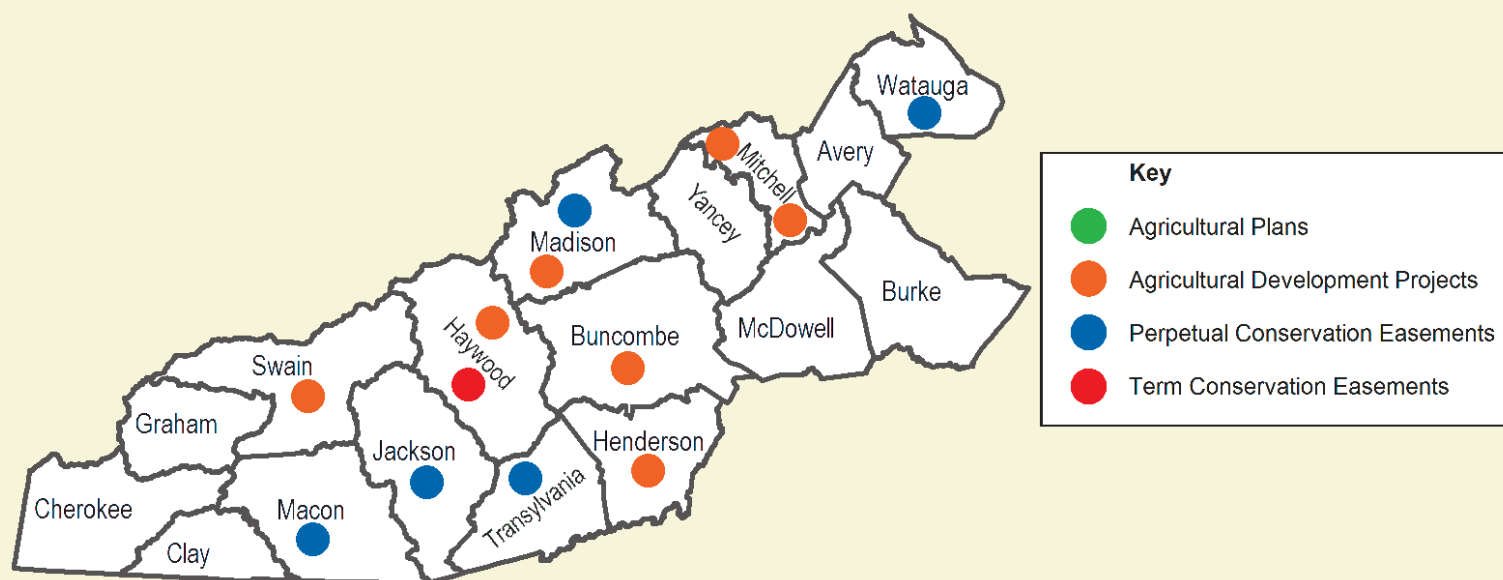


| | Perpetual Conservation Easements | Term Conservation Easements | Agricultural Plans | Development Projects | TOTALS |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Conservation Non-profits | 13 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 19 |
| Counties | 12 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 21 |
| TOTALS | 25 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 40 |

TVA Grant Applicants

The N.C General Assembly appropriated a portion of the state's Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Settlement Fund to support a grant program for county governments and nonprofit conservation groups pursuing agricultural development and farmland preservation projects in 17 western N.C. counties.

| Application Type | Number of Applications | Amount Requested from ADFP | Amount of Match | Total Project Value |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Perpetual Conservation Easements | 5 | \$652,000 | \$3,038,120 | \$3,690,120 |
| Term Conservation Easements | 1 | \$32,694 | \$12,900 | \$45,594 |
| Agricultural Plans | 0 | - | - | - |
| Development Projects | 7 | \$481,525 | \$967,193 | \$1,448,718 |
| TOTALS | 13 | \$1,023,200 | \$4,018,213 | \$5,184,432 |



| | Perpetual Conservation Easements | Term Conservation Easements | Agricultural Plans | Development Projects | TOTALS |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Conservation Non-profits | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Counties | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| TOTALS | 5 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 13 |

Cycle VI & TVA Grant Recipients 2013-2014

Agricultural Plans

| Plan Title | Applicant | Requested Amount from ADFP | Proposed Grant | Estimated Total Project Value |
|---|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Bertie County Voluntary Agricultural District | Bertie County & Bertie County Cooperative Extension | \$4,000 | \$3,500 | \$7,050 |
| Forsyth County Farmland Protection Plan | Forsyth County & Forsyth County Cooperative Extension | \$15,000 | \$14,000 | \$18,500 |
| Pender County Voluntary Agricultural District | Pender Soil & Water Conservation District | \$4,000 | \$3,500 | \$4,700 |
| Yadkin County Farmland Protection Plan | Piedmont Land Conservancy | \$15,000 | \$14,000 | \$19,000 |
| TOTALS | | \$38,000 | \$35,000 | \$49,250 |

