



Annual Update for Environmental Review Commission

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MISSION

protect natural & cultural heritage lands

- Recreation, scientific, education, cultural and aesthetic purposes
- Additions to state parks, trails, forests, wildlife areas
- Historic properties program
- Other beneficial use and enjoyment by the public



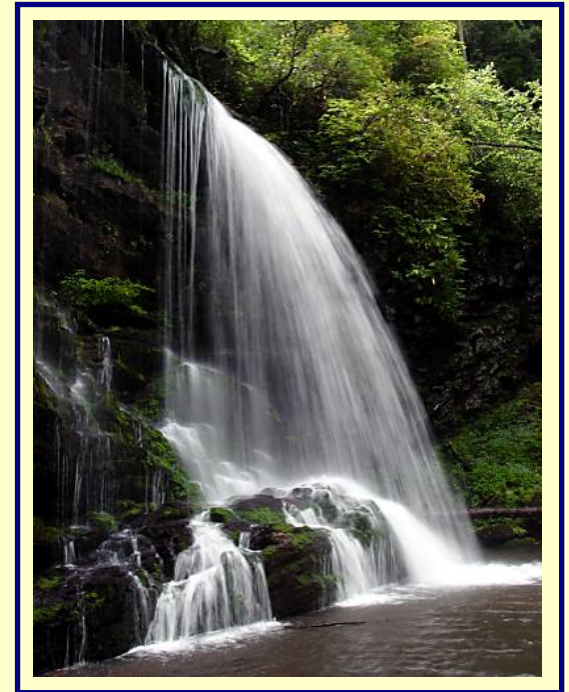
Natural Heritage Program

- ID most important natural areas in state
- 76 of 100 Counties complete
- Info used in conservation planning

