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A Report to the Governor and General Assembly

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**NORTH CAROLINA
NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST FUND
AWARD REPORT
Fiscal Year 2008**

Origins and Mission

The North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF) was established by the 1987 General Assembly (G.S. 113-77, effective July 1, 1987) as a supplemental funding source for state agencies to acquire lands and to pay for the inventory of natural areas by the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program. A twelve-member board of trustees administers the Trust Fund.

Board of Trustees

NHTF is delegated the authority to grant funds to eligible state agencies pursuant to applications which meet statutory criteria and board guidelines. The governing authority for the Trust Fund is a 12 member board of Trustees. This number was increased from nine members during the 2001 legislative session. Four members are appointed by the Governor who also designates the chairman. Eight members are appointed by the General Assembly with four recommended by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate and four recommended by the Speaker of the House. Appointments are made effective January 1 and are for staggered six-year terms. Persons appointed are to be knowledgeable in the acquisition and management of natural areas.

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The NHTF funds a real estate agent housed in the Department of Administration's State Property Office (SPO) to assist applicant agencies in developing and implementing NHTF-funded land acquisitions. The real estate agent, Ken Eckenroth, has been instrumental in ensuring that acquisitions comply with state requirements.

The NHTF is also supported by Ann Prince (part-time) who works on dedicating the properties acquired with NHTF monies, and Eric Galamb (part-time) who assists in grant administration. Operating expenses for personnel, producing and distributing grant materials, meeting expenses, etc., continue to be below 1% of the program.

Funding Sources

Since 1987, and as of June 30, 2008, NHTF has received approximately \$209 million dollars including an initial appropriation of \$275,000 (Table 1). The primary source of funding for the NHTF is the state excise tax on real estate conveyances. NHTF receives 25% of the state's portion of the \$2 per \$1,000 value deed stamp tax. The County retains half of this tax while the state receives 50%, less allowable administrative costs. The second major source of funding is a portion of the additional fee charged for personalized license plates. The state charges an additional fee of \$30 for each personalized license plate; \$15 of this additional fee is credited to the NHTF. NHTF also receives a portion for specialty license plates in some cases: \$10 for each "First in Forestry" license plate and \$15 for each out-of-state college specialty license plate. Monies not expended remain in the interest-accumulating Natural Heritage Trust Fund account and do not revert to the General Fund. The final source of funding is interest from funds in this account.

Grant Criteria and Eligible Agencies

Grants are awarded for the purposes of acquiring lands that:

- represent the state's ecological diversity to ensure their preservation and conservation for recreation, scientific, education, cultural and aesthetic purposes;
- for additions to the system of parks, state trails, aesthetic forests, wild and scenic rivers, fish and wildlife management areas and other natural areas for the beneficial use and enjoyment of the public; and
- to develop a balanced state program of historic properties.

Funds are also allocated to the N.C. Natural Heritage Program for natural area inventories and conservation and protection planning of natural areas. In 2004, the General

Assembly also authorized the NHTF to be used to retire debt incurred by granting land for the purposes listed above.

State agencies authorized to apply for grant awards are:

- Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
- Wildlife Resources Commission,
- Department of Cultural Resources, and
- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Priority consideration is given to protection of land having outstanding natural or cultural heritage values. Land with outstanding natural heritage values is land that is identified by the N.C. Natural Heritage Program as having state or national significance. Land with outstanding cultural heritage value is land that is identified, inventoried or evaluated by the Department of Cultural Resources.

Income and Awards

As shown in Table 1, income for fiscal year 2008 was \$20,804,364. While income from the deed stamp tax (real estate transfer tax) was down 18% from the previous year as might be expected given the current national real estate market, the decrease was offset slightly by an increase in interest earned and from the sale of personalized license plates, resulting in an overall decrease of 13% in total income for the year.

Since 1987, and as of June 30, 2008, NHTF has contributed to the protection of more than 272,547 acres through 447 grants totaling over \$265 million in funding (Table 2). The locations of these projects are shown on Figure 1. Awards are higher in some years than the income because of the use of a special financing mechanism referred to as Certificates of Participation (COPs). In 2004 the General Assembly authorized the three natural resource trust funds (NHTF, Clean Water Management Trust Fund and Parks and Recreation Trust Fund) to incur debt up to a combined total of \$45 million to acquire property meeting specified criteria. NHTF used this special financing mechanism (COPs) to fund several projects between 2004 and 2006, at which point the authorized amount (\$45 million) of COPs financing was completed between the three trust funds. In 2007, the General Assembly authorized an additional \$100 million, of which \$50 million was designated for NHTF. During the fiscal year 2008, NHTF allocated the entire \$50 million for high quality priority projects, demonstrating the pent-up funding demand for acquisition of important natural and cultural heritage lands.

NHTF now repays the debt and interest on these COPs using annual receipts. Due to a drop in annual receipts, debt repayment is expected to exceed 25% of NHTF income, leaving less funding for grants in the future.

Another reason for award levels exceeding income is that some grants are returned to NHTF to be re-granted because the properties were unable to be acquired and/or the final acquisition costs were less than the grant.

During fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008), NHTF awarded 51 grants totaling \$70,874,645 which contributed to the protection of over 21,423 acres (Table 3).

Despite the infusion of \$50 million in COPs funding, NHTF Board was unable to fund \$38,749,557 in requests (about 35%) from eligible applicants for high-quality projects. Detailed summaries of the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 awards are included as Tables 5 and 6 respectively. Project locations are shown in Figure 2 (Fall 2007 projects) and Figure 3 (Spring 2008 projects).

