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*Environmental Review
Commission*

March 14, 2006

Overview

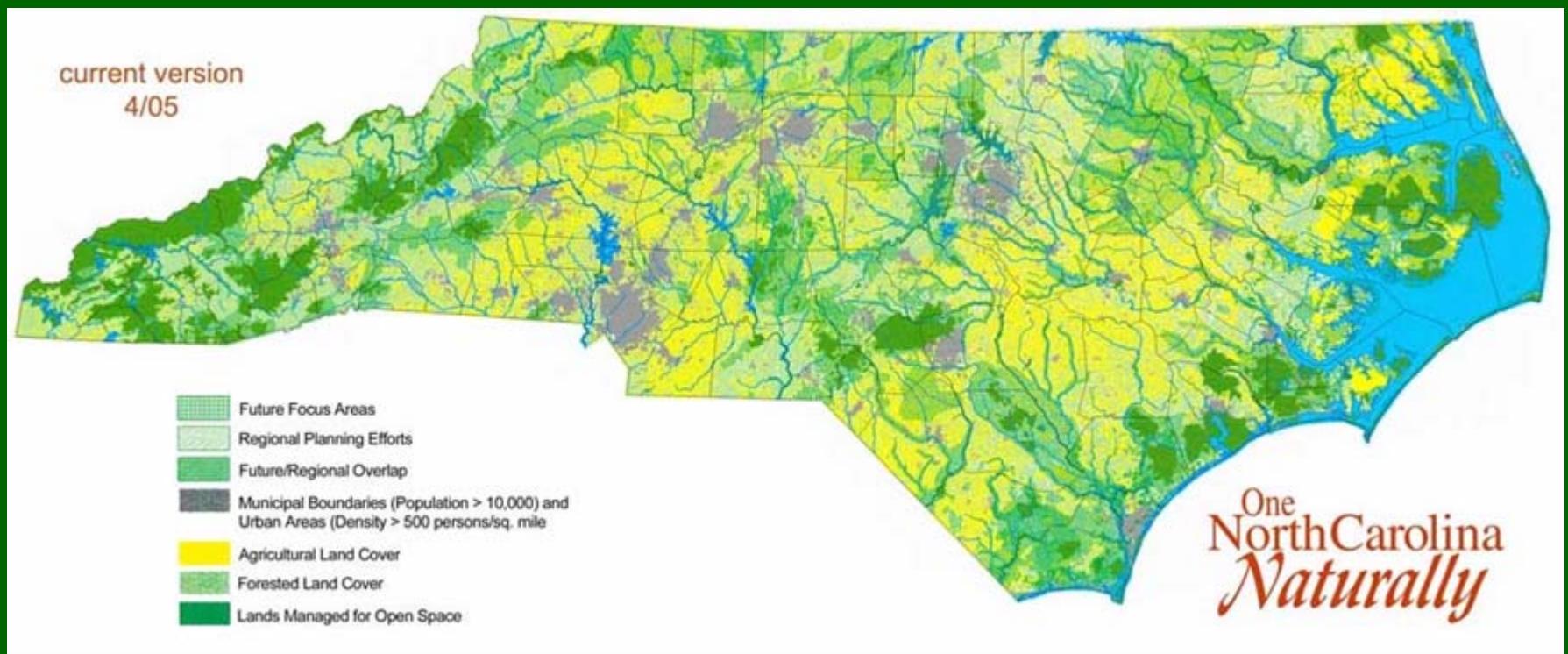
- North Carolina's Changing Landscape
- Conservation Planning - Why?
- Million Acres Report
- Conservation Easement Program



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*Innovative, Coordinated
Conservation --
for North Carolina's
present and future*

Coordinated, Focused & Effective Planning



WHY BOTHER?