Agricultural Development Projects

| Project Title | Applicant | Requested Amount from ADFP | Proposed Grant | Estimated Total Project Value |
|--|---|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Expansion of "Buy Haywood" Branding and Marketing</i> | <i>Haywood County Economic Development Commission</i> | <i>\$15,000</i> | <i>\$15,000</i> | <i>\$17,500</i> |
| <i>Mountaineer Stewards</i> | <i>Mitchell County</i> | <i>\$100,000</i> | <i>\$60,326</i> | <i>\$130,000</i> |
| Sandhills Farm to Fare Pilot | Lee County | \$15,000 | \$7,500 | \$15,500 |
| Sustaining Agriculture Under the "MTR" III | N.C. Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation | \$300,000 | \$87,000 | \$113,105* |
| Warren Agricultural Enterprise Center | Warren County | \$100,000 | \$50,000 | \$125,999 |
| TOTALS | | \$530,000 | \$219,826 | \$402,104 |

**See project profile for more information on estimated project value.
Italicized projects are in TVA identified counties.*

Cycle VI & TVA Grant Recipients 2013-2014

Conservation Easements

| Easement Name | Applicant | Requested Amount from ADFP | Proposed Grant | Estimated Total Project Value | Acres | County |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <i>Gibson Family Farm</i> | <i>Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District</i> | <i>\$198,000</i> | <i>\$198,000</i> | <i>\$1,422,910</i> | <i>121</i> | <i>Jackson</i> |
| <i>Hillwinds Farm</i> | <i>Macon Soil & Water Conservation District</i> | <i>\$50,000</i> | <i>\$50,000</i> | <i>\$1,270,710</i> | <i>150</i> | <i>Macon</i> |
| <i>Hutchins Farm</i> | <i>Buncombe Soil & Water Conservation District</i> | <i>\$110,000</i> | <i>\$110,000</i> | <i>\$1,018,400</i> | <i>77.9</i> | <i>Buncombe</i> |
| <i>Jeffers Farm</i> | <i>Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy</i> | <i>\$75,000</i> | <i>\$75,000</i> | <i>\$282,000</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>Buncombe</i> |
| Lindley Farm | Chatham Soil & Water Conservation District | \$256,000 | \$220,500 | \$873,000 | 220 | Chatham |
| <i>Peterson Farm</i> | <i>Buncombe Soil & Water Conservation District</i> | <i>\$225,000</i> | <i>\$225,000</i> | <i>\$1,999,631</i> | <i>167.77</i> | <i>Buncombe</i> |
| Porter Farm | Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District | \$228,112.50 | \$228,112.50 | \$949,398 | 182.49 | Cabarrus |
| <i>Reeves Farm</i> | <i>Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy</i> | <i>\$275,000</i> | <i>\$275,000</i> | <i>\$1,575,000</i> | <i>355</i> | <i>Madison</i> |
| <i>Robertson Farm</i> | <i>Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy</i> | <i>\$69,000</i> | <i>\$69,000</i> | <i>\$162,000</i> | <i>20.7</i> | <i>Transylvania</i> |
| Spencer Farm | Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District | \$249,571 | \$100,930 | \$158,620 | 77 | Hyde |
| <i>Swanger Farm*</i> | <i>Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District</i> | <i>\$32,694</i> | <i>\$32,694</i> | <i>\$45,594</i> | <i>27.72</i> | <i>Haywood</i> |
| <i>Ward Farm</i> | <i>Blue Ridge Conservancy</i> | <i>\$60,000</i> | <i>\$60,000</i> | <i>\$1,267,600</i> | <i>282</i> | <i>Watauga</i> |
| Yates Farm | Columbus Soil & Water Conservation District | \$19,000 | \$19,000 | \$122,900 | 15.49 | Columbus |
| TOTALS | | \$1,847,377.50 | \$1,663,236.50 | \$11,147,763 | 1,722.07 | |

**30-Year Term Easement. All other conservation easements are perpetual.
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Agricultural Plans

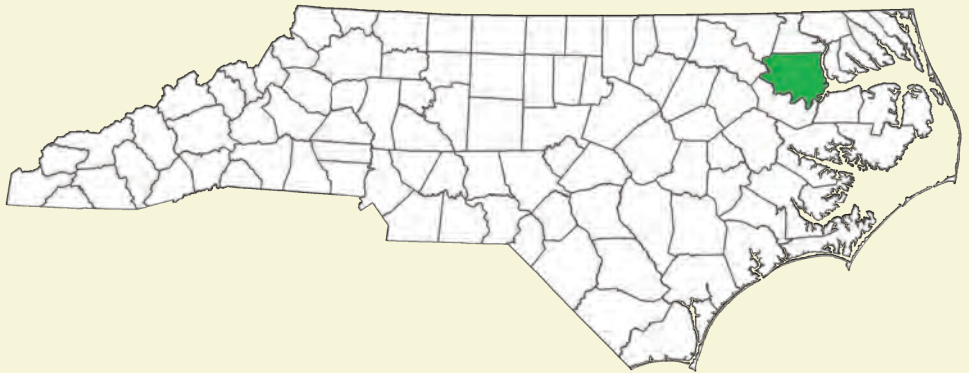
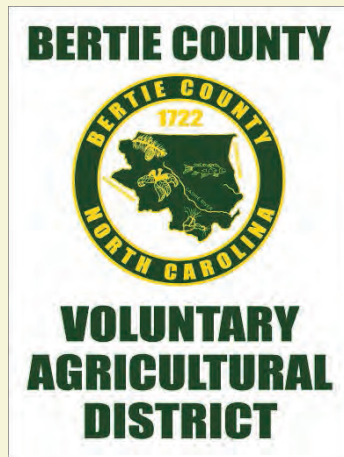
Bertie County Voluntary Agricultural District

Applicant: Bertie County & Bertie County Cooperative Extension

Proposed Grant: \$3,500

Total Project Value: \$7,050

Purpose & Objectives: Implement the VAD ordinances in Bertie County, including educational meetings, signage and other outreach to farmers and landowners.