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Table 1
Natural Heritage Trust Fund
INCOME BY FUNDING SOURCE
as of June 30, 2007

Fiscal Year	Personalized License Plates	Transfer Tax	Interest	TOTAL INCOME
Original Appropriation				\$275,000
1987-88	\$0	\$0	\$15,546	\$15,546
1988-89	\$0	\$0	\$24,316	\$24,316
1989-90	\$1,073,165	\$0	\$53,766	\$1,126,931
1990-91	\$1,761,140	\$0	\$144,662	\$1,905,802
1991-92	\$1,627,304	\$1,326,848	\$232,156	\$3,186,308
1992-93	\$1,661,943	\$2,012,107	\$309,750	\$3,983,800
1993-94	\$1,713,091	\$2,089,776	\$326,920	\$4,129,787
1994-95	\$1,787,029	\$3,579,453	\$393,892	\$5,760,374
1995-96	\$1,856,167	\$3,134,801	\$335,131	\$5,326,099
1996-97	\$1,914,104	\$6,019,264	\$616,282	\$8,549,650
1997-98	\$1,930,813	\$6,949,967	\$1,080,042	\$9,960,822
1998-99	\$2,004,740	\$8,148,689	\$1,396,073	\$11,549,502
1999-2000	\$2,189,995	\$8,599,107	\$1,925,497	\$12,714,599
2000-01	\$2,386,509	\$8,412,962	\$1,845,783	\$12,645,254
2001-02	\$4,622,580	\$6,570,386	\$1,183,199	\$12,376,165
2002-03	\$2,550,269	\$9,494,785	\$508,397	\$12,553,451
2003-04	\$3,067,375	\$12,365,476	\$405,251	\$15,838,102
2004-05	\$5,028,710	\$13,810,698	\$492,612	\$19,332,020
2005-06	\$3,978,992	\$18,779,600	\$880,832	\$23,639,424
2006-07	\$4,227,510	\$18,611,071	\$1,125,916	\$23,964,497
2007-2008	\$4,353,457	\$15,195,744	\$1,255,164	\$20,804,364
Total Income	\$49,734,893	\$145,100,734	\$14,551,186	\$209,386,813

Table 2
Grant Awards Summary
1987 – June 2008

Total Awarded to Date (since 1987) (447 awards)	\$265,351,659
Returned Funds (Applicant unable to acquire land; award money returned to NHTF)	\$18,230,414
Total Transferred (spent)	\$200,228,322
Total Obligated	\$46,892,923
Acres Protected	272,547 acres
Requests to Date (617 requests)	\$512,335,805
Requests Unable to Fill (48%)	\$246,984,146

Table 3
Grant Award Totals by Agency
Fiscal Year 2008

Agency	Acres	Grant Total
Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services <i>Plant Conservation Program</i>	399	\$4,714,000
Department of Cultural Resources	346	\$2,665,000
Department of Environment and Natural Resources	3590	\$35,912,995
Wildlife Resources Commission	17,088	\$27,582,650
Total	21,423	\$70,874,645