NC's Changing Landscape

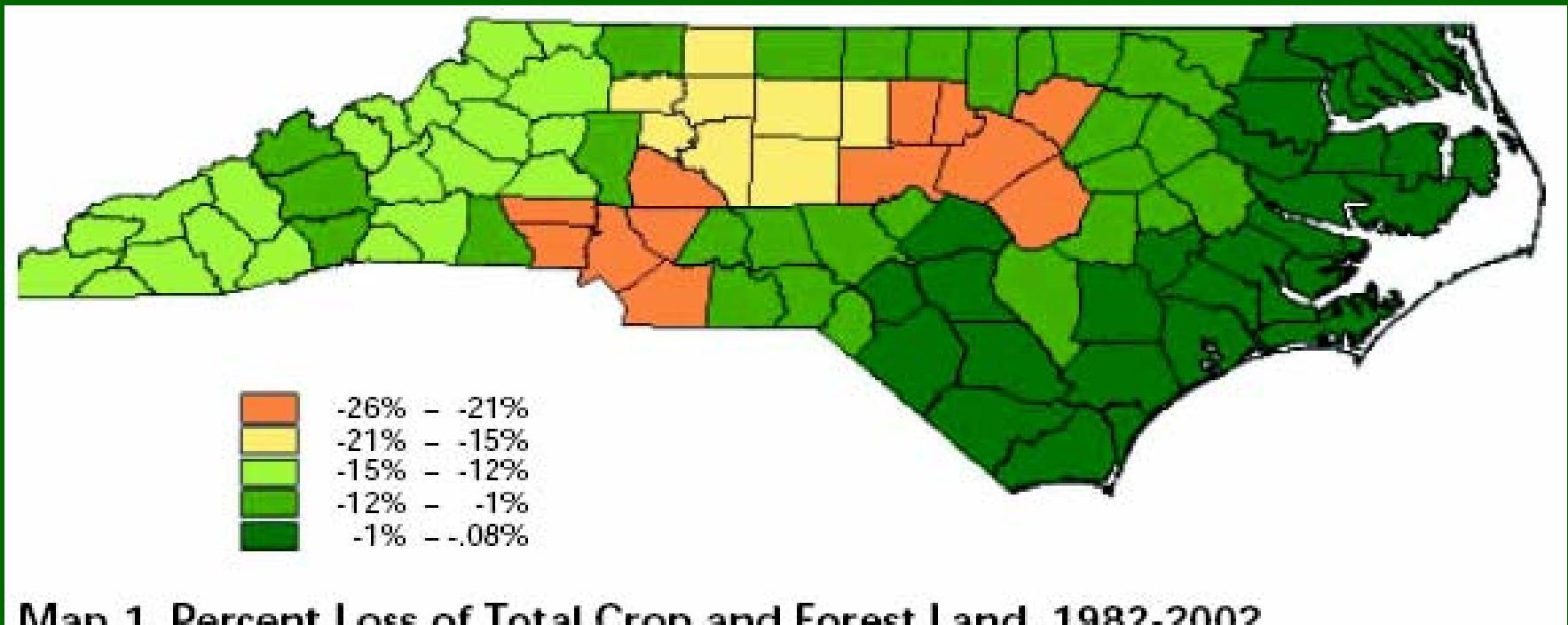


North Carolina's population will increase 50%
by 2030. from 8 to 12 million

NC has one of the highest conversion rates of forest & farm land in the country. We lose 383 acres per day.

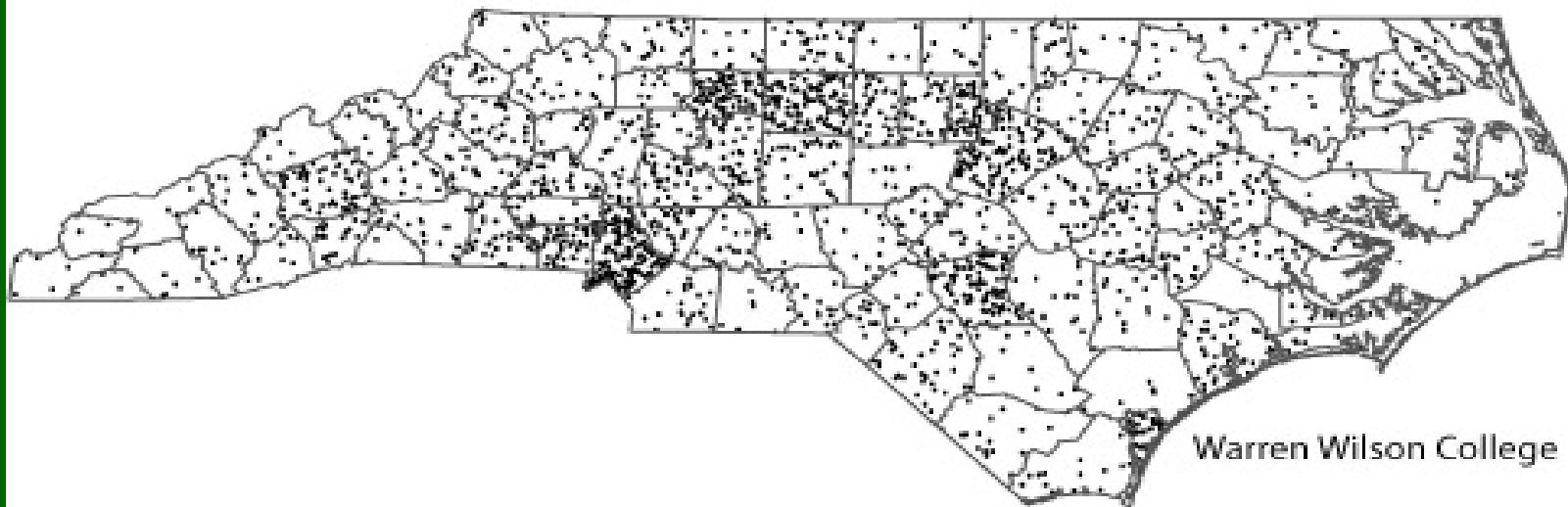
2 acres of farm and forest land
is developed for every person coming to NC.

We are rapidly losing our Open Space.

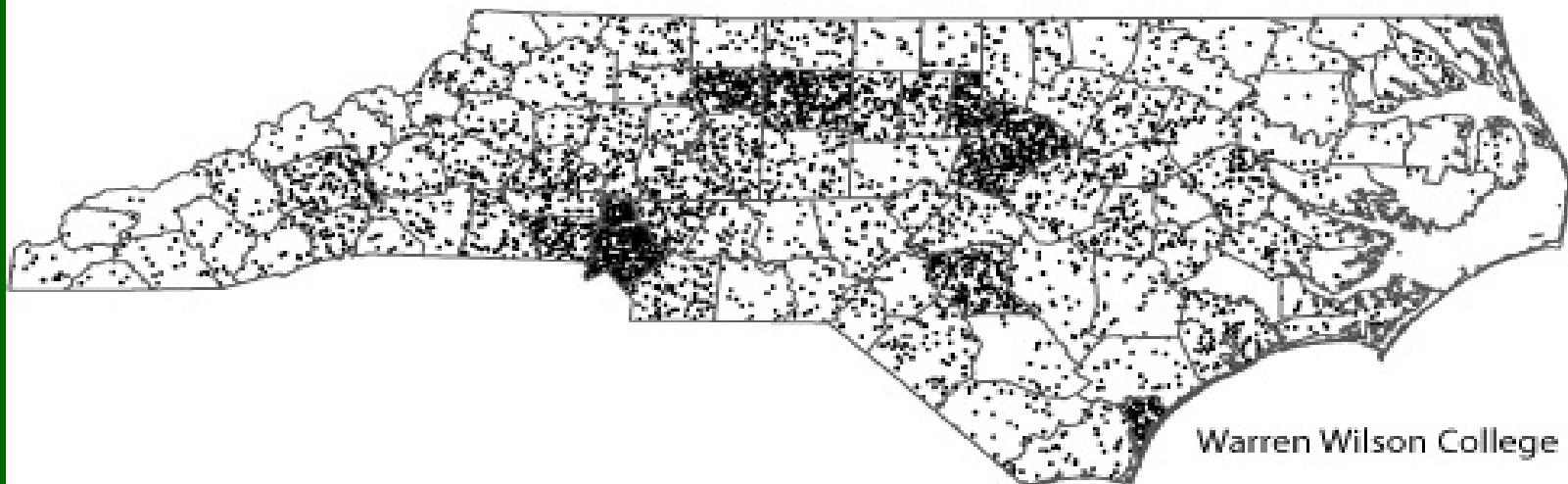


Source: NCPIRG www.ncpirg.org

North Carolina's 1980 population: 5.8 million



North Carolina's projected 2030 population: 12.2 million





NC Tourism

- \$13 billion industry
- 49 million visitors, primarily for our outstanding natural resources

NC Commercial & Recreational Fishing

- \$1 billion industry

NC Agriculture and Forestry

- \$62.5 billion industry
- 22% of the state's income
- 20% of the work force

NC Military Bases

- \$18 billion
- 10% of the work force

Conservation Makes \$ense

25% of North Carolina's economy is dependent on our natural resources.