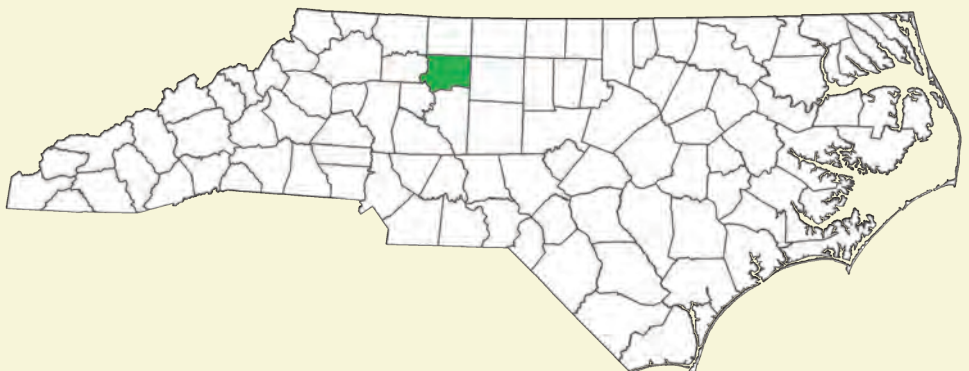
Forsyth County Farmland Protection Plan

Applicant: Forsyth County & Forsyth County Cooperative Extension

Proposed Grant: \$14,000

Total Project Value: \$18,500

Purpose & Objectives: Aid the development and adoption of a county farmland protection plan.



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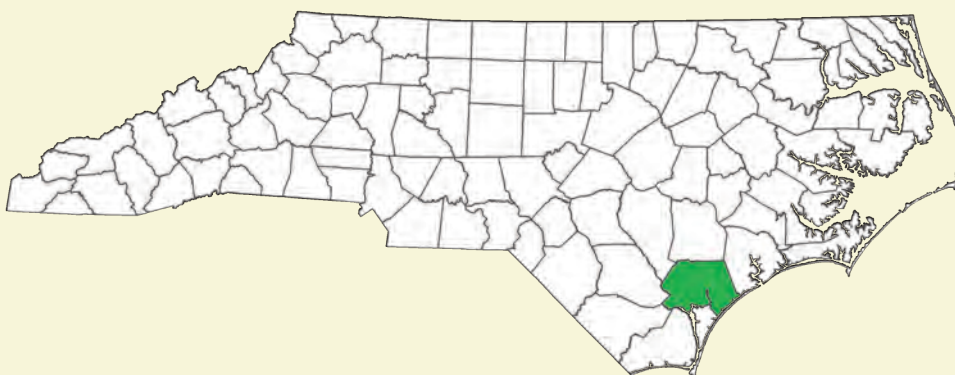
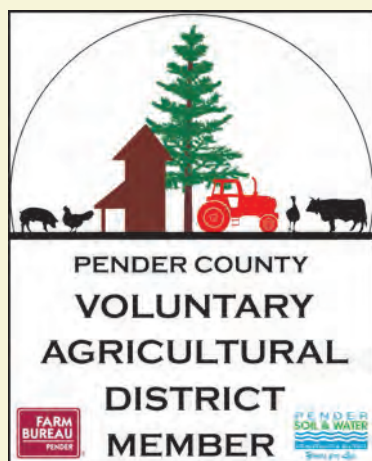
Pender County Voluntary Agricultural District

Applicant: Pender County Soil and Water Conservation District

Proposed Grant: \$3,500

Total Project Value: \$4,700

Purpose & Objectives: Implement the VAD ordinances in Pender County, including educational meetings, signage and other outreach to farmers and landowners.



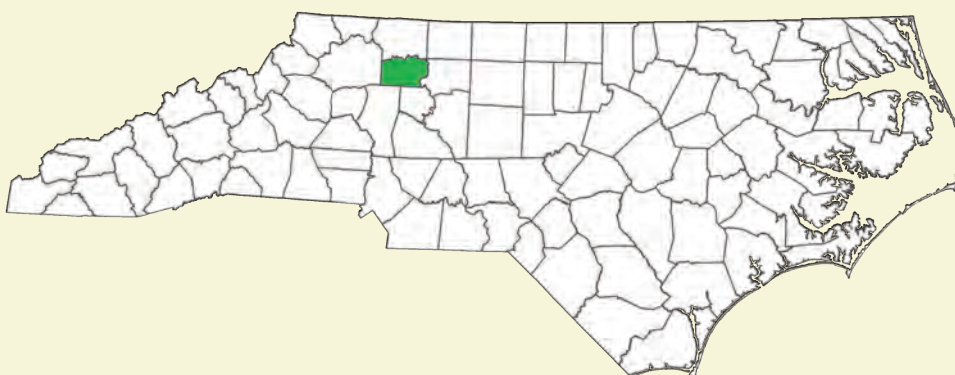
Yadkin County Farmland Protection Plan

Applicant: Piedmont Land Conservancy

Proposed Grant: \$14,000

Total Project Value: \$19,000

Purpose & Objectives: Aid the development and adoption of a county farmland protection plan.