Figure 1
Natural Heritage Trust Fund
Project Locations
1988-Spring 2008

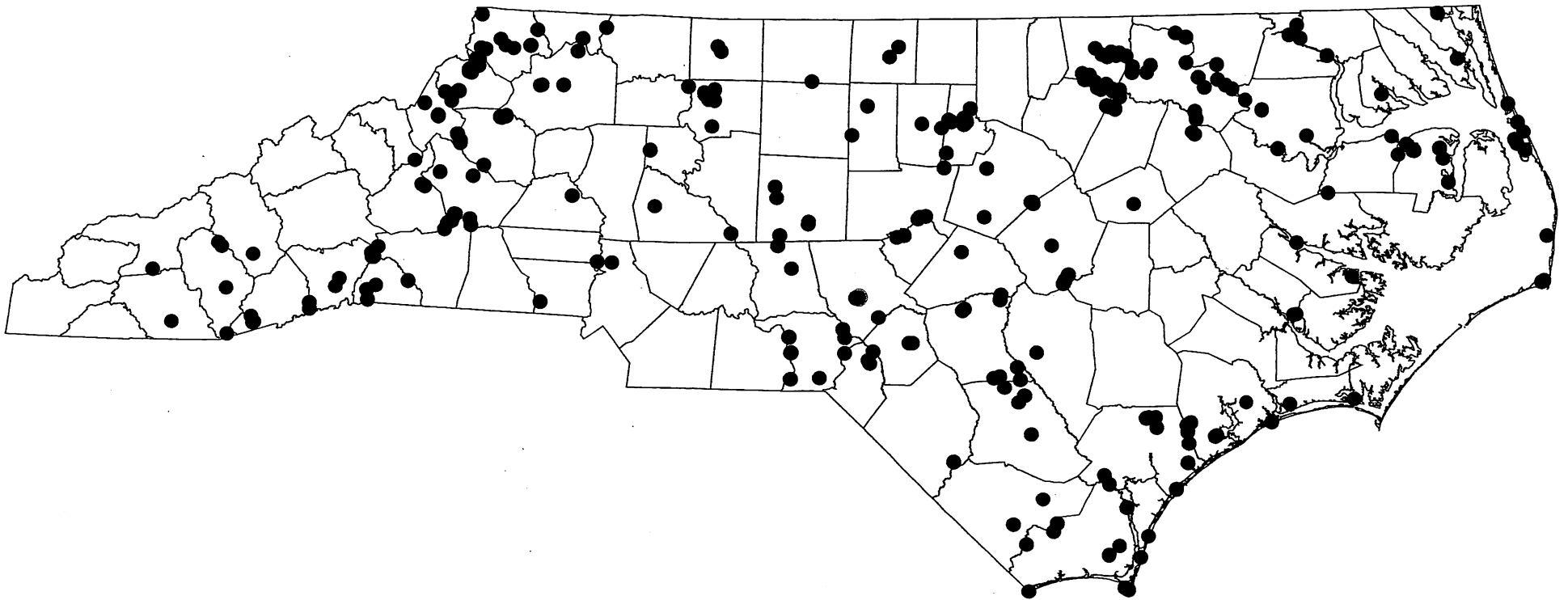


TABLE 4
Natural Heritage Trust Fund
Fall 2007 Award Summary

No.	Agency	Project Title	County	Acres	Award	COPS Award	Description
1	DACS/ PCP	Hebron Road Plant Conservation Preserve - Phase II	Durham	29	\$625,000		Funding would complete acquisition of tract partially funded by NHTF and currently under contract with the Trust for Public Land. This tract complements efforts to protect one of NC's federal and state endangered species, the Smooth Coneflower, in a rapidly developing area of Durham.
2	DACS/ PCP	Cedar Cliff Plant Conservation Preserve - Holbrook tract	Jackson	75		\$880,000	Fee simple acquisition of tract know to support an excellent assemblage of natural community and rare plant elements. A purchase option, expiring December 20, was secured by the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust on behalf of PCP. The tract has a rare plant list few other sites can match. State endangered Ammon's tortula (<i>Tortula ammonsiana</i>) has been reported here, and the site had been described as one of the best sites in the state for this globally imperiled species. The site also has the only occurrences in North Carolina of the rosette lichen (<i>Physcia pseudospeciosa</i>) and fragile tortula (<i>Tortula fragilis</i>), an historic record, as well as one of only four occurrences in the state of old man's beard (<i>Usnea angulata</i>).
3	DACS/ PCP	Eastwood Plant Conservation Preserve - Tufts tract	Moore	127		\$1,300,000	Funding would add approximately 127 acres to the recently established Eastwood Plant Conservation Preserve (formerly NC 73 Powerline). This tract, under contract which expires October 31, 2007, includes upland longleaf pine and streamhead seepage wetlands. At least one of the rare species in the total project area is a known target for poaching and theft and the Program is trying to be cautious with information regarding this location.
4	DACS/ PCP	Boiling Spring Lakes Plant Conservation Preserve - Phase VII	Brunswick	TBD	\$500,000		Funding would support continued acquisition efforts by the Plant Conservation Program and TNC which have been supported by NHTF since 1999 and now total over 6,000 acres. This grant would allow for continued acquisitions within priority areas to consolidate Preserve ownership. The Preserve design features an outstanding complex of natural communities as well as a large collection of rare plant and animal species. It is one of the largest intact pine savanna-pocosin landscapes in North Carolina and in the entire Southeastern US, and hosts over half of the world's distribution of 2 natural community types.

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No.	Agency	Project Title	County	Acres	Award	COPS Award	Description
5	DACS/ PCP	Tater Hill Plant Conservation Preserve - Eason tract	Watauga	168		\$1,409,000	PCP is requesting funds to purchase one of the most significant remaining inholdings within the Tater Hill Preserve. The project area and this tract have been a priority for protection efforts since March 2000. The Preserve is one of the keystone Natural Heritage areas within the Amphibolite Mountains and protects a number of rare plants and natural communities. The Trust for Public Land has made an offer which has been verbally accepted by the owners. The offer is contingent upon the value being supported by appraisals and State Property Office approval. The tract is being actively marketed by a real estate agent.
	DACS/ PCP		SUBTOTAL	399	\$1,125,000	\$3,589,000	Total award to DACS/PCP = \$4,714,000
6	DCR	Bunker Hill Covered Bridge Land Acquisition	Catawba	8.5	\$115,000		To acquire 8.5 acres of wooded land adjacent to and overlooking the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge, built ca. 1895 and which is now the state's sole surviving original covered bridge. Bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The purpose is to preserve the rural wooded character of the bridge setting and prevent inappropriate residential development. In addition to protecting one of the state's rarest cultural resources, the site is located entirely within the Lyle Creek Corridor Significant Natural Heritage Area of Catawba Co, as identified by a Natural Heritage Inventory in 2002, and will thus protect important plants, animals, and the water quality of the associated streams. The property will be managed by Catawba County as part of the bridge park.
7	DCR	Stagville State Historic Site Land Acquisition	Durham	100.0	\$400,000		Acquire approximately 100 acres of wooded and open land adjacent to the Stagville State Historic Site in northern Durham Co., in a joint project with the Triangle Land Conservancy. The proposed property surrounds a group of the state's finest mid-19th century agricultural buildings, including 4 slave houses and the largest antebellum barn still standing, as well as providing protection for the Bennehan House, built 1787-1800. This property would allow DCR to more than double the size of the existing 71 acres that now comprises the Stagville State Historic Site and eliminate a long-standing threat of intensive residential and industrial development that had been planned for that portion of the Treyburn property. The sale price of \$4,000 per acre represents a significant bargain sale being proposed by the present owners (total of \$700,000). In addition, \$55,000 in proposed funding from Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative. The property would be managed by the DCR site staff now stationed at Stagville State Historic Site.

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8	DCR	Alamance Battleground State Historic Site Land Acquisition	Alamance	1.5	\$20,000		Acquire a parcel of approximately 1.5 acres located adjacent to the 18th century battlefield owned and operated by DCR as the Alamance Battleground State Historic Site. The subject parcel has a long common boundary with the historic battleground and is also located directly opposite the main entrance driveway leading to the site's Visitor Center. It is also believed to cover a portion of the historic battlefield not presently in state ownership. The parcel is a critical component of the viewshed and now subject to development pressure. It is available for purchase now for a brief period as a result of a bankruptcy proceeding. The property would be managed by DCR staff now stationed at Alamance Battleground State Historic Site.
9		Averasboro Battlefield-Calhoun Property Easement	Harnett & Cumberland	63.6	\$130,000		Request funds to purchase a conservation easement on the property to further protect the Averasboro Battlefield, in cooperation with the Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc. This parcel is located within the core area of the battlefield and has been identified as being a high priority acquisition. It is contiguous with a large portion already under protection. The total cost of the easement is \$245,000 plus associated costs, for a total project cost of \$260,000. The Civil War Preservation Trust will provide 50% match (\$130,000). This land is presently agricultural and is under cultivation.
10	DCR	Alexander's Ford Land Acquisition	Polk	42.0	\$200,000		Project will acquire 42 acres containing a 1.5 mile stretch of the historic Overmountain Victory Trail, within a larger project to acquire 159 acres along the Green River and a tributary. Acquisition will provide trail for pedestrian use and canoe access to the Green River. Bargain sale by owner on the 42 acres results in \$114,240 contribution. CWMTF grant confirmed of \$274,000 for 48 acres of riparian buffer within this larger 159 acre parcel. The remaining 69 of the 159 acre project is proposed to be acquired through a PARTF grant. The entire property will be managed by Polk County as a park, through a management agreement with DCR and the other funding entities.
	DCR		SUBTOTAL	216	\$865,000		
11	DENR/ DPR	Chimney Rock State Park - V	Rutherford	229		\$4,192,000	To acquire 229 acres as part of 8 tracts at the recently renamed Chimney Rock State Park (formerly Hickory Nut Gorge State Park). Acquisition will help protect 4 Nationally significant natural heritage areas. Tracts are part of the Southeastern Escarpment Megasite and the Hickory Nut Gorge Macrosite; project is part of a larger effort including The Nature Conservancy's Bat Cave and Rumbling Bald preserves. Matching funds committed \$4,238,000 (PARTF) and \$750,000 (CWMTF) proposed.