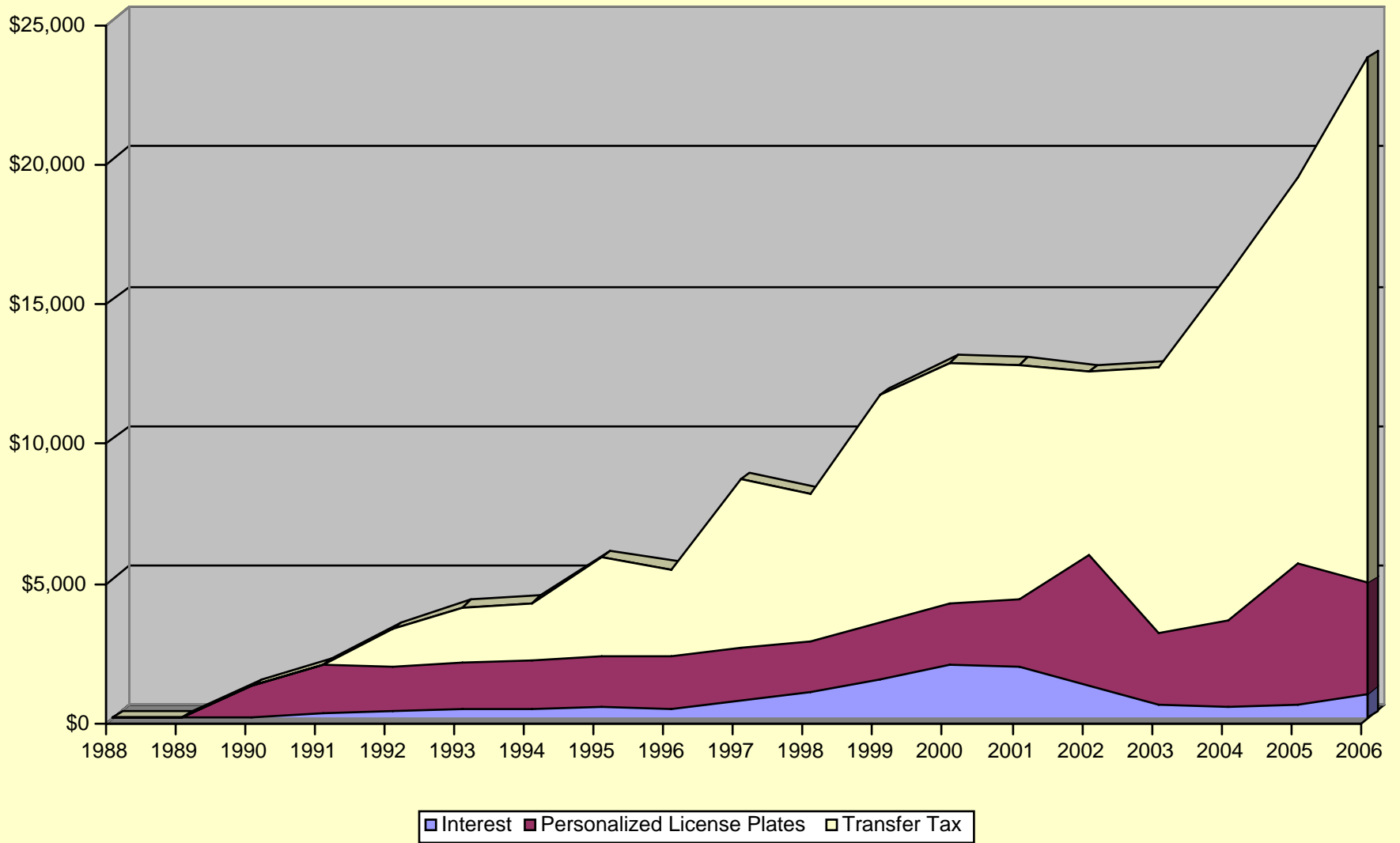


Program Overview

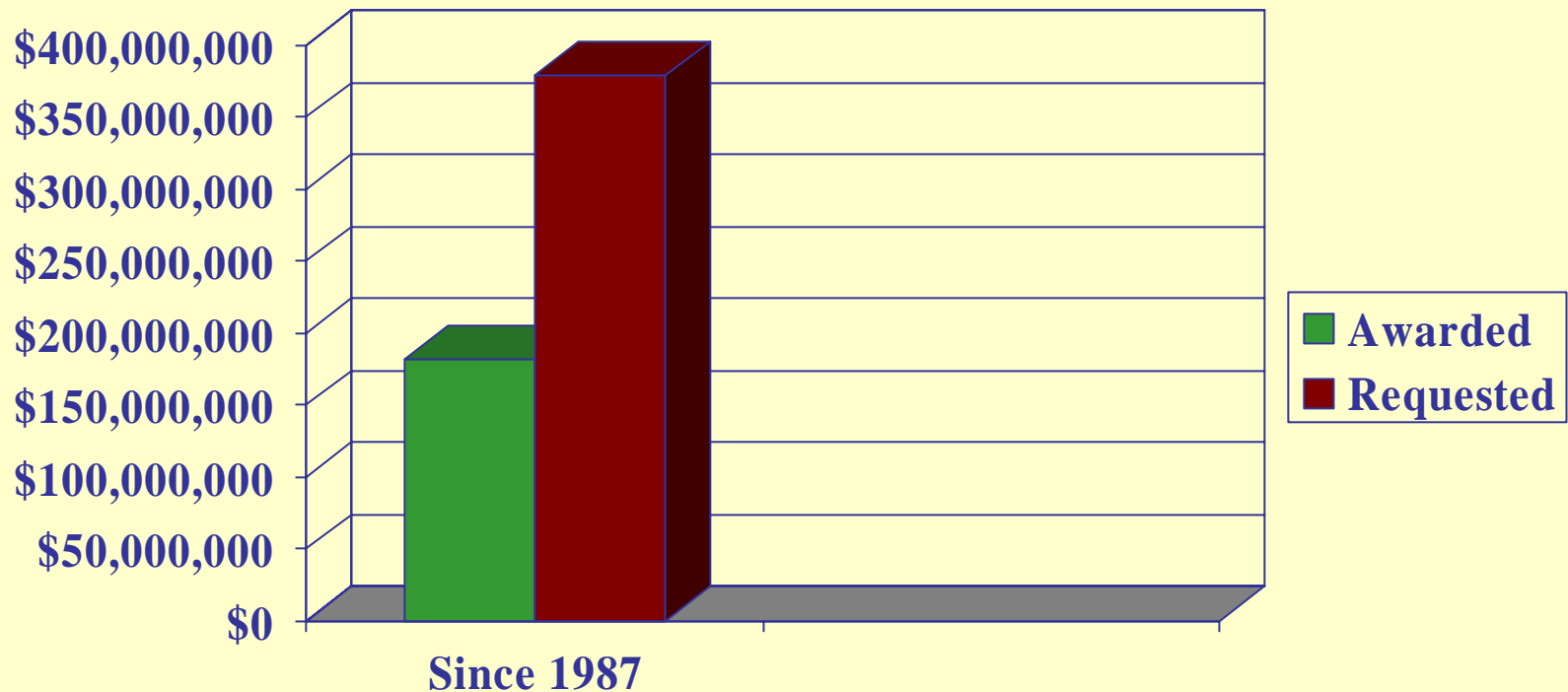
- Established 1987
- 12 member citizen board
- Accepts applications from
4 state agencies: DENR,
DoACS, DCR, WRC
- Awards - twice a year