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Agricultural Development Projects

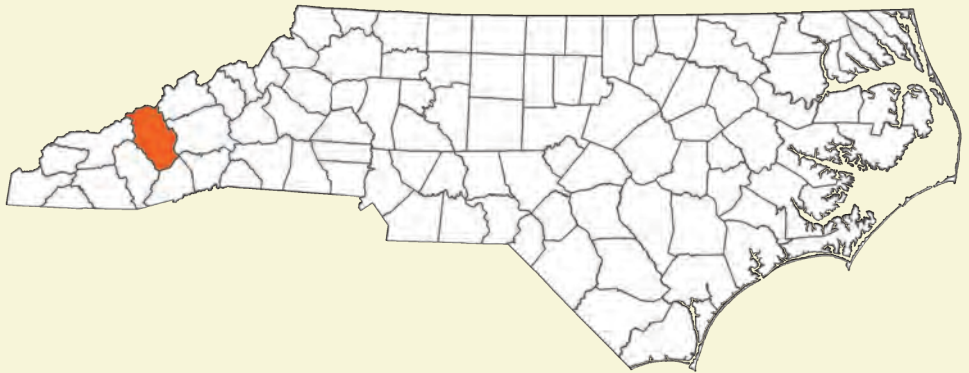
Expansion of “Buy Haywood” Branding and Marketing

Applicant: Haywood County Economic Development Commission

Proposed Grant: \$15,000

Total Project Value: \$17,500

Purpose & Objectives: Expand the brand recognition of “Buy Haywood” products through increased access to marketing materials and working directly with farmers to better market locally grown products.



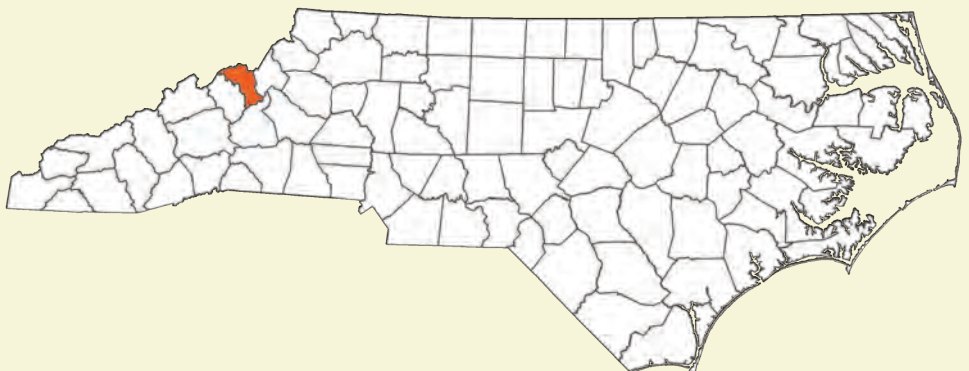
Mountaineer Stewards

Applicant: Mitchell County

Proposed Grant: \$60,326

Total Project Value: \$90,326

Purpose & Objectives: Funds site preparation for a school farm on the campus of Mitchell County High School in Bakersville.



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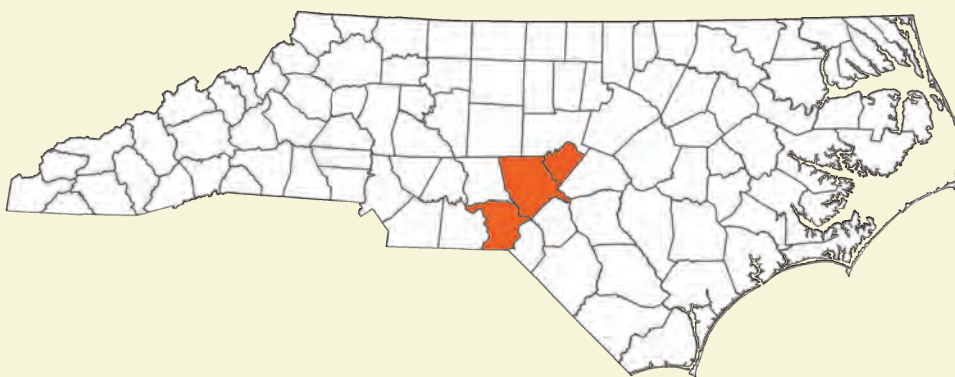
Sandhills Farm to Fare Pilot

Applicant: Lee County

Proposed Grant: \$7,500

Total Project Value: \$15,500

Purpose & Objectives: Work with the Sandhills Farm to Table Cooperative to enact a pilot program that will assist farmers who wish to market produce to institutions under-served by local foods in Lee, Moore and Richmond counties.