We depend on Nature's Life Support System -

Our Natural and
Human-made
systems are
INTERCONNECTED.

Our Links for Life



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Nature's Goods and Services:

Priceless in their Benefits to North Carolina's Economy

Conservation Planning....

- Provides the ability to view the network of natural system that will sustain us now and into the future.
 - Assist in identification of the conservation needs in the state.
 - Provides the ability to prioritize conservation
 - Provides the opportunity for resources to be spent effectively

Conservation Planning...

- Provides the state the ability to take multiple plans from state agencies, local governments and NGOs.
 - Provides a resource with a large number of conservation interests captured.
- Provides mechanism to keep track of conservation

Conservation Planning...

- Provides the opportunity to integrate conservation planning with development
- Provides a resource to advocate for Conservation funding at the federal, state and local levels of Government.

Million Acres Report 2005

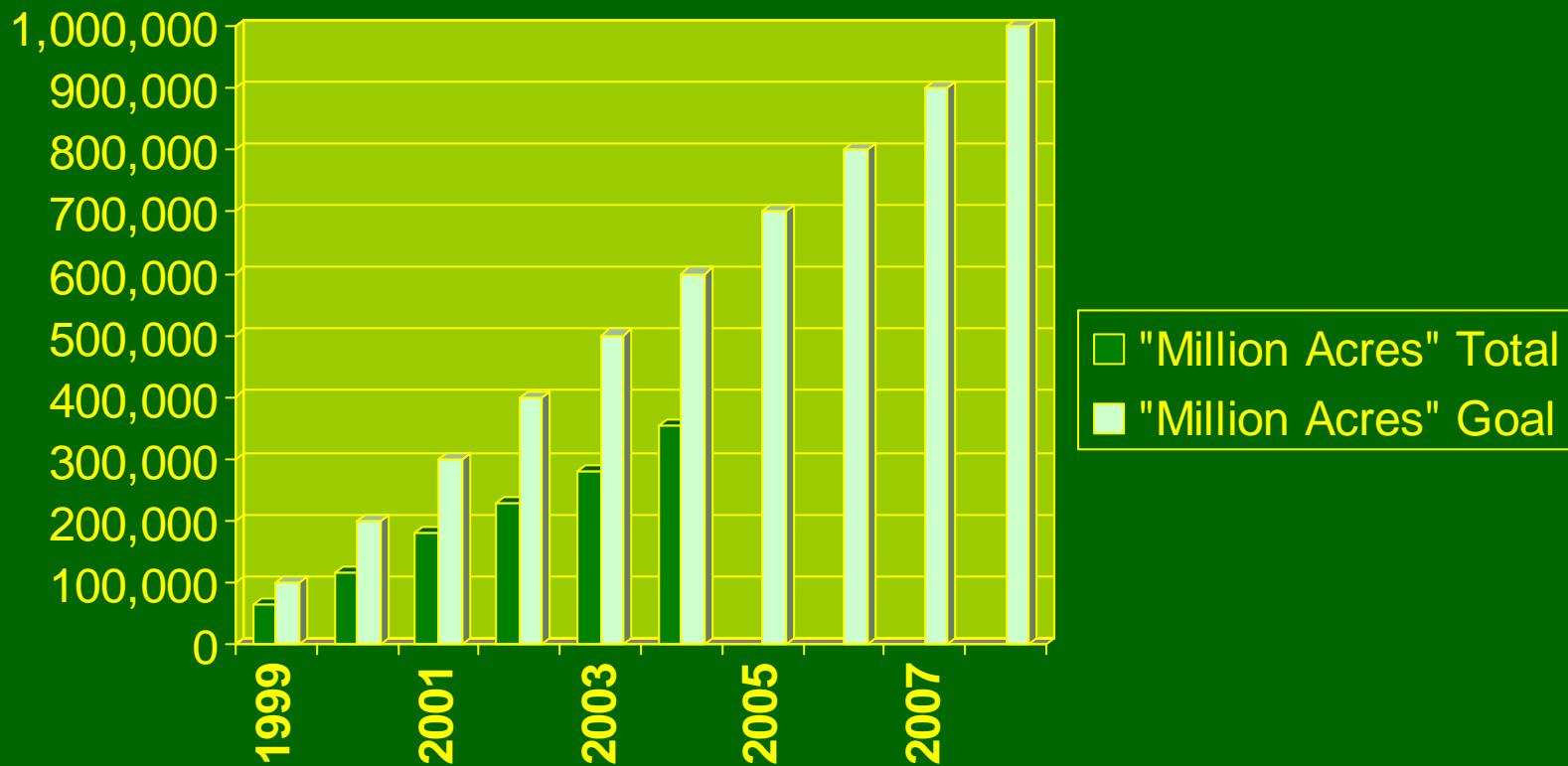
Program Overview

- General Assembly establishes Million Acres Initiative in 1999
 - Requires permanent conservation measures
 - 10 years allowed to acquire additional million acres 1999 - 2009.