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12	DENR/ DPR	Elk Knob State Park - Land Acquisition	Ashe, Watauga	685		\$400,000	Acquisition of 685 acres in 6 tracts. Project would help protect the Nationally Significant Long Hope Valley/Elk Knob/The Peak SNHA and help create a larger network of conservation land stretching from Tater Hill to Mount Jefferson. The tracts in this request include\ the best example of a rare hanging valley ecosystem in the southeast, 5 rare plant, 2 rare animal species, and at least 3 high quality natural communities. Matching funds committed \$51,000 (private donation); \$1,069,000 (PARTF) proposed.
13	DENR/ SWCD	Eagles Island Conservation Initiative (Creech Tract)	Brunswick	258	\$302,000		This request is to acquire and conserve 258 acres (VA Creech tract) on Eagles Island, which comprises the majority of the Brunswick River / Cape Fear Marshes SNHA. Considered to be of State significance by the NC NHP, it contains the largest area of tidal freshwater marsh habitat in NC. This site supports the threatened American Alligator and the only NC population for the Rare Skipper. As a component of a larger effort on Eagles Island, where 264 acres have already been protected, this project is crucial to future conservation management of this habitat. Matching funds committed: \$18,900 (CWMTF & New Hanover S&WCD). Option expires April 2008.
14	DENR/ DFR	Terra Nova Center/Reasonover Creek Cove - Dupont State Forest	Transylvania	18	\$60,150		This 18-acre fee simple acquisition is part of a larger 200-acre conservation easement acquisition project. The 18-acre project includes a section of the Reasonover Creek SNHA which features "high quality examples of Rich Cove and Acidic Cove Forests". Conservation of the tract will protect wildlife habitat and water quality. Objectives of this project are to preserve important habitat for rare species, protect the Reasonover Creek Cove SNHA and contribute to the Blue Ridge Escarpment important wildlife corridor. The 18-acre tract will become part of the DuPont State Forest. Total cost \$226,250 is funded in part by CWMTF confirmed (\$79,340) and landowner donation (\$86,760). In addition the CWMTF provided \$587,660 for an easement on adjacent lands to total 200 acres with landowner contributing donation of \$624,060 and Carolina Mountains Land Conservancy donating \$281,400 towards the easement.
15	DENR/ DPR	Deep River State Trail	Lee	61		\$409,000	Acquisition of 61 acres in 2 tracts to protect Nationally Significant RockyRiver/Lower Deep River Aquatic Habitat and State Significant White Pines Natural Area SNHAs. Project would protect at least two rare species including the federally endangered Cape Fear Shiner and Harperella. Matching funds CWMTF \$669,500 confirmed and \$244,000 pending; and PARTF proposed \$419,641.

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16	DENR/ DPR	Pettigrew State Park (Scuppernong River Section)	Tyrrell	765		\$267,500	Acquisition of 765 acres within 5 tracts to protect Nationally Significant Scuppernong River Swamp Forest SNHA and help connect State-owned land with Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. Project would protect 5.5 miles of Scuppernong River frontage, several rare and high quality natural communities including Peatland Atlantic White Cedar, and at least two rare species. Matching funds confirmed: PARTF \$148,000 and CWMTF \$751,000.
17	DENR/ DFR	Boyette Tract - Bladen Lakes State Forest	Bladen	342	\$270,000		The project is part of a landscape wetland protection effort to protect the David Gam Bay Significant Natural Heritage Area, protect water quality and wildlife habitat and contribute to linking Bladen Lakes State Forest with Suggs Millpond Game Land. The project insures, through acquisition, the protection of 683 acres of Carolina Bay and longleaf/wiregrass habitat. After acquisition, land management activities will be implemented on the tract to benefit habitat restoration, water quality and high quality natural communities by incorporating it into the Division of Forest Resources (DFR) Bladen Lakes State Forest. The tract will be included in the Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land and opportunities will be provided for research, training, education, hunting, trapping, hiking and wildlife observation. CWMTF proposed \$250,000 (deferred to November);
18	DENR/ DPR	South Mountains State Park - West Side Land Acquisition	Burke	264	\$333,000		Acquisition of 264 acres in 2 tracts to protect 2 regionally Significant Natural Heritage Areas within the South Mountains Macrosite and Megasite. Project would protect at least 6 rare species including the federally endangered White Irisette. Matching funds committed PARTF \$333,000 and CWMTF \$256,000; and \$2,136,500 future requests to CWMTF & PARTF.
	DENR		SUBTOTAL	2,622	\$965,150	\$5,268,500	Total award to DENR = \$6,233,650
19	WRC	Juniper Creek IP - Phase II	Brunswick, Columbus	7236	\$4,555,883	\$2,000,000	Acquire tract to permanently protect 2 SNHAs - Juniper Creek Floodplain and Juniper Creek/Driving Creek Aquatic Habitat. Total project is 18,624 acres at a cost of approximately \$16,781,282 with funding from CWMTF (\$6,499,000 confirmed so far) and others. Large landscape conservation project linking the Green Swamp in Brunswick County to the Waccamaw River Floodplain in Columbus County. Total award \$6,555,883

