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North Carolina  
*Naturally*

*Environmental Review  
Commission*

*January 23, 2007*

# Overview

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

# Million Acres Report 2006

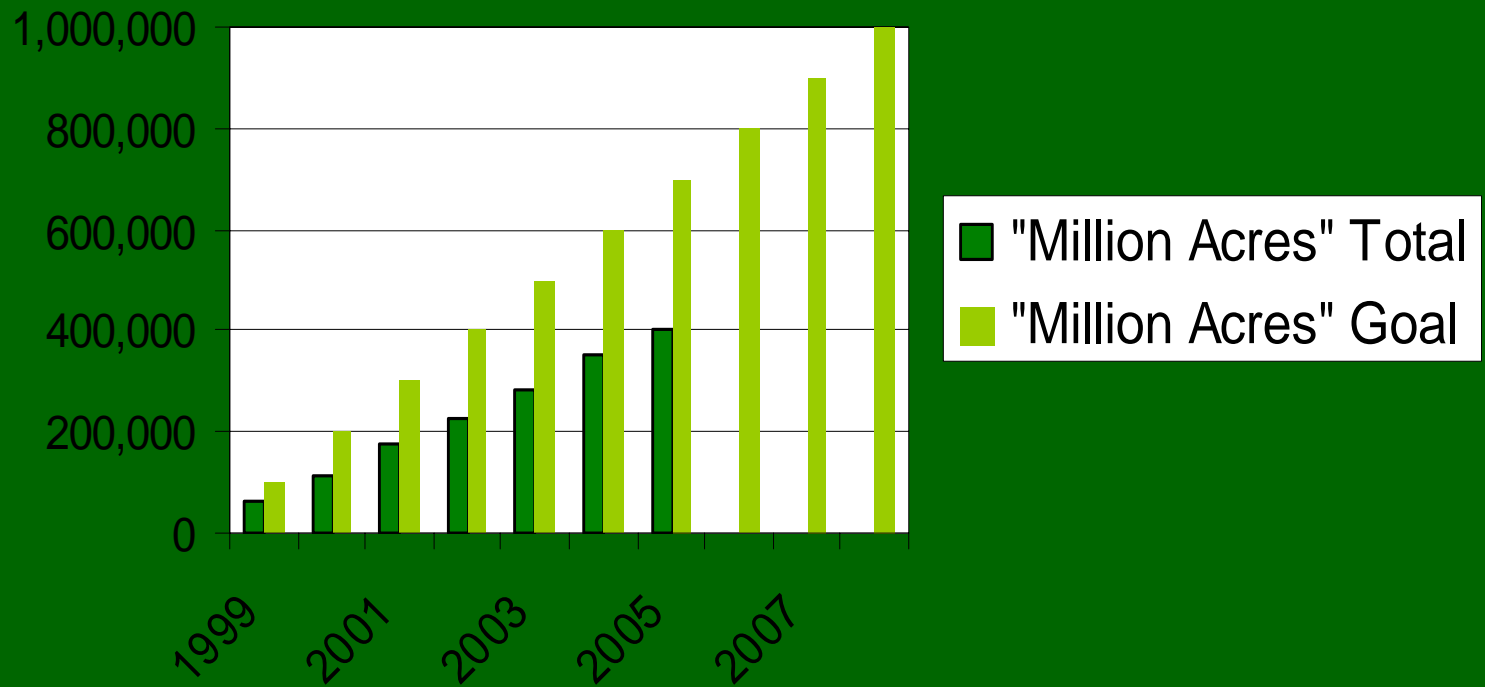
# Program Overview

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

# The Numbers

- 2005 Acre total 53,431 acres
- Total since January 1999 405,521 acres

# Progress Toward Million Acre Goal



CONSERVATION EASEMENT  
PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT  
2006

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## Conservation Easement Program

- Conservation Easement Program, 113A-230
- Conservation Tax Credit Program, 113A-231
- Conservation Grant Fund, 113A-232



# CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM 2006

- DENR Stewardship Program
  - Conservation Resource Enhancement Program (EEP)
  - Stewardship Analyst