NHTF Annual Income (\$1,000s)



NHTF Funded/Unfunded Comparison 1987-2006

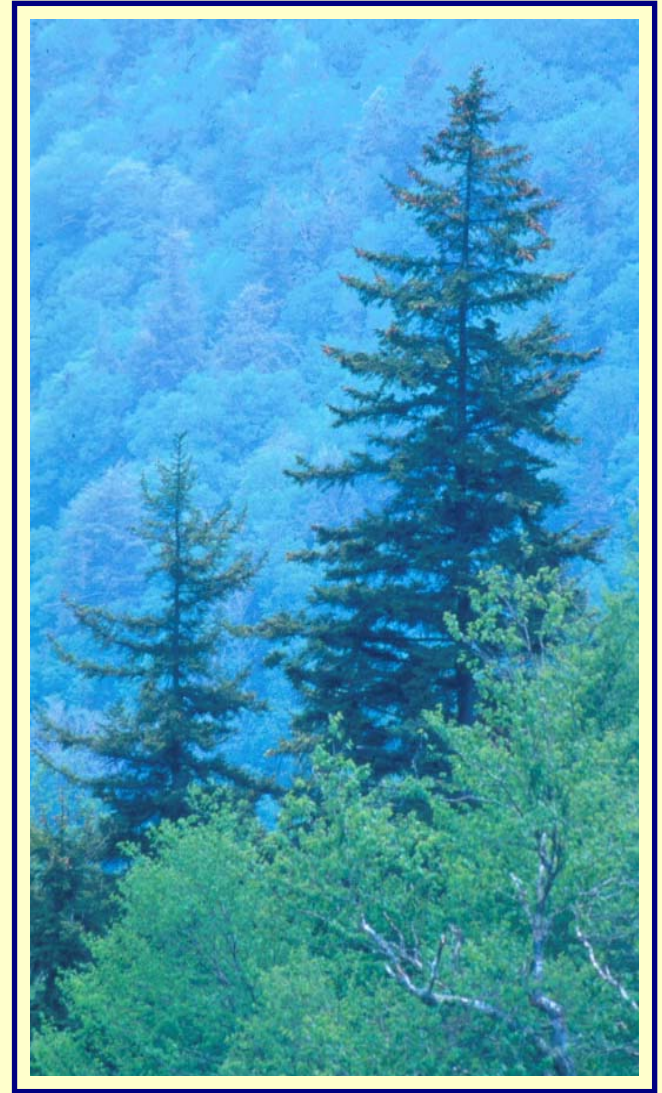


NHTF 2006 Income

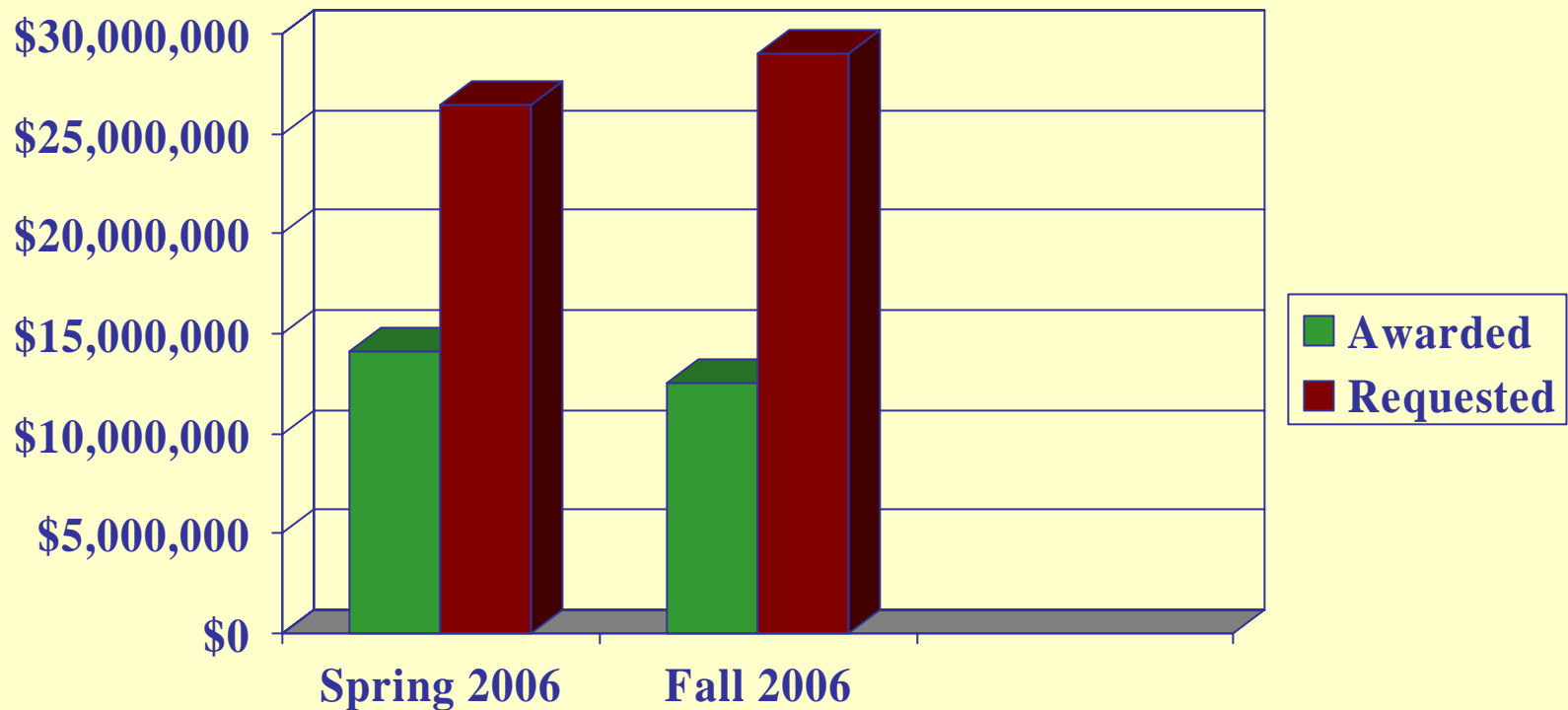
Real Estate Tax	\$18,981,304
License Plate Fee	\$ 4,166,738
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$ 970,907</u>
Total	\$24,118,949