Sustaining Agriculture Under the “MTR” III

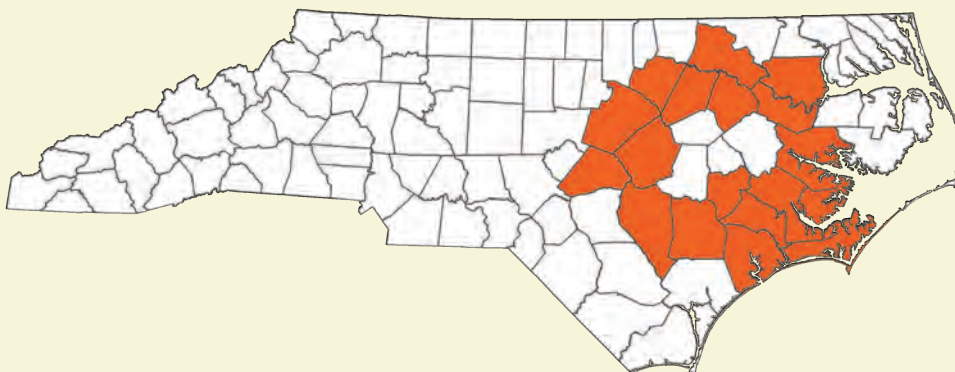
Applicant: North Carolina Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation

Proposed Grant: \$87,000

Total Project Value: \$177,000 + \$6 million in Department of Defense funding

Purpose & Objectives: Third phase of a 30-year landowner agreement program in cooperation with the military for the preservation of working farms and forests under the military training route in Beaufort, Bertie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Sampson and Wake counties.

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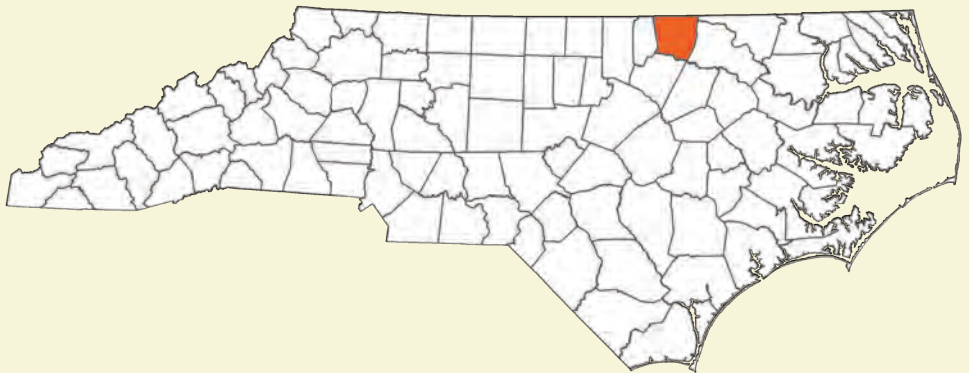
Warren Agricultural Enterprise Center

Applicant: Warren County

Proposed Grant: \$50,000

Total Project Value: \$114,713

Purpose & Objectives: Refurbish a textile mill for a produce processing and distribution facility, the Center for Ag & Value-added Enterprise, that will serve small and mid-sized farmers.