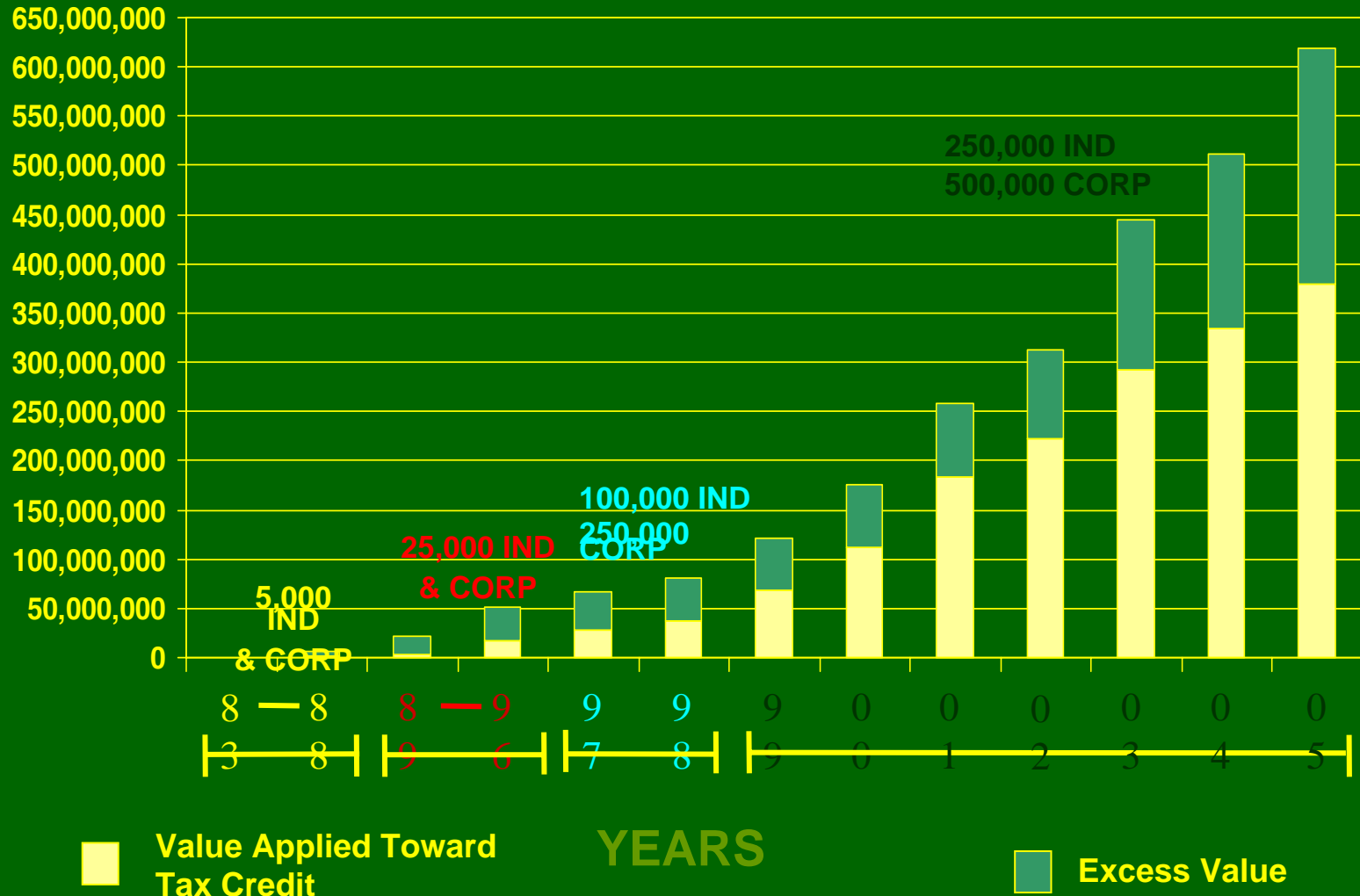
# Conservation Grant Fund 2006

- Senate Bill 1117 - Military Support Act

# NCCTC PROGRAM STATISTICS

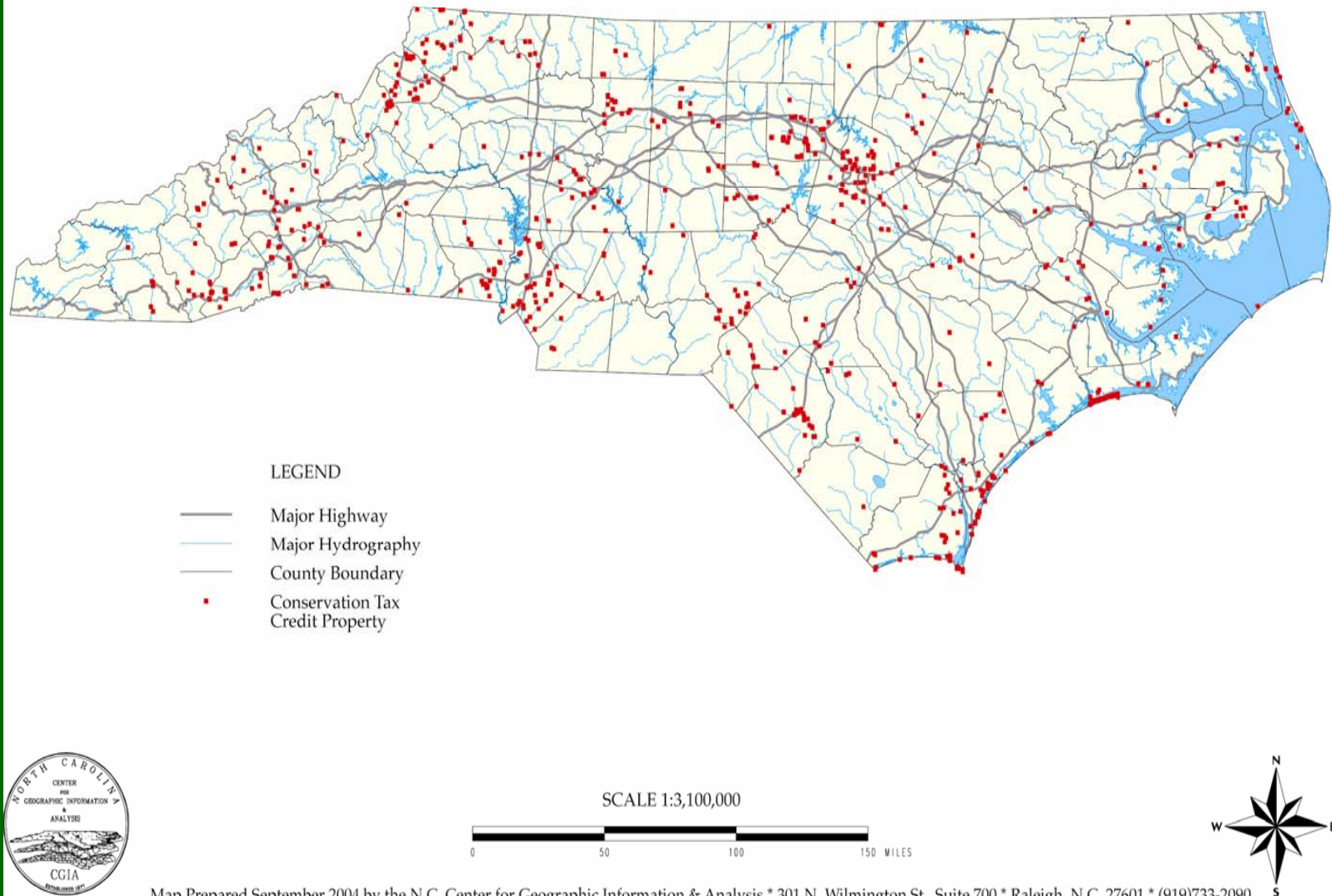
VALUE  
DISTRIBUTION

CUMMULATIVE



Effective Date 8/15/06

# North Carolina Conservation Tax Credit Properties (1983 - 2003)



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# Recommendations

## 2007 Legislature

- Corporate Donations
  - Pass Through Entities
  - Incentive To Donate
- Other Conservation Purposes Clarified
- Property Appraisal method defined