2006 Awards

- 33 Projects
- 15,329 Acres
- \$26,643,982

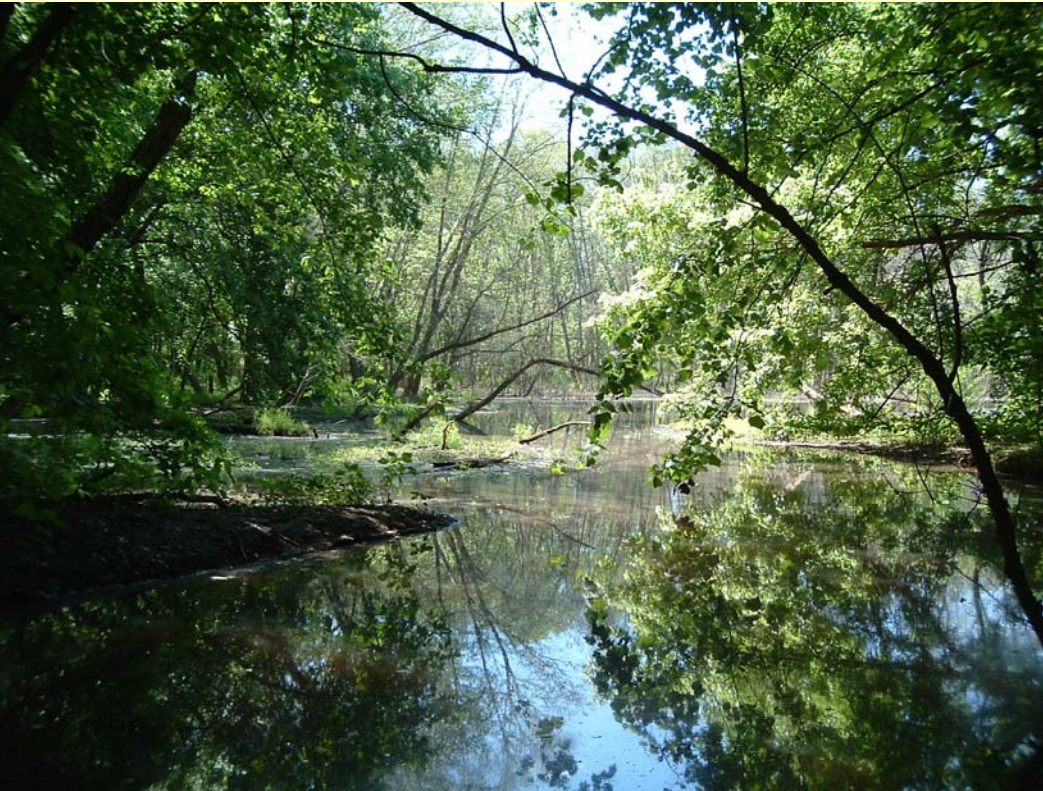


NHTF Funded/Unfunded Comparison 2006



WRC - Game Lands Addition

Johns River Loop



- 1000 acres
- Central Burke County
- Protect water quality
- Improve waterfowl wetlands areas rare in Western NC

DCR – Civil War Sites

Bentonville Battlefield



DCR – Adj. to Blue Ridge Parkway Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail



Ag's Plant Conservation Program

NC73 Savanna



- First Preserve in Moore County
- 124 acres
- High quality, scenic longleaf pine forests
- Rare, threatened and endangered species

Ag's Plant Conservation Program

- Penny's Bend/Eno River
- Tater Hill
- Boiling Springs



State Park

Carvers Creek Sandhills



DENR-DPR

Sugar Mt. Bog



Partnerships

- Project coordination with Clean Water Management Trust Fund, and Park & Recreation Trust Fund
- Frequent coordination with applicant agencies, private donors and conservation groups
- Most projects have matching funds or landowner gifts





Additional Information

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Natural Heritage Trust Fund
Project Locations
1988-2006