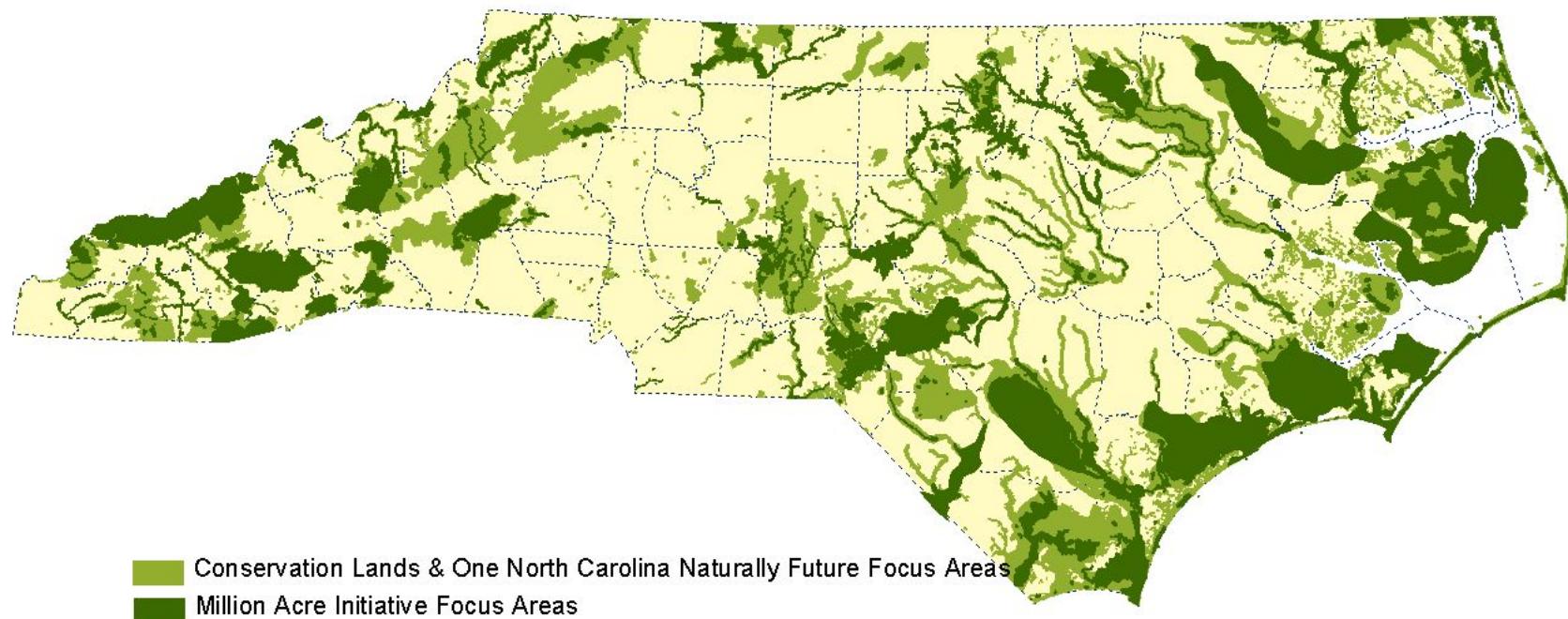
The Numbers

- 2004 Acre total 71,451 acres
- Total since January 1999 352,090 acres

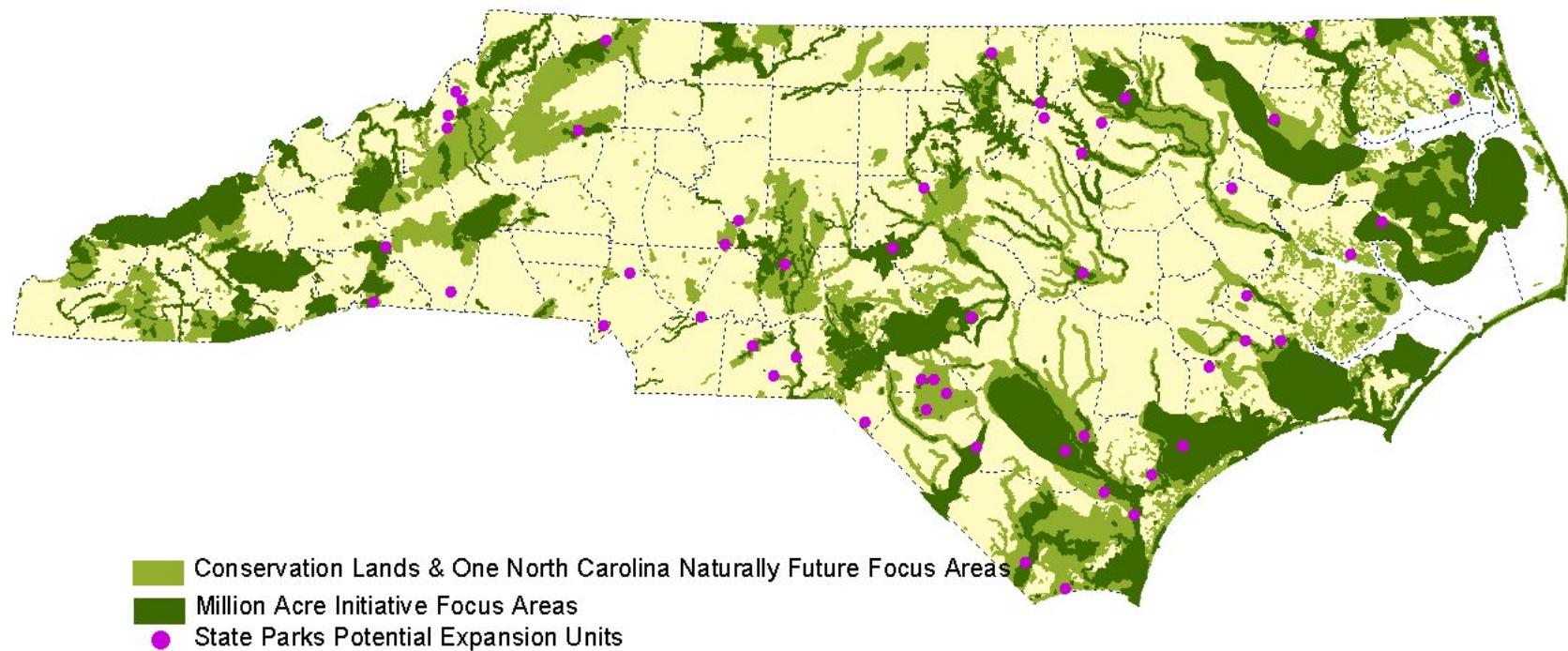
Progress Toward the Goal