Conservation Easements

Gibson Family Farm

Applicant: Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District

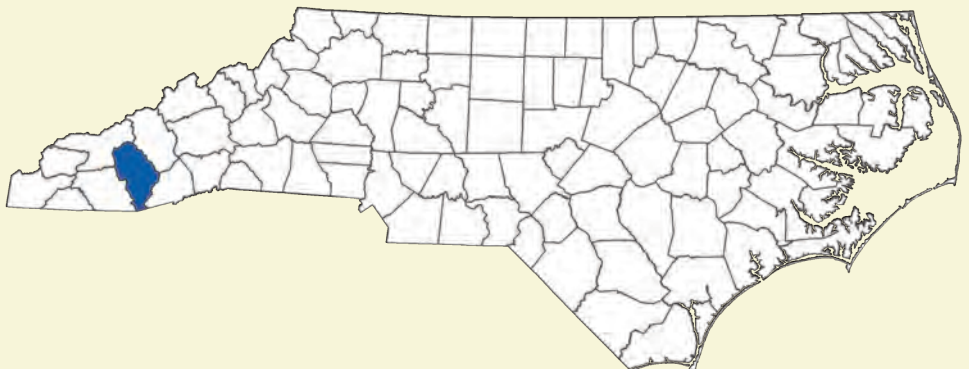
Proposed Grant: \$198,000

Total Project Value: \$1,620,910

Jackson County

121 Acres

Perpetual Easement



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Conservation Easements

Hillwinds Farm

Applicant: Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District

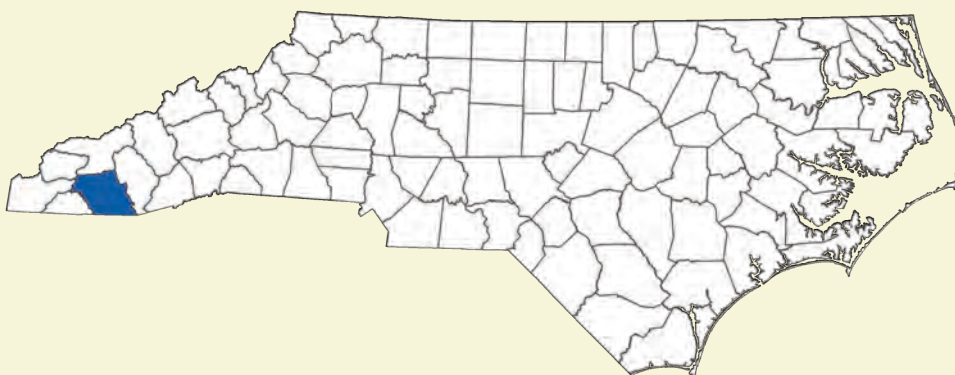
Proposed Grant: \$50,000

Total Project Value: \$358,110

Macon County

150 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Hutchins Farm

Applicant: Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District

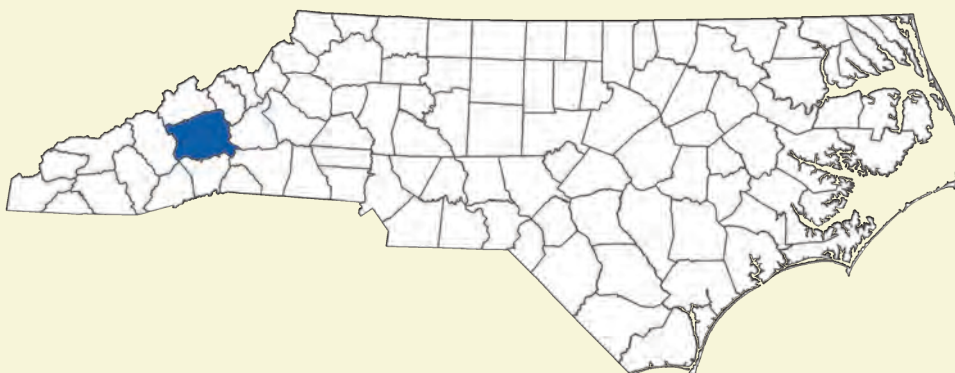
Proposed Grant: \$110,000

Total Project Value: \$2,192,320.51

Buncombe County

77.9 Acres

Perpetual Easement



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Conservation Easements

Jeffers Farm

Applicant: Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy

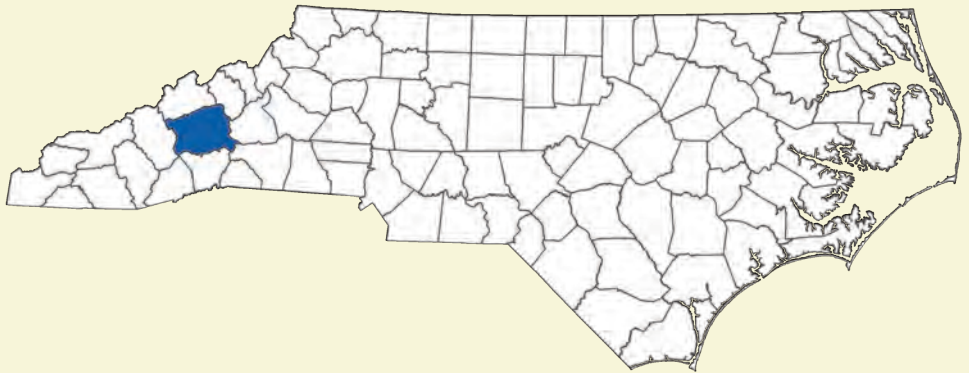
Proposed Grant: \$75,000

Total Project Value: \$540,000

Buncombe County

25 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Lindley Farm

Applicant: Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District