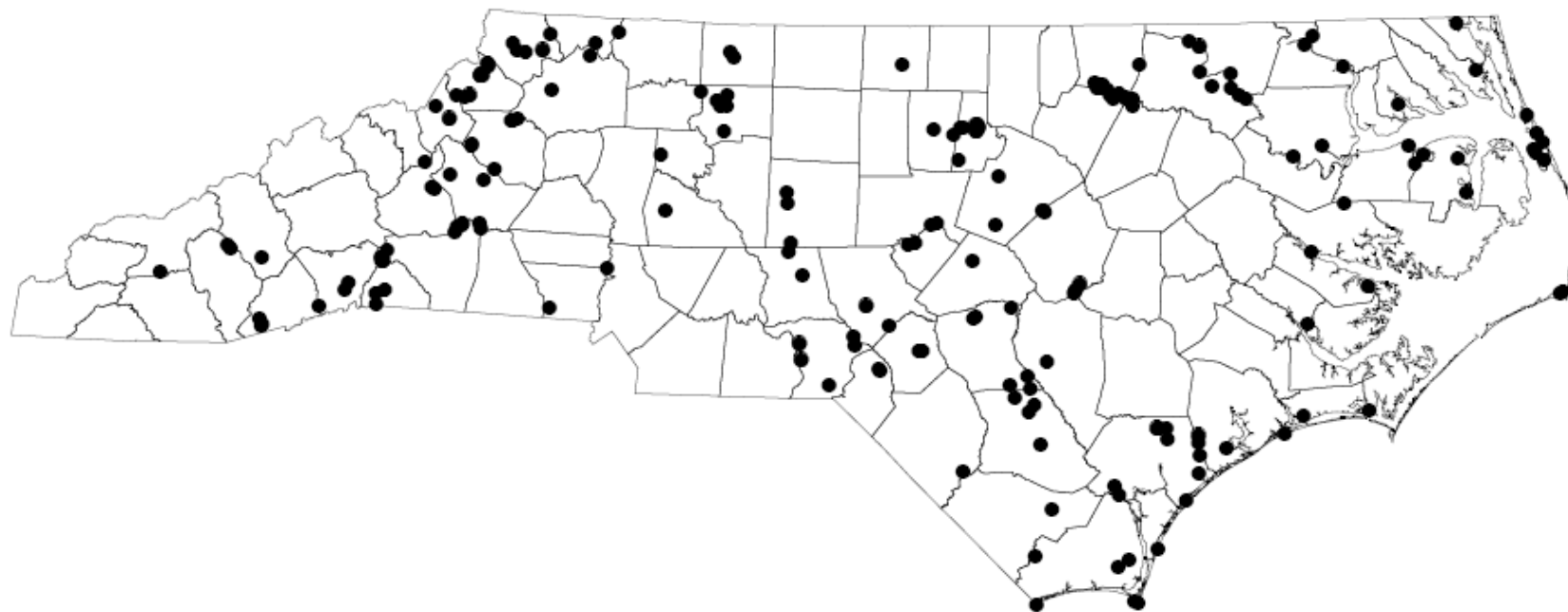
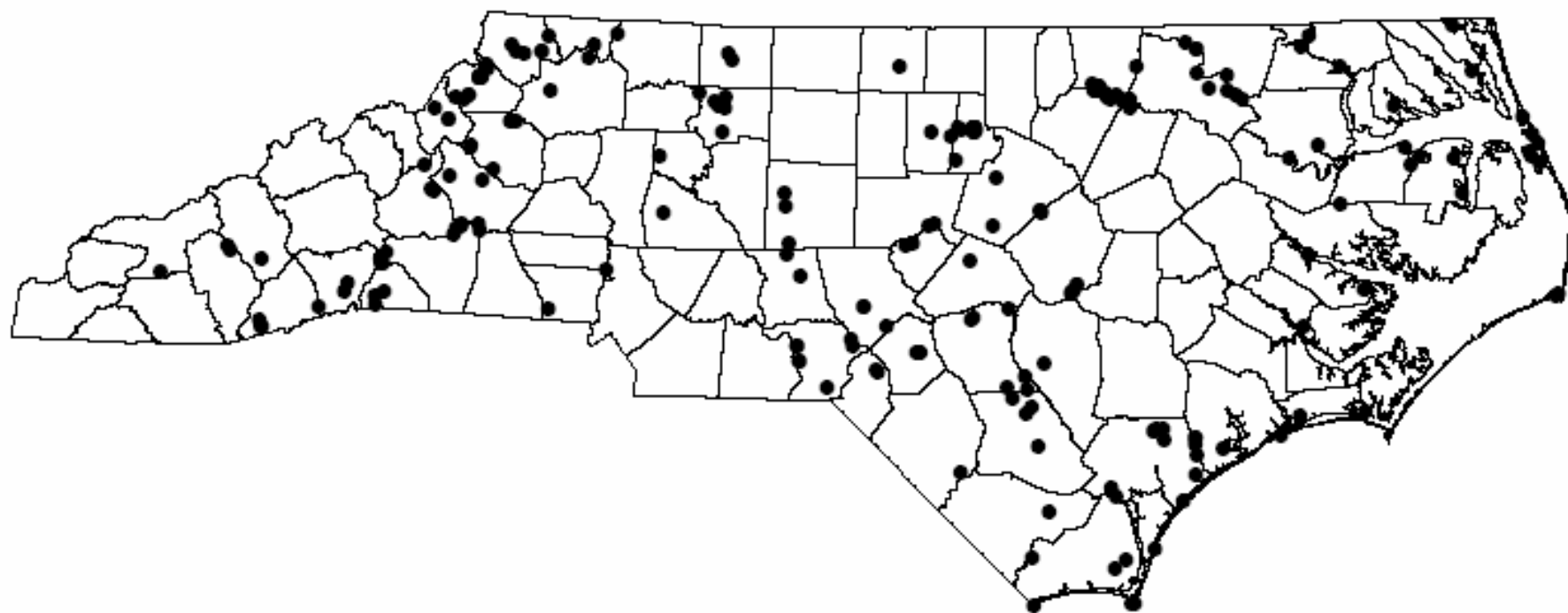