# North Carolina's Changing Landscape

- Population Growth
  - Loss of critical farm and forest lands
  - Loss of habitat
  - Degraded surface waters
  - Reduced Air Quality
  - Land values increasing
  - Loss of our Rural Heritage

# Conservation Planning....

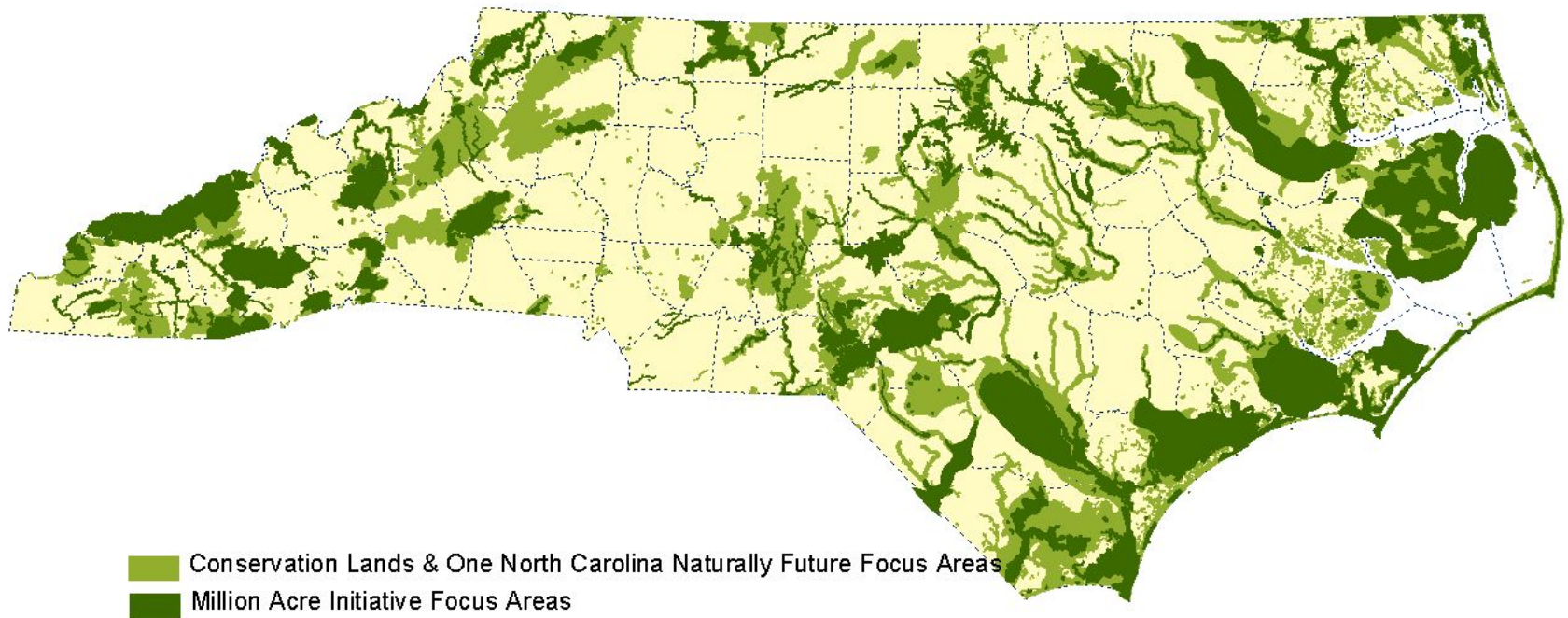
- Provides the ability to view the network of natural system that will sustain us now and into the future.
- Provides the state the ability to take multiple plans from state agencies, local governments and NGOs.
- Provides mechanism to keep track of conservation