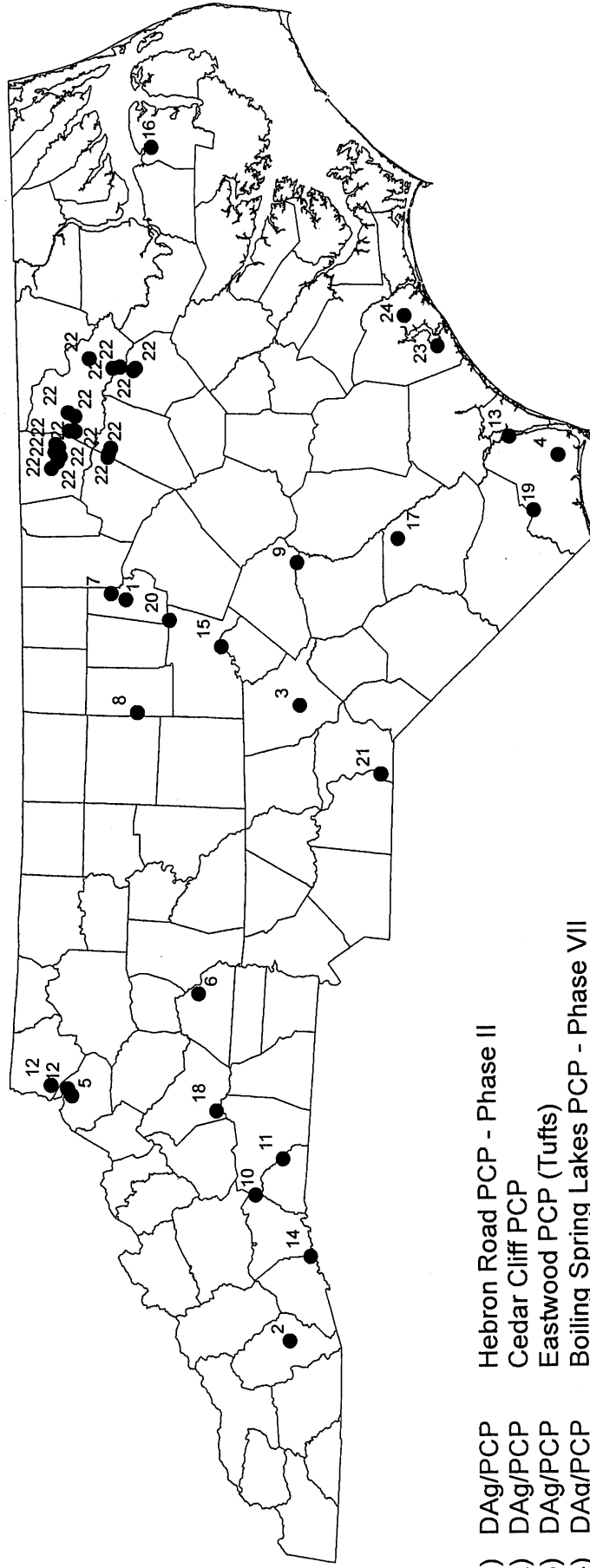
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20	WRC	NCSU New Hope Valley Forest	Durham and Chatham	216	\$1,827,370		Acquire tract to permanently protect this area known to have an established history of high bald eagle use; supporting active nests and summering populations. Management plans will be designed to maintain and enhance the area's habitat for bald eagles. Tract acquisition is also critical to help protect the Jordan Lake water supply reservoir. Tract will be additions to Jordan Game Land. Tract also provides access to the State Historic Mason Farm House, owned and managed by DCR. Aquisition will prevent sub-division of the tract which would greatly complicate management efforts by state and federal land managers. (Total project 342 acres; proposed CWMTF match of \$1,279,480).
21	WRC	Diggs Tract	Richmond	1068	\$1,000,000		Acquire tract to permanently protect part of the Pee Dee Marsh Ponds SNHA and the Pee Dee River Aquatic Natural Area. Nearly three miles of the Pee Dee River will be protected through this project benefiting several listed aquatic species. Total cost \$3,977,900; CWMTF did not fund grant request; the Cole Foundation and NAWCA grants proposed.
22	WRC	Upper Tar River International Paper Tracts upland Pine Plantations	Pamlico River Basin; Warren, Halifax, Franklin, Nash, and Edgecombe Counties	1077	\$1,300,000		This addendum request is to acquire approximately 10% (WRC-COPS funding 90%) of the flattest upland portions in pine plantation contiguous with the Upper Tar Phase II SNHA lands previously funded by NHTF. Acquisition will expand protected land holdings in the upper Tar-Pamlico River Basin and SNHA while contributing to the WRC Game Land Program.
23	WRC	Kassab Tract	Onslow	55	\$366,900	\$73,000	Insure through acquisition the protection of 55 acres of developable land that lies adjacent to Stones Creek Game Land and Camp Lejeune MARSOC training area. This project contributes toward linking red-cockaded woodpecker populations, protecting Bachman's Sparrow habitat, and a high quality game land while buffering Camp Lejeune from residential development. US Navy is providing ~50% funding match. NOTE: Session Law 2005 Military COPS funding used. Total award \$439,900
24	WRC	McCotter-Bordeaux Tract	Onslow	446	\$532,725	\$366,900	Acquire 446 acres of a keystone property to establish an ecological corridor linking Camp LeJeune, the Croatan National Forerst, the Hoffman Forest and weyerhauser lands. Important tract for Black Bears, Red-cockaded woodpeckers and Bachman's Sparrow. Confirmed \$1,118,000 (~50%) match from the US Navy. Total Award = \$899,625.
	WRC		SUB-TOTAL	10,098	\$9,582,878	\$2,439,900	Total award to WRC = \$12,022,778
	ALL APPs.		GRAND TOTAL	13,334	\$12,538,028	\$11,297,400	Total Awards = \$23,835,428

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Fall 2007 Award Summary

No.	Agency	Project Title	County	Acres	Award	COPS Award	Description
	NC = North Carolina						CWPT = Civil War Preservation Trust
	DACS/PCP = NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Plant Conservation Program						DOT = Department of Transportation
	DENR = NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources						CWMTF = Clean Water Management Trust Fund
	DPR = Division of Park Resources						NAWACA = North America Wetlands Conservation Act
	DFR = Division of Forest Resources						SNHA = Significant Natural Heritage Area
	NHP = Natural Heritage Program						SWCD = Soil and Water Conservation District
	OCP = Office of Conservation & Planning						WRC = NC Wildlife Resources Commission

Figure 2: Fall 2007 Awards
Project Locations



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|---------------|---|--------------|---|
| 1) DAg/PCP | Hebron Road PCP - Phase II | 17) DENR/DFR | Bladen Lakes State Forest - Boyette Tract |
| 2) DAg/PCP | Cedar Cliff PCP | 18) DENR/DPR | S. Mountain State Park |
| 3) DAg/PCP | Eastwood PCP (Tufts) | | - West Side Land Acquisition |
| 4) DAg/PCP | Boiling Spring Lakes PCP - Phase VII | 19) WRC | Juniper Creek (IP) - Phase II |
| 5) DAg/PCP | Tater Hill PCP - Eason Tract | 20) WRC | NCSU New Hope Valley Forest |
| 6) DCR | Bunker Hill Covered Bridge | 21) WRC | Diggs Tract Land Acquisition |
| 7) DCR | Stagville State Historic Site | 22) WRC | Upper Tar River IP Tracts - Phase II Addendum |
| 8) DCR | Alamance Battleground | 23) WRC | Kassab Tract Land Acquisition |
| 9) DCR | Aversboro Battlefield - Calhoun Property Easement | 24) WRC | McCotter-Bordeaux Tract Land Acquisition |
| 10) DCR | Alexander's Ford Land Acquisition | | |
| 11) DENR/DPR | Chimney Rock State Park - Phase V | | |
| 12) DENR/DPR | Elk Knob State Natural Area Acquisitions | | |
| 13) DENR/SWCD | Eagles Island Land Acquisition | | |
| 14) DENR/DFR | Terra Nova Center - Dupont State Forest | | |
| 15) DENR/DPR | Deep River State Trail - Phase IV | | |
| 16) DENR/DPR | Pettigrew State Park | | |
- PCP = Plant Conservation Preserve