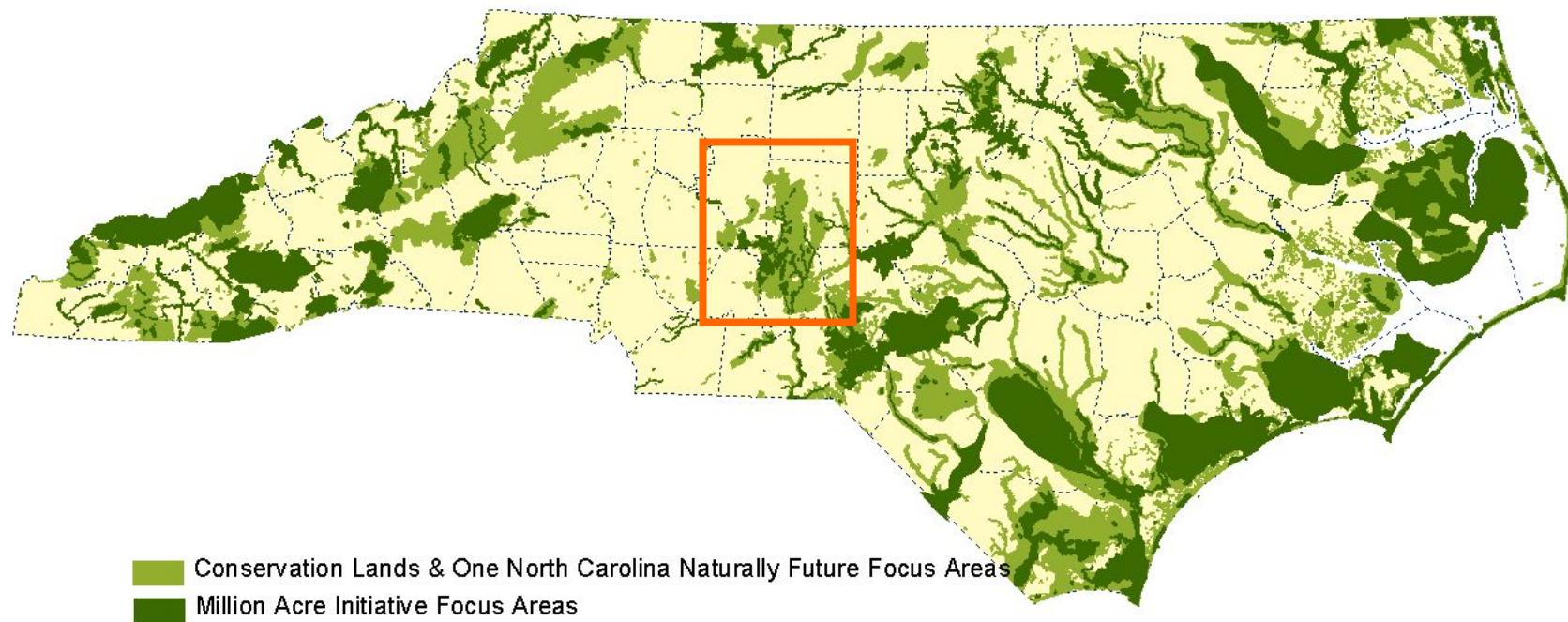
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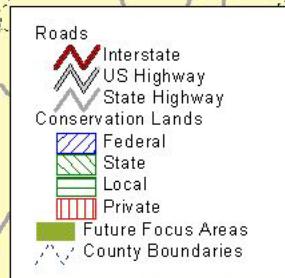
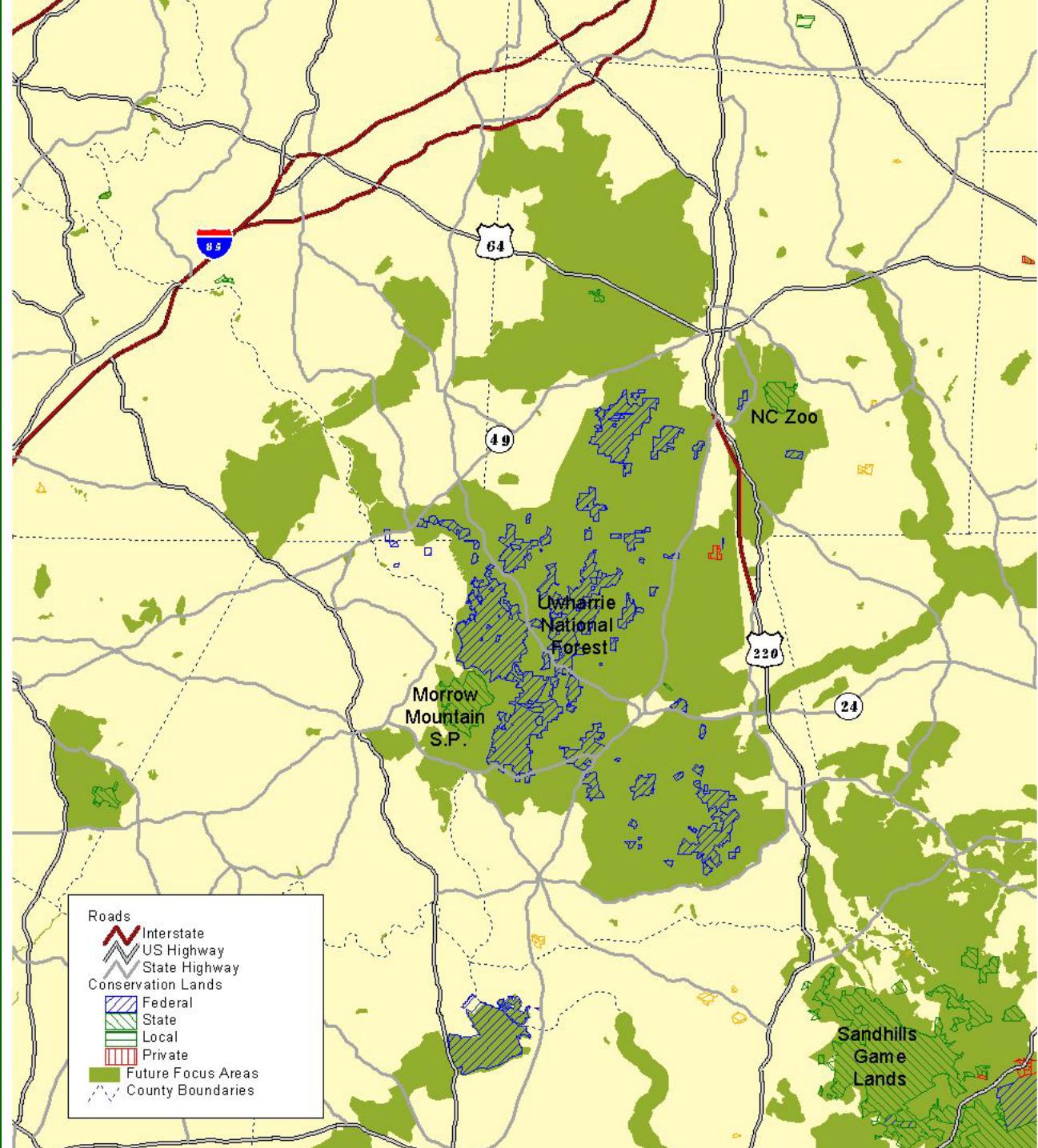


