

DIEDMONT

Conservation Trust for North Carolina	Blue Ridge Rural Land Trust	Catawba Lands Conservancy
North Carolina Rail-Trails	Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy	Davidson Lands Conservancy
	Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina	Eno River Association
COAST	High Country Conservancy	LandTrust for Central North Carolina
Northeast New Hanover Conservancy	Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust	Lumber River Conservancy
North Carolina Coastal Land Trust	Land Trust for the Little Tennessee	Piedmont Land Conservancy
Smith Island Land Trust (a subsidiary of Bald Head Island Conservancy)	National Committee for the New River	Sandhills Area Land Trust
	Pacolet Area Conservancy	Tar River Land Conservancy
	Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy	Triangle Greenways Council
		Triangle Land Conservancy

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Land Trust Services

- Legislative Advocacy/Government Relations
- Management of State Conservation Program Contracts
- Coordinated Public Relations
- Grants and Loans
- Training
- Land Protection

Land Trusts and State Government Conservation Programs

Clean Water Management Trust Fund
Ecosystem Enhancement Program
Natural Heritage Trust Fund
Farmland Preservation Trust Fund
Tobacco Trust Fund Commission

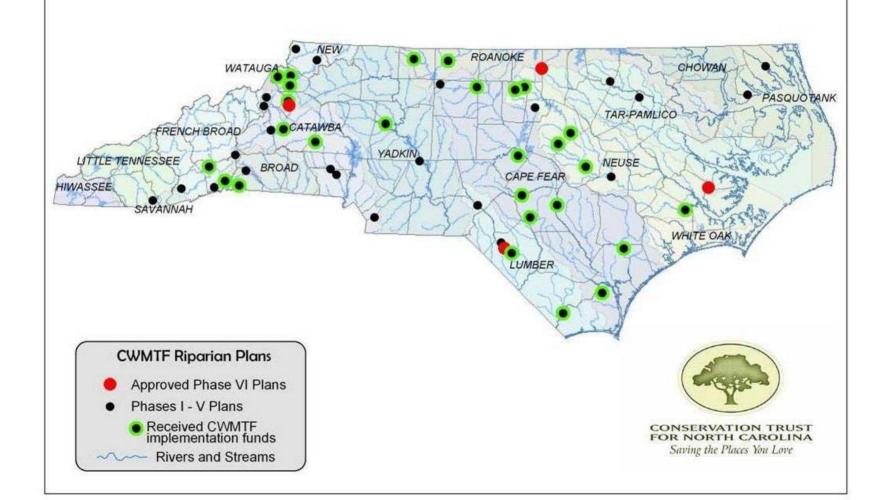
Land Trusts and CWMTF Riparian Corridor Conservation Plans

Partnership among local land trusts, CTNC, and CWMTF to:

- Create detailed conservation plans for targeted streams and river segments
- Implement those plans by reaching out to willing landowners re: conservation options
- Close on land protection projects to protect water quality, as identified in the plans



CWMTF Riparian Corridor Conservation Plans Phases I-V & Approved Plans Phase VI



Quick Facts, Phases I - IV

- Number of conservation plans created = 41
- CWMTF planning investment = \$1,123,000
- Acres protected = 30,635 (888,256 stream ft, 183 tracts)
- Acres of donated land or easements = 12501
- CWMTF acquisition funds = \$23,860,653
- Funds leveraged = \$37,605,110

Land Trusts' Legislative Priorities

- Land for Tomorrow
- Full Funding for Trust Funds
- Present Use Value Tax Program
- Conservation Tax Credit

Present Use Value

- HB 1722, introduced by Reps. Hackney, Brubaker, Gibson, Harrison:
- Would allow landowners who place a conservation easement on their land to remain in the PUV program
- Would clarify eligibility to 25% or more donation
- Would create new wildlife habitat/conservation category
- Would maintain property tax exemptions for land trusts on conservation properties they own

Conservation Tax Credit

- S 521, introduced by Sen. Clodfelter, would:
- Authorize limited refundability of the tax credit by making 50% of the credit remaining after two years eligible to be requested as a refund
- Establish the maximum tax credit that may be taken by a "pass-through entity" to be \$500,000.