TABLE 5
Natural Heritage Trust Fund
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No.	Agency	Project Title	County	Award	Acres	Description
1	WRC	GMS Tract (Alligator River) - Final Phase	Tyrrell	\$2,000,000	2,025	The GMS Tract is located within the Alligator River watershed (part of the Pasquotank River Basin), of which a major portion is classified as an Outstanding Resources Water (ORW). Several of the major tributaries are identified as anadromous fish spawning areas and are designated as inland primary nursery sites by the WRC. Primary anadromous species include the blueback herring, alewife, hickory shad, American shad and striped bass. The annual economic return from these nationally important commercial and recreational fishery resources totals \$1 billion and plays a critical role in North Carolina's coastal economy. In addition, the tract supports red-cockaded woodpeckers, red wolves and black bears. The GMS Tract will be incorporated into the WRC's Alligator River Game Land Program. Total project is \$8.2 million with \$6.2 million confirmed (CWMTF \$4.2MM and NHTF \$1MM previously and Coastal Wetland Fish & Wildlife Grant \$1 MM) and large part of property already acquired with confirmed funds; this is the final phase. Total acreage will be 8,476 acres.
2	WRC	Chowan East (International Paper) Tract	Gates	\$1,114,222	715	Fee Simple acquisition of this significant natural area (former International Paper land) and incorporate into a much larger landscape wetland protection project that includes Chowan Swamp, Chowan River Aquatic Habitat, and Chowan Sand Ridge. Continue expanding protected land holdings along the Chowan River and associated State Natural Heritage Areas, while contributing acreage to the WRC Game Land Program. Matching funds for this final phase include CWMTF (\$2,876,506), NOAA-CELCP (\$3 million) and Environmental Defense litigation fund (\$100,000). Total project acreage for this phase is 6,449 acres. This is the final phase of the IP project.

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3	WRC	Diggs (Pee Dee Game Lands)	Richmond	\$400,000	1,062	<p>This tract was previously leased for years by WRC, but owner subsequently put tract on the market for sale. This tract will help to form one of the core areas for an envisioned network of ecological preserves along the Pee Dee river corridor. This property will be managed by WRC for wildlife conservation and recreation and will be open to the public for hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, canoeing, wildlife research, and other outdoor uses. This project will permanently protect 625 acres of the Pee Dee River Marsh Ponds Significant Natural Heritage area. Nearly three miles of shoreline on the Pee Dee River will also be protected, benefiting several listed aquatic species and numerous rare plants and animals. This region has been identified as a very high priority by several conservation planning efforts and as evidenced by matching funds from Cole (private) Foundation (\$208,000), NAWACA (\$1 million) and proposed CWMTF (\$1.1 million). Total project acreage is 1,659 acres.</p>
4	WRC	Lutz Tract - Wilson Creek	Caldwell	\$2,280,720	188	<p>The 649 acre Lutz tract is long and narrow in shape and the property adjoins the Pisgah Game Lands (Pisgah National Forest) and is within the nationally designated Wilson Creek Wild and Scenic River corridor. This corridor is also a nationally significant SNHA. The tract spans or borders approximately 3.5 miles of Wilson Creek and 3.4 miles of named and unnamed perennial streams tributary to Wilson Creek, including portions of Phillips Branch, Harper Creek, Estes Mill Branch and Thorps Creek. Because of the tract's linear shape along Wilson Creek, protection of the uplands is necessary to maintain water quality and aquatic habitat conditions of its flowing waters. WRC would manage the property to protect the aquatic habitat and resources it contains. The tract would be open to the public for outdoor recreation, primarily fishing. Land owner donation \$786,600 and proposed matching grant from CWMTF (\$4,857,255). Total acreage 649.</p>

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5	WRC	Pond Mountain	Ashe	\$2,500,000	680	<p>The Pond Mountain landscape offers the unique opportunity to manage for a host of state-listed and N.C. Wildlife Action Plan priority species that require habitat types which are rare in NC. Approximately 750 acres of the Pond Mountain tract is currently in grassy/shrubby habitat and Christmas tree production and offers an excellent opportunity to manage for high elevation early successional habitat. The remainder of the tract contains northern hardwood forest. The tract will further serve as a wildlife corridor from the adjacent National Forests in Tennessee and Virginia south to conservation areas in NC such as Three Top Mtn. The tract also serves as the headwaters of both Big Laurel and Big Horse Creeks and acquisition of the tract will be a significant step in protecting water quality in these drainages. The tract will be entered into the WRC Game Lands Program and will offer a variety of dispersed recreational opportunities to the public. Confirmed \$1 million private donation and proposed \$7,426,498 grant from CWMTF. Total acres 1,795. COPS funds not used.</p>
6	WRC	Coweeta Creek	Macon	\$451,100	48	<p>Protect 48 acres of rich, bottomland habitat in the Little Tennessee River Valley including nearly 5,200 feet of frontage along the Little Tennessee and 900 feet of frontage along Coweeta Creek. Also protect significant archeological resources (possible historic Cherokee outlying farmstead) on the tract as identified by the Archaeological Research Laboratory (University of Tennessee) and supported by the NC State Archaeologist (letter of support for project included). Provide and protect habitat and potential reintroduction sites for four (4) federally listed species, 16 state listed species, and federally designated Critical Habitat for the spotfin chub. Tracts would provide important stopover habitat for migratory birds. Establish a core area of conservation lands along the Little Tennessee River upstream of Franklin which is essential to providing water and habitat quality within the reach and as a foundation for additional cooperative conservation efforts in the upper river. Land Trust for the Little Tennessee bargain sale of land (\$212,720)</p>