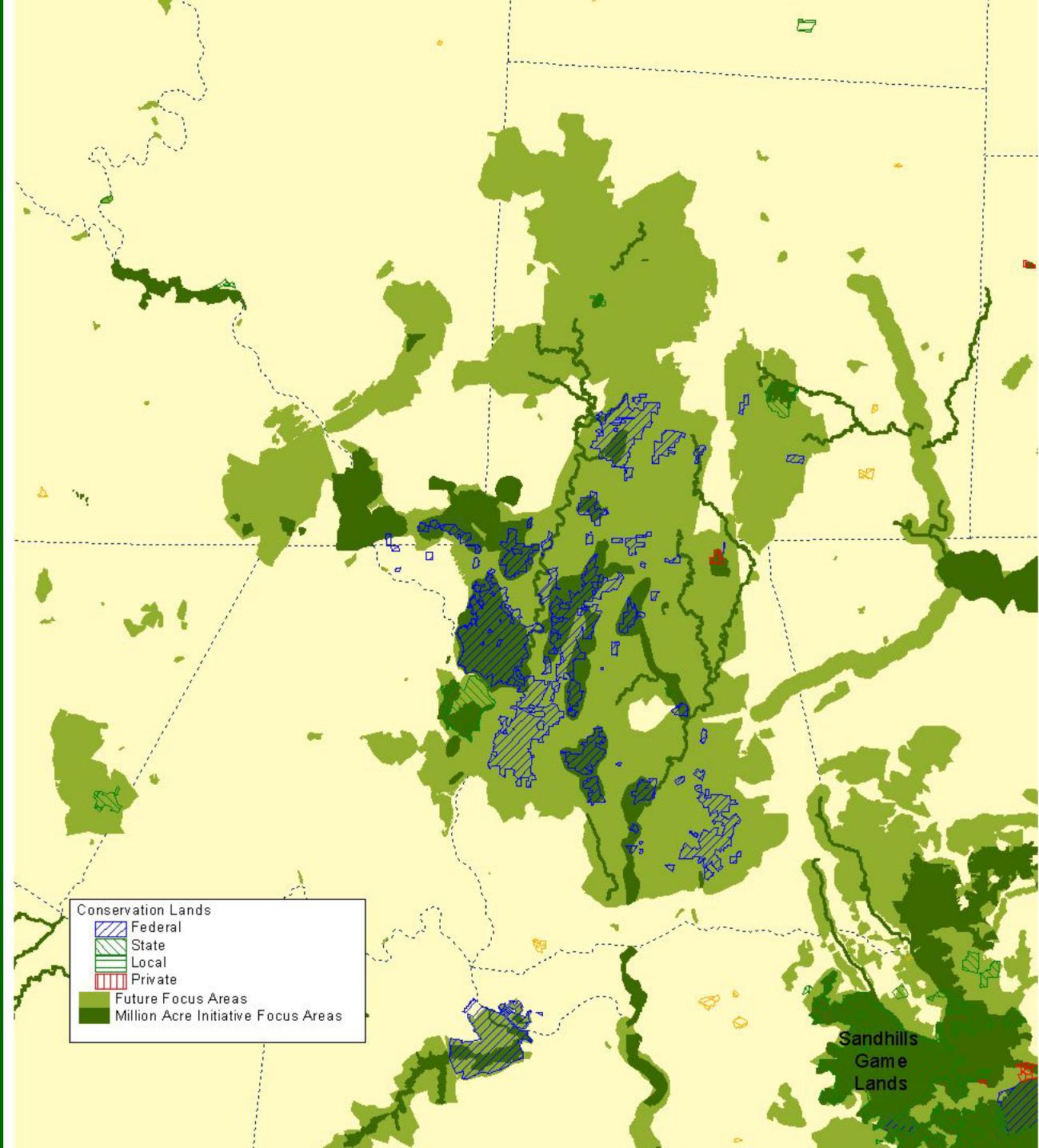
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CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM

- CE Positives
 - Owner Retains Land
 - Appropriate Use Continues
 - Property Remains on Tax Rolls
 - Easement Holder Protects Conservation Values

CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM

- CE Challenges
 - Quality Easement Documents
 - Easement Management
 - Stewardship of Conservation Values

CONSERVATION GRANT FUND

- CGF Targets
 - Education
 - Management
 - Stewardship
 - Capacity Building

CONSERVATION EASEMENT / GRANT FUND

Activity 2005

- Senate Bill 1117 - Military Support Act
- DENR Stewardship Program
 - EEP
 - Conservation Tax Credit Program Easement
 - Conservation Resource Enhancement Program
 - Others

CONSERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

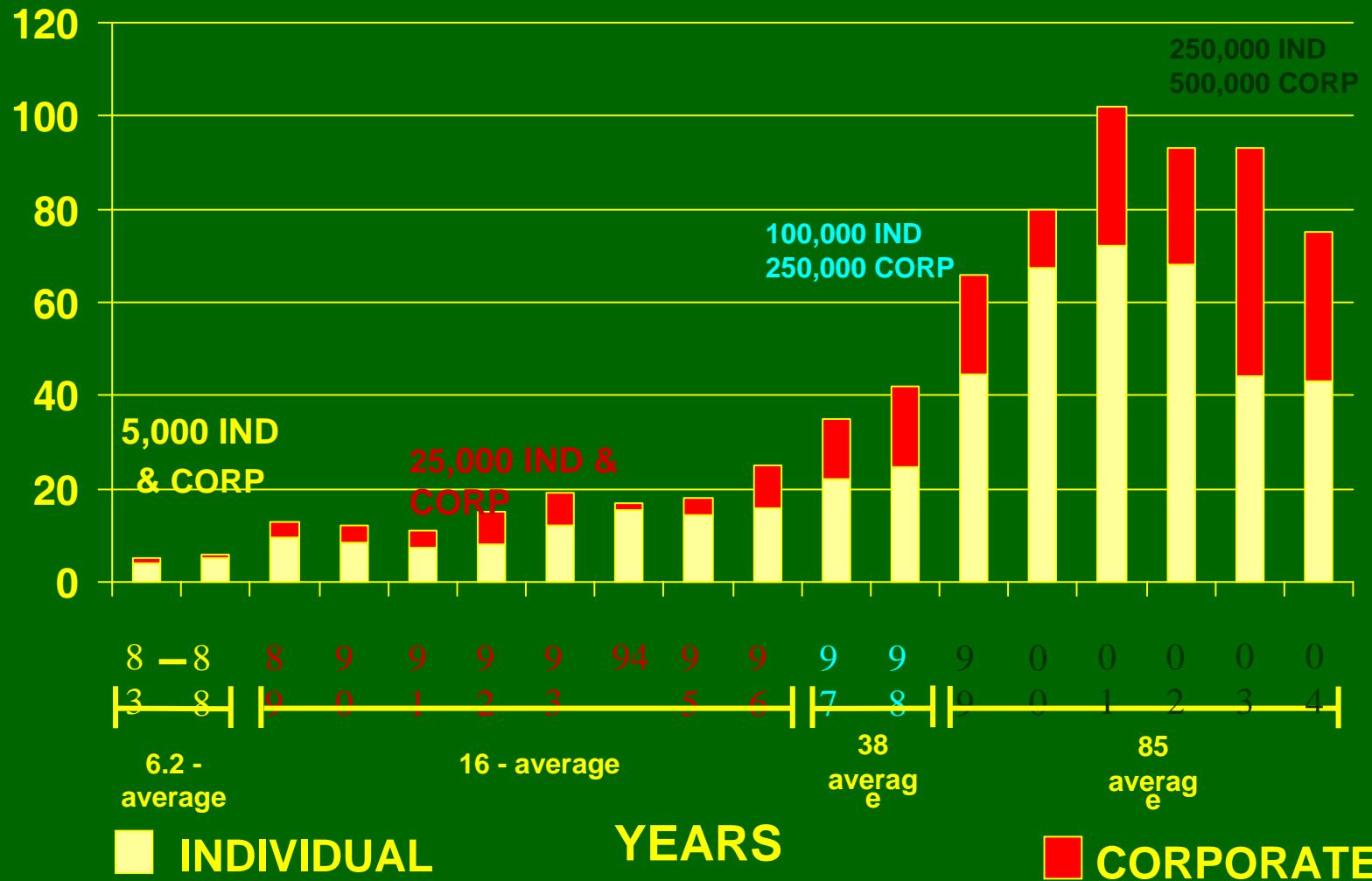
1983 - 2004

- Acres Donated - 138,600
- Value Donated - \$505.7 million
- Excess Value Donated - \$165.3 million
- Maximum Credit Cost - \$85.1 million
- Bargain Sale Savings - \$79.3 million