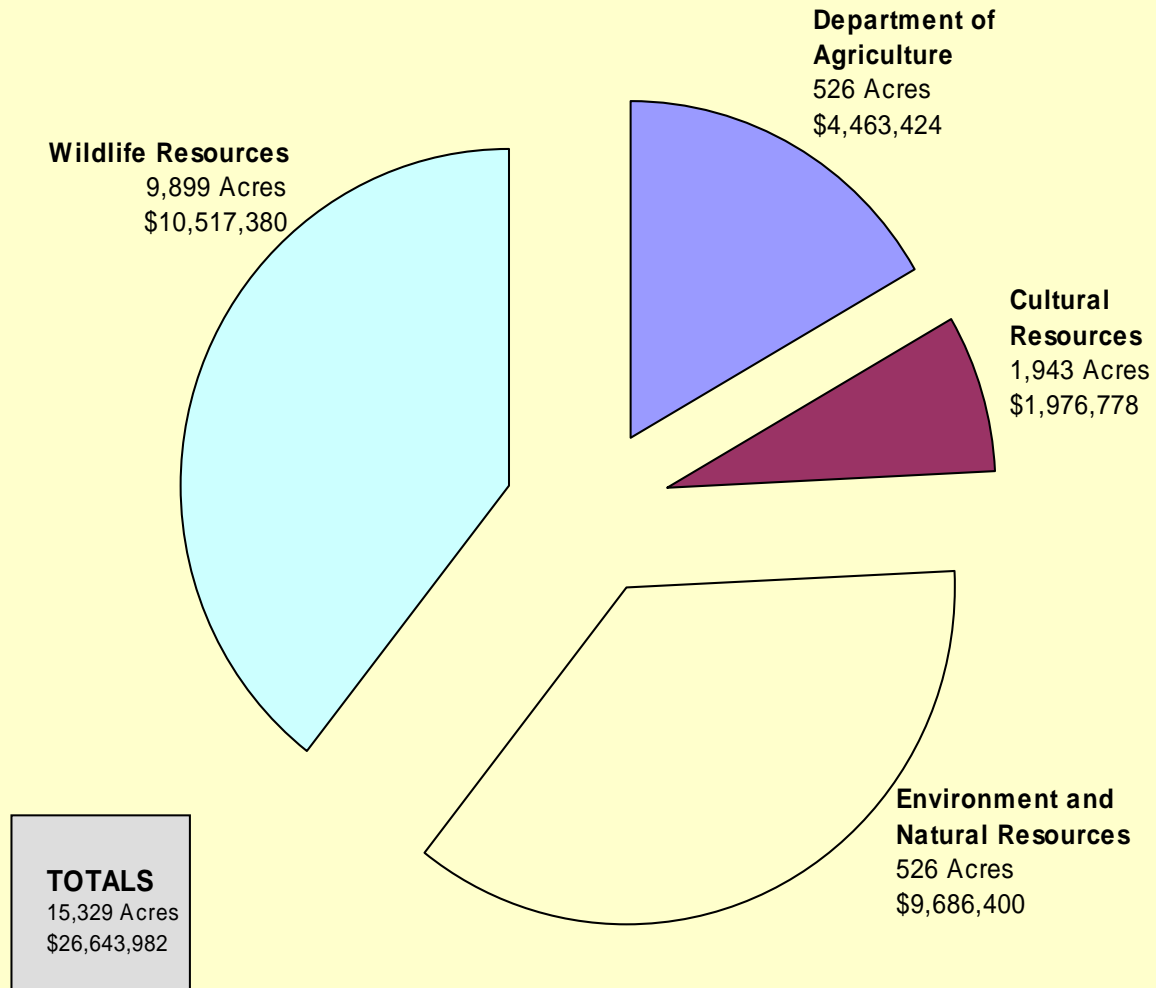