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7	WRC	Gull Island	Dare	\$470,400	73	Insure through acquisition the protection of a 73.4 acre island that lies in the Pamlico Sound. According to the appraisal, 2.9 acres of this are developable. Aquisition would be part of a landscape approach to protect significant natural areas, wetlands and watersheds that contribute to species richness within the South Atlantic Coastal Plain. Contribute towards protecting colonial waterbird nesting habitat for thousands of gulls, terns, herons, egrets and pelicans through guidance of the NC Colonial Waterbird Management Plan. This sale represents a unique opportunity to protect remote, prime waterbird nesting habitat as true islands are neither plentiful nor readily available for purchase in our sounds. Will provide high quality waterfowl hunting habitat.
8	WRC	Mullberry Mill Bog	Wilkes	\$253,130	40	Acquire a 40-acre parcel of land in Wilkes County that contains one of the largest known populations of bog turtles (State Threatened; Federally Threatened due to similarity in appearance) in the state. The bog/wetland is approximately 3-5 acres. Over 20 bog turtles have been captured, identified, and monitored at this site over the past five (5) years by Project Bog Turtle. Ensure through acquisition, protection of a tributary of Mulberry Creek, an important travel corridor for bog turtles between this site and the larger metapopulation of two other known sites, one of which has the most bog turtles of any known site in the entire southern population (from Maryland to Georgia). This corridor is crucial to the species' persistence in the region. Acquisition and management of the property will protect bog turtle populations and provide an opportunity to protect water quality in a developing watershed in the Yadkin basin.
9	WRC	Whitehurst Tract- Devils Garden (Neuse River Game Land)	Craven	\$3,298,800	461	Through acquisition, protect pocosin and pine upland, which is critical black bear habitat and is part of Duck Creek Natural Area. Proximity to New Bern and Highway 55 make this large natural area highly threatened from impending urban development. This project is within the strategic landscape scale "Onslow Bight Conservation Design Plan" developed by a consortium of public and private organizations including the military. This land acquisition is part of the large natural area that serves as a corridor along the outer Coastal Plain between Croatan National Forest and areas north of the Neuse River. WRC will manage land through incorporating into Neuse River Game Land. Confirmed CWMTF grant (\$1,147,50) and confirmed Forest Legacy grant (\$1,000,000). Total acreage is 775.5 acres.

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10	WRC	Odom Tract (Sandhills Game Land)	Richmond	\$411,500	161	Acquisition of an important inholding of the Sandhills Game Land will protect valuable foraging and potential expansion habitat for two groups of red-cockaded woodpeckers, and increase available public wildlife recreational opportunities. Management objectives for the property include: providing additional protected foraging habitat for the two red-cockaded woodpecker groups adjacent to the property, reintroduce regular fire to the property, and convert as much of the mixed loblolly/longleaf pine uplands to a more site appropriate longleaf pine canopy. US Fish&Wildlife Service (Section 6, Endangered Species) grant of \$249,000 confirmed. Total acreage 260. COPs funds not used.
11	WRC	Tuckertown Tract	Davidson	\$2,000,000	1,345	The acquisition of the Alcoa Tuckertown tracts will protect and maintain 6 SNHAs, freshwater resources, provide public recreational opportunities including fishing and hunting, provide public access to the Pee Dee River for canoeing and boating and establish state-owned game lands in the rapidly growing piedmont region of NC. Size of the tract and its location along the Tuckertown Reservoir make it highly valuable for conservation. WRC plans future acquisition of additional land from Progress Energy and other private industrial forest land owners along the Yadkin/Pee Dee River to help establish a network of public-owned game lands in the region. The Tuckertown Reservoir land has been made available for acquisition through Alcoa's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission settlement agreement. Alcoa is donating 1,085 acres to the State Park. Total acreage of this phase of acquisition from Alcoa is 2420, but a future 2311 acres is also being pursued for a second phase to this project. Pending grant with CWMTF for matching funds of \$3,200,000.
12	WRC	Leggett Tract (Caswell Game Land)	Caswell	\$210,000	77	The Leggett Tract is almost completely forested with the exception of a small pond and associated beaver dams that create a wetland area at the confluence of two unnamed tributaries of Country Line Creek. The tract contains a wide variety of wildlife habitats and is well suited to support a wide range of public uses. Without future security, degradation of this tract and its surrounding watersheds could contribute to devastating impacts to sensitive downstream vertebrate and invertebrate faunal assemblages. Country Line Creek and the Dan River into which it eventually flows are known to contain populations or posses potential habitat for three listed mollusk and two listed fish species. This project will contribute an additional 77 acres to the roughly 17,788 acres already permanently protected at Caswell Game Land by the WRC. COPs not used.

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13	WRC	Wilkes Tract (Sandhills Game Land)	Scotland	\$170,000	115	Protection of the Leonard Wilkes Tract in Scotland County will help maintain freshwater resources and preserve high quality habitat along Drowning Creek on property directly across from the number one land conservation priority in the NC Sandhills, the Blue Farm. The Wilkes tract touches existing Sandhills Game Lands and is an acquisition priority for WRC and the Sandhills Conservation Partnership, as it links into a system of wildlife corridors connecting the Sandhills Game Lands to Fort Bragg. It is also shares a ¾ mile boundary with a 95-acre property on which The Nature Conservancy is currently negotiating the purchase of a Conservation Easement. \$50,000 confirmed funding from Army Compatible Use Buffer Program. COPs not used.
	WRC	WRC	SUB-TOTAL	\$15,559,872	6,990	\$2,226
I-1	DENR/ NHP	Continuation of County and Protection-focused Natural Area Inventories	Madison, Alleghany, Macon, Stanly, Anson, Robeson and other counties to be announced.	\$500,000	N/A	The North Carolina Natural Heritage Program of the Office of Natural Resource Conservation & Planning requests funds to support county-wide, protection-focused natural area inventories. Funds will be used to support inventory staff from 2008-2010, and to contract with local land trusts or other partners. This allows us to conduct several inventories per year and provide targeted visits to numerous other sites to support conservation actions. COPs not used.
I-2	DENR/ NHP	Inventory of Aquatic Significant Natural Areas and Federally Listed Aquatic Species	Statewide	\$421,000	N/A	The Natural Heritage Program of the Office of Natural Resource Planning & Conservation, in partnership with the Wildlife Resources Commission, requests funding of \$421,000 over three years to fund the inventory and conservation planning of North Carolina's aquatic natural areas, including surveys of high priority populations of federally listed and candidate species of mussels and fish in historic and potential habitats. Both Natural Heritage Program and Wildlife Resources Commission staff will work together to obtain information that will contribute to the conservation of those streams and rivers identified as Aquatic Significant Natural Heritage Areas. COPs not used.