# DENR

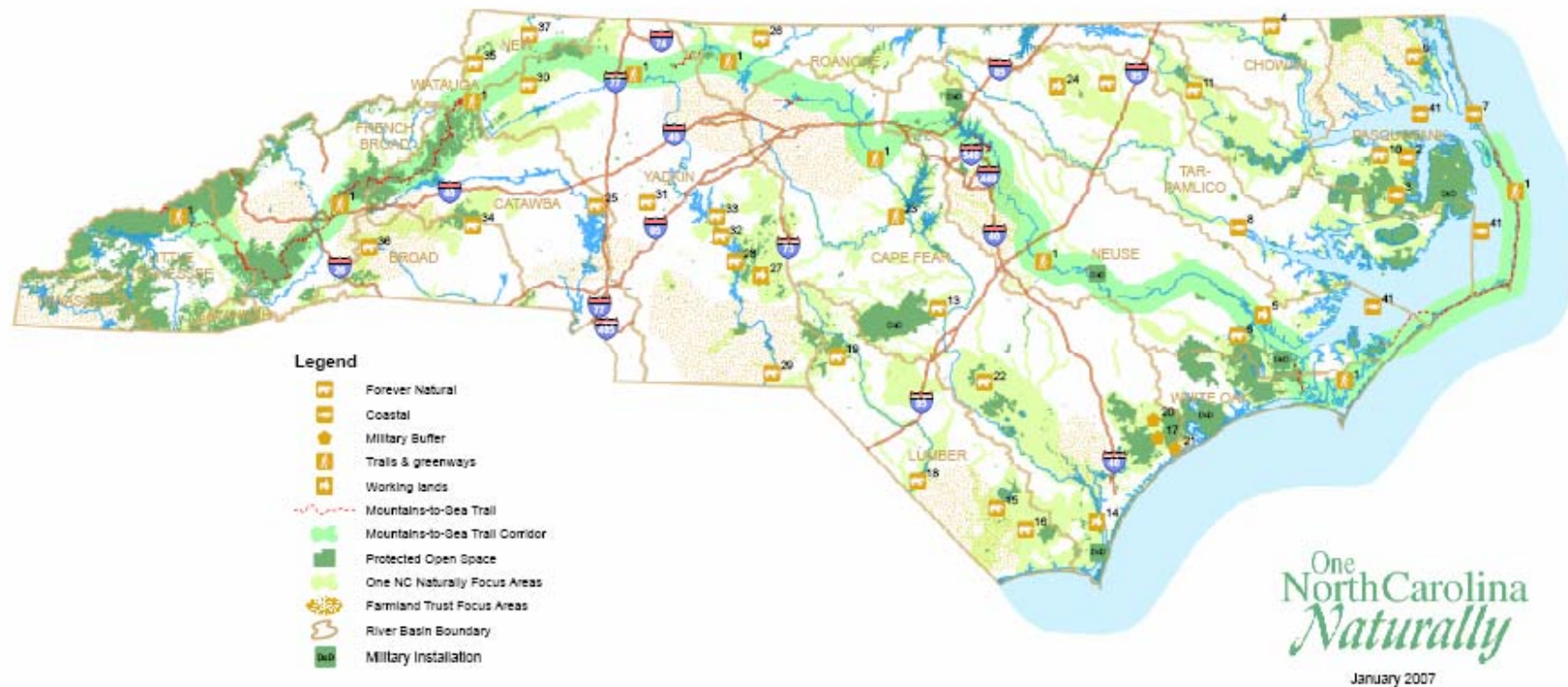
- DENR Reorganization Focus
  - Integrate natural resource programs
  - Focus effort on coordinating conservation Green Infrastructure
    - Landscape planner
  - Working Lands Conservation
  - Placed Based Economic Development
  - Coastal Habitat Protection



Draft Million Acres Plan  
Office of Conservation and Community Affairs  
January 2005      Scale 1:5,000,000



## One North Carolina Naturally 2007 Conservation Acquisition Priorities



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