Figure 1
Natural Heritage Trust Fund
Project Locations
1988-2006



Grant Distribution by Agency

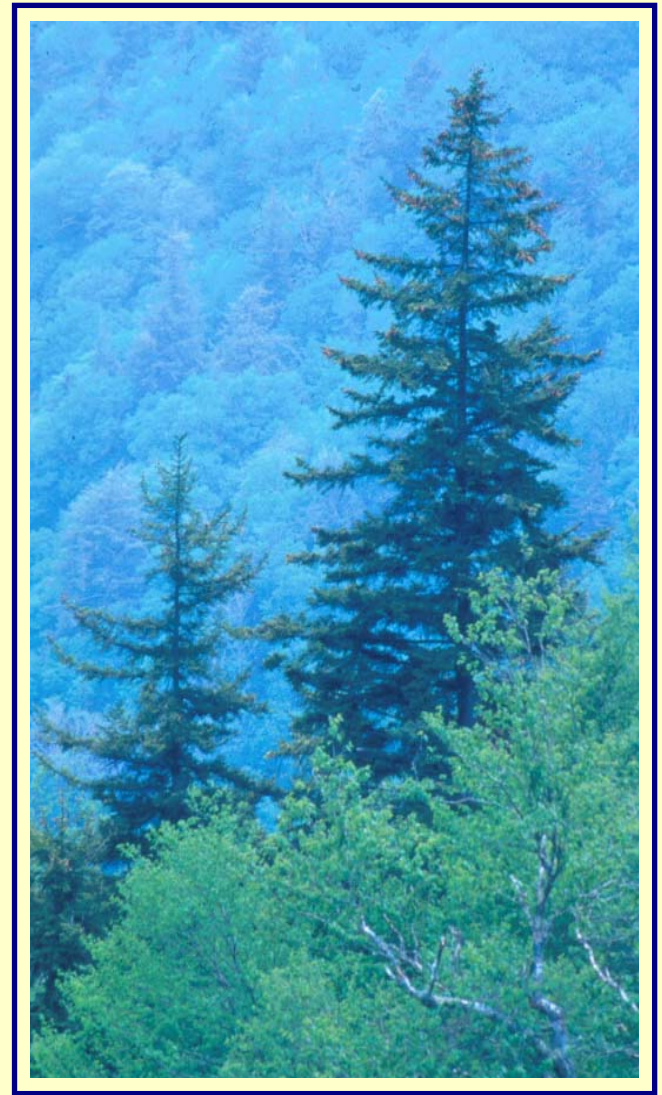


FY 2006 Income

Real Estate Tax	\$18,779,660
License Plate Fee	\$ 3,978,992
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$ 880,832</u>
Total	\$23,639,424

FY2006 Awards

- 33 Projects
- 20,716 Acres
- \$33,173,150



NHTF Unique Role

- Broad Mission
- Partnerships
- Enables Natural Corridors
 - The Northern Peaks
 - Lands along Blue Ridge Parkway
 - Alligator River



WRC - Military Buffers

Sandhills Game Lands





Elk Knob – The “Peak” State Park Expansion

Plant Conservation - Tater Hill