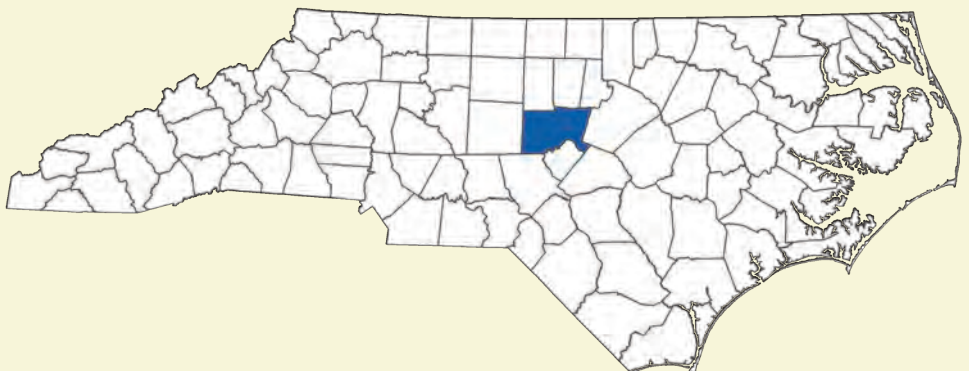
Proposed Grant: \$220,500

Total Project Value: \$1,693,500

Chatham County

220 Acres

Perpetual Easement



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Conservation Easements

Peterson Farm

Applicant: Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District

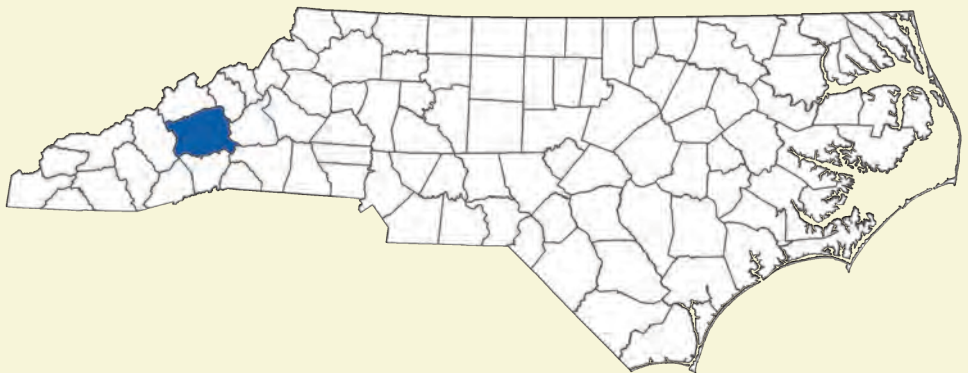
Proposed Grant: \$225,000

Total Project Value: \$1,222,725

Buncombe County

167.77 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Porter Farm

Applicant: Cabarrus County Soil and Water Conservation District

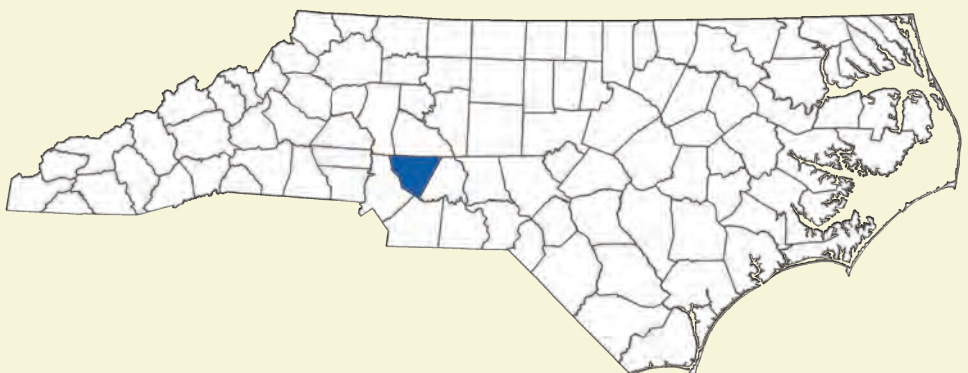
Proposed Grant: \$228,112.50

Total Project Value: \$1,117,510.50

Cabarrus County

182.49 Acres

Perpetual Easement



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Conservation Easements

Reeves Farm

Applicant: Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy

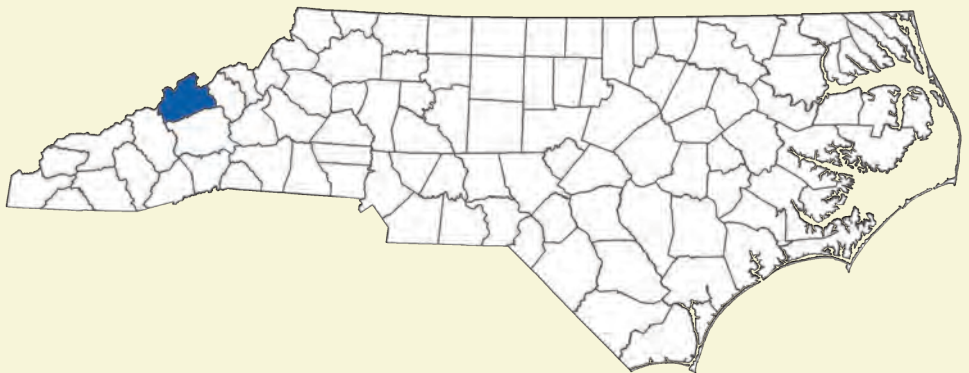
Proposed Grant: \$275,000

Total Project Value: \$1,390,000

Madison County

355 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Robertson Farm

Applicant: Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy

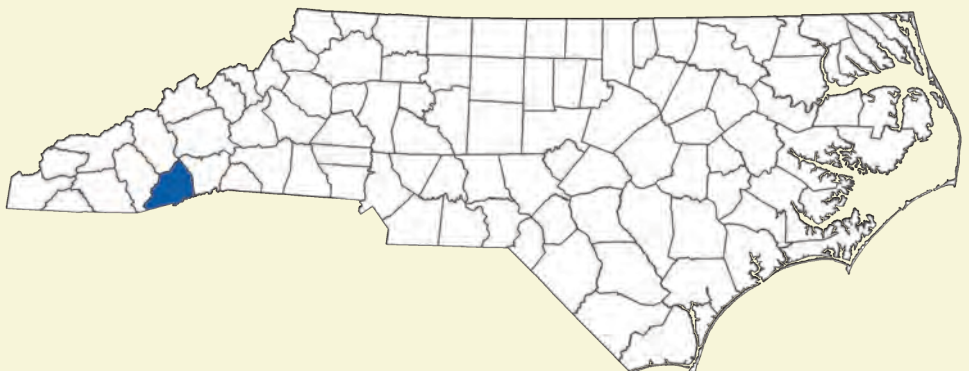
Proposed Grant: \$69,000