NCCTC PROGRAM STATISTICS

DONOR

ANNUAL & AVERAGE

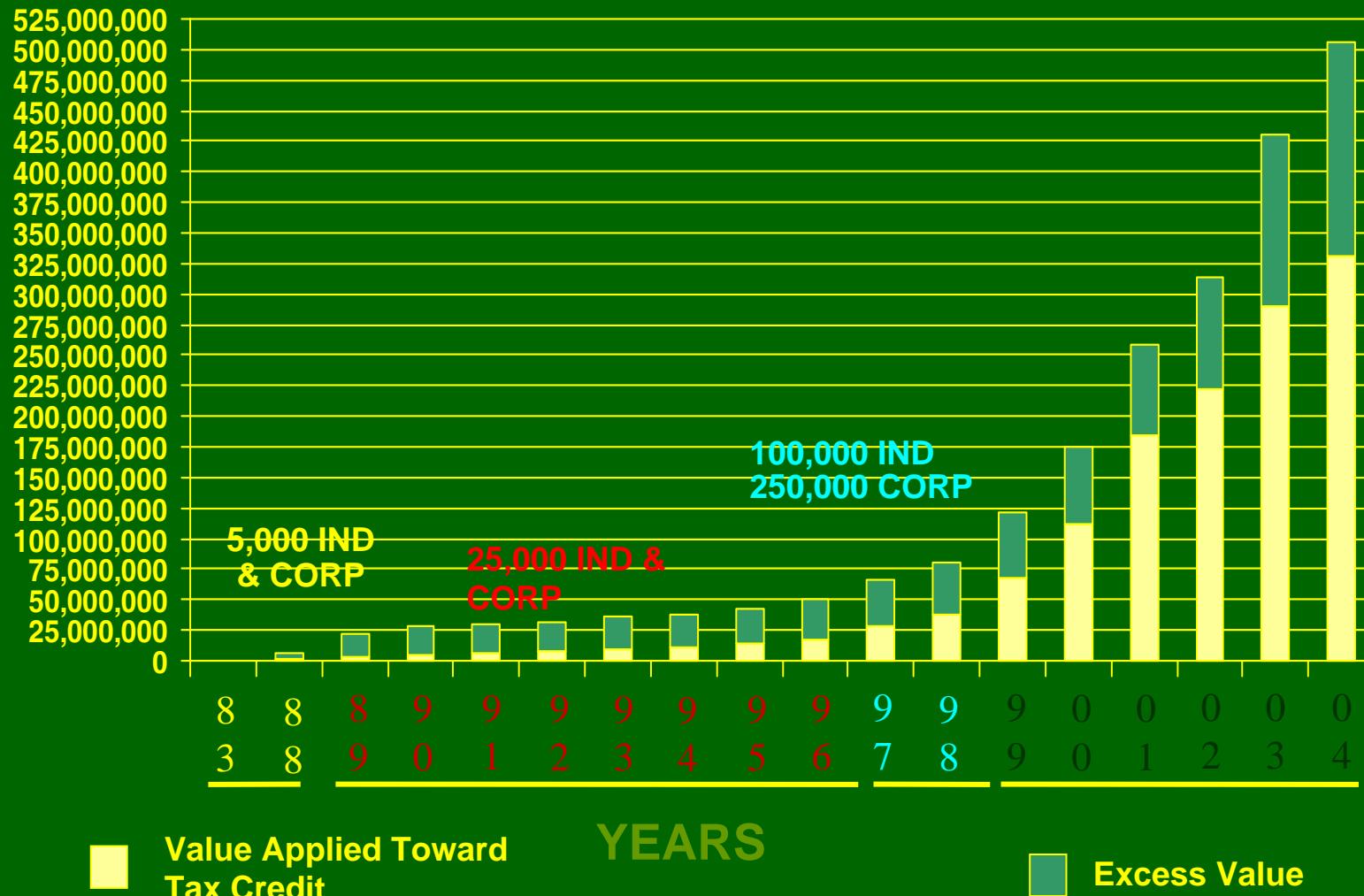


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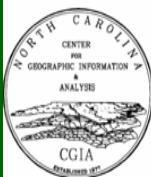
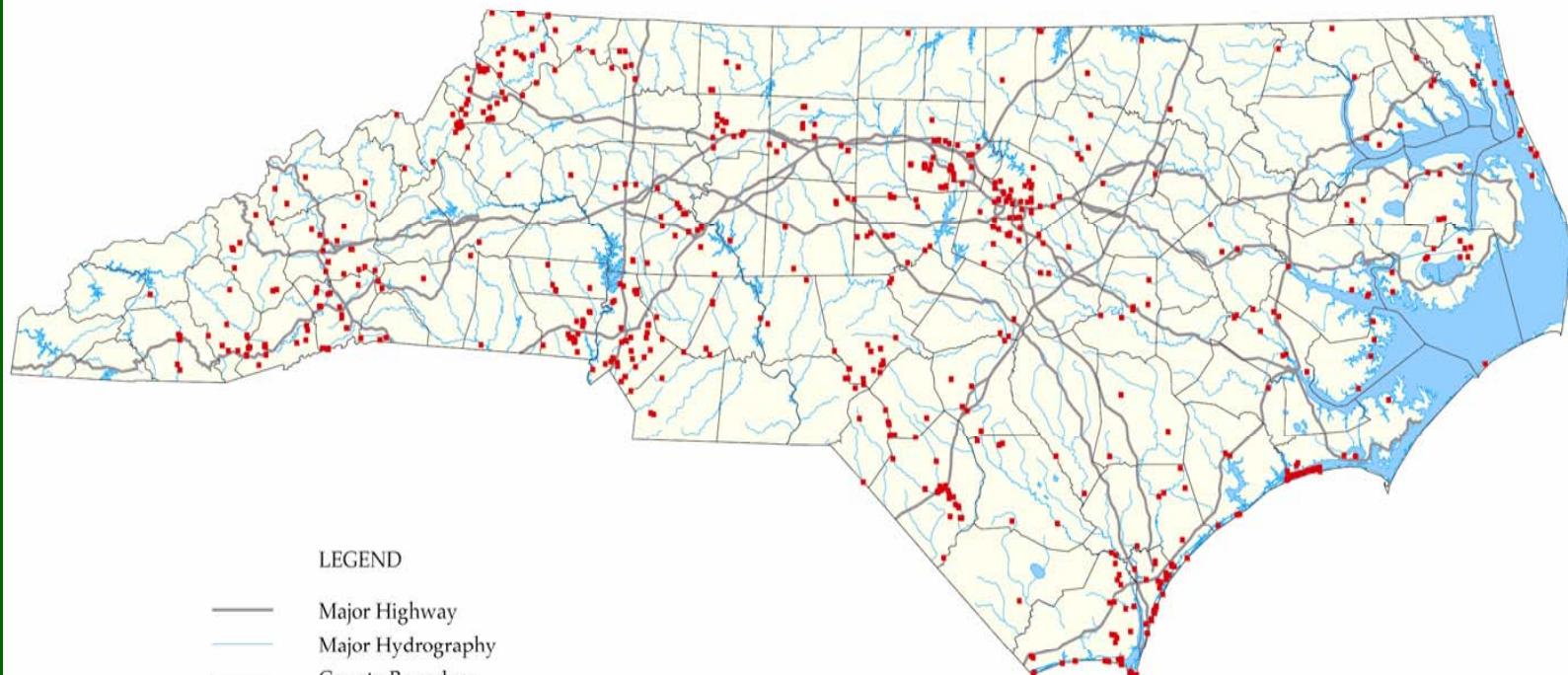
CUMMULATIVE

250,000 IND
500,000 CORP



North Carolina Conservation Tax Credit Properties

(1983 - 2003)



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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2006 LEGISLATURE

SB 521

- Corporate Donations
 - Pass Through Entities
 - Incentive To Donate
- Tax Credit Incentive
 - Refundability



Linking it all together ...