Total Project Value: \$162,000

Transylvania County

20.7 Acres

Perpetual Easement



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Conservation Easements

Spencer Farm

Applicant: Hyde County Soil and Water Conservation District

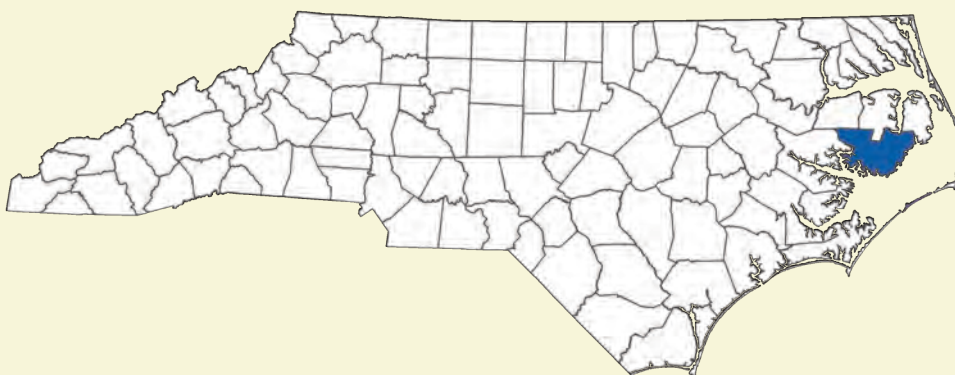
Proposed Grant: \$100,930

Total Project Value: \$192,889

Hyde County

77 Acres

Perpetual Easement



Swanger Farm

Applicant: Haywood County Soil and Water Conservation District

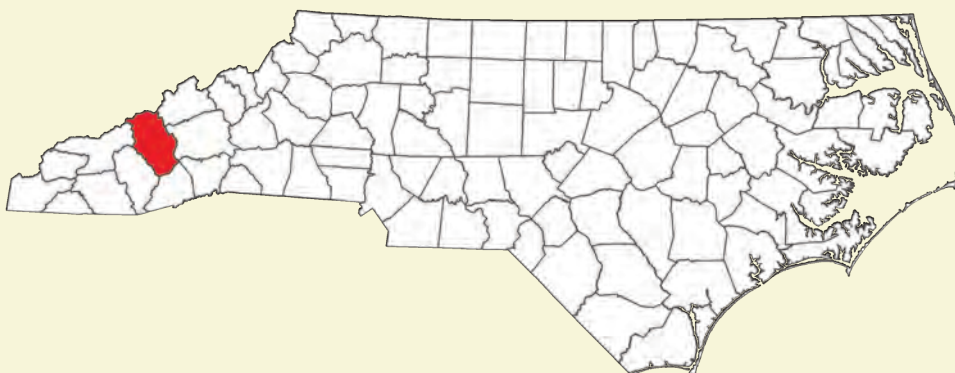
Proposed Grant: \$32,694

Total Project Value: \$77,288

Haywood County

27.72 Acres

30-Year Term Easement



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Conservation Easements

Ward Farm

Applicant: Blue Ridge Conservancy

Proposed Grant: \$60,000

Total Project Value: \$1,351,100

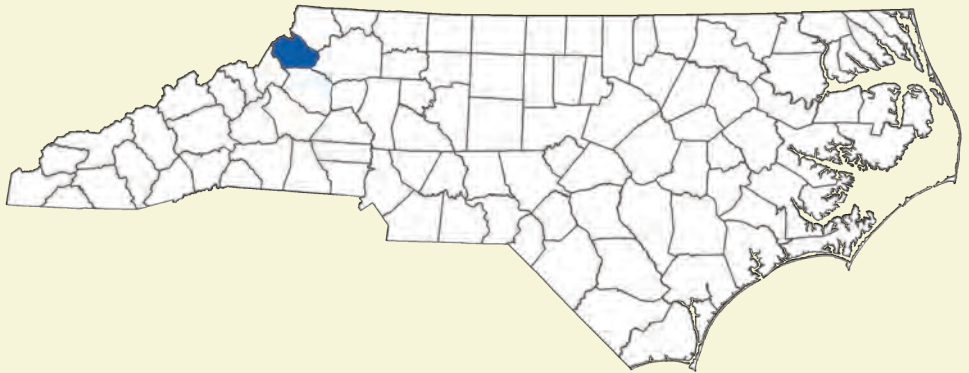
Watauga County

282 Acres

Perpetual Easement



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Yates Farm

Applicant: Columbus County Soil and Water Conservation District

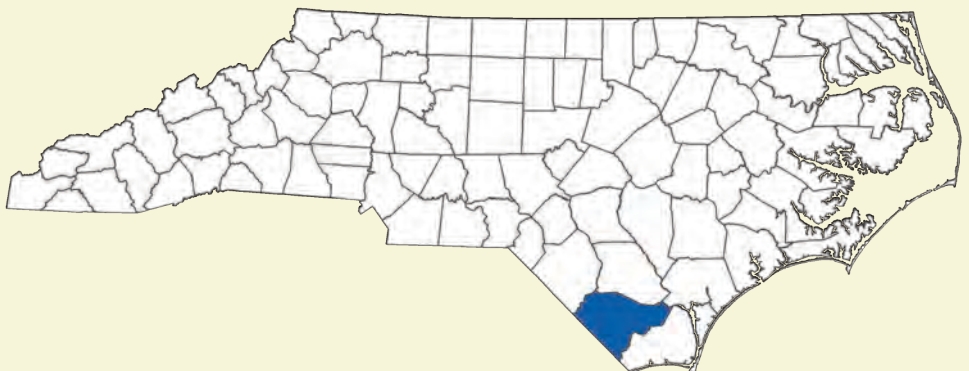
Proposed Grant: \$19,000

Total Project Value: \$141,900

Columbus County

15.49 Acres

Perpetual Easement







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