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14	DENR/ DPR	Haw River State Park Land Acquisition	Guilford and Rockingham	\$1,000,000	64	The property acquisition would protect about 3,500 feet along the Haw River and upland natural communities adjacent to the Summit Environmental Education Center (SEEC). The main route of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail goes through this tract. The upper Haw River was included on the New Parks for a New Century list for the extensive area of wildlife habitat along the river. Several rare species are in the project area. The hardwood natural communities in the Piedmont, and the project area in particular, are threatened by residential development; part of this tract has already been subdivided for development. These areas include the Mesic Mixed Hardwood natural communities on the north facing slopes and the Dry-Mesic Oak-Hickory Forest natural communities on the upland flats. The Piedmont Alluvial Forest natural communities are excellent examples in the project area and critical to the movement and healthy populations of wildlife in the region. This property is key to the environmental education effort at the SEEC. \$3,260,000 to be funded by PARTF. Total acreage is 140.
15	DENR/ DPR	Elk Knob State Park (Snake Mountain Tracts) – Land Acquisition	Northern Watauga County, north of Boone, NC	\$2,325,000	129	The proposed acquisitions would help protect the ridge of Snake Mountain (5,518 feet). These three properties support at least four different natural communities, including the rare Grassy Bald and Northern Hardwood Forest, and at least eight rare species, including the Federal Species of Concern Gray's Lily. These tracts will be part of Elk Knob State Park which is managed for the protection of significant natural resources and to provide interpretation of its ecosystems and low impact outdoor recreation. These tracts will help connect Elk Knob State Park to adjacent conservation lands including Tater Hill (managed by the Plant Conservation Program) and conservation land which High Country Conservancy currently owns but plans to donate to the State. This project will help provide the land base for a hiking trail from Elk Knob to Tater Hill and protect the undeveloped western views from the summit of Elk Knob. Confirmed \$2,523,600 PARTF and proposed \$2,016,000 CWMTF matching grants. Total acreage 370.

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16	DENR/ DPR	Elk Knob State Park/Long Hope Valley – Land Acquisition	Ashe and Watauga counties, north of Boone, NC	\$14,100,000	2,269	The proposed acquisition would protect Long Hope Valley and the slopes of the peaks surrounding it including Elk Knob (5,520') and Rittle Knob (4,860'). This project would preserve a globally significant natural heritage area and a rare hanging valley ecosystem. As part of the Amphibolite Mountain macrosite, Elk Knob State Park is part of a larger conservation effort that extends from Tater Hill to Mount Jefferson State Natural Area. The property in this request supports at least 10 high quality natural communities, 37 rare plant species, and eight rare animal species. The property includes 23 examples of Southern Appalachian bogs, the highest concentration in any area. The property in this request is owned by a family trust. The State and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) have been working on permanently protecting this property for many years. Matching grant from PARTF \$15,100,000 (confirmed) and TNC \$13,000,000 planned. Total acreage is 4,538.
17	DENR/ DPR	Boiling Spring Lakes, Section 14 (Pretty Pond Limesink Complex)	Brunswick	\$365,000	8	Project area is located in the northeastern section of the City of Boiling Spring Lakes. It is immediately adjacent to the privately managed Orton Plantation (5,000 acres) and a 135-acre conservation easement held by The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Site contains undeveloped upland longleaf and pocosin habitat within the Pretty Pond Limesink Complex, a SNHA. Acquisition will protect habitat for current populations of the Federal and State endangered Red-cockaded woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>) and probable populations of the Federal species of concern Venus flytrap (<i>Dionaea muscipula</i>). It will complement the 7,000 acres of land previously protected in the Boiling Spring Lakes Plant Conservation Program Preserve and establish a core base for essential land management activities in the vicinity. The tracts will provide buffer for the privately held conservation lands, opportunity for passive recreation, and offer ecological research opportunities. NHP plans to manage the property through a management agreement with TNC.

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18	DENR/ DPR	Pettigrew State Park (Scuppernong River Section)	Tyrrell County	\$483,000	537	The Scuppernong River corridor is part of a Nationally Significant Natural Heritage Area. The project area includes several rare and/or high quality natural communities: Peatland Atlantic White Cedar, Nonriverine Swamp Forest, and Cypress-Gum Swamp (Blackwater subtype). The tracts in this request contain two rare species and there are seven others documented in the project area, including the federally endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker and Bald Eagle. The State-owned tracts will help connect existing tracts already in conservation ownership by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Acquisition of these tracts will protect 4.6 miles of Scuppernong River frontage. The property will become part of Pettigrew State Park. Confirmed matching grants from PARTF (\$108,000) and CWMTF (\$483,000). Total acreage is 1,082.
19	DENR/Z OO	Bachelor Creek Nature Preserve	SE Randolph County, northeast of Seagrove on Old NC Hwy 13	\$1,039,745	184	This proposed project will preserve the 335-acre Ward tract, .75 mi. south of the North Carolina Zoological Park (Zoo). This project is sponsored by the Zoo in partnership with the Piedmont Land Conservancy for long-term protection of a biologically significant site linking the Zoo to other natural lands in an increasingly fragmented landscape. Funding is requested from NHTF for 184 acres of forested uplands, complementing a 151-acre riparian buffer acquisition request submitted to CWMTF (\$931,889). Zoo contribution (\$4,400). Request reduced at Board meeting because some tracts were unavailable. COPs not used.
20	DENR/ DCM	Town of Kure Beach Oceanfront Park	New Hanover	\$500,000	0	Funding requested to assist the Town of Kure Beach in the debt service on the purchase price of 20,000 square feet of oceanfront property. A perpetual long-term conservation easement will be provided to the DENR/DCM as well as a detailed property management agreement. The Oceanfront Park faces the Atlantic Ocean and is the intended site of a local and regional public park. The park will expand public access to recreational opportunities, the beach, and the ocean. It will preserve open space and public access along the coast. New Hanover County confirmed grant of \$500,000. Funding for remainder of \$3.6 million project proposed to CWMTF, PARTF, DENR/DCM, DENR/DWR and Federal Appropriations. COPS not used.

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21	DENR/ DPR	Dutch Creek Cove/ Bear Paw Natural Area - Land Acquisition	Watauga	\$3,852,600	241	These acquisitions would help protect the Nationally Significant Hanging Rock Mountain SNHA and the cove forests containing the headwaters of Dutch Creek, a tributary of the Watauga River. These properties support at least four different natural communities, including the rare High Elevation Rocky Summit, and at least nine rare species including the Federally Endangered Big-eared Bat. These tracts will be managed as Dutch Creek Conservation Land until authorization of the State Natural Area which is proposed for the 2008 session of the General Assembly. Acquisition of these tracts will help protect a widely recognizable and visible peak and ridge and contribute to the connectivity of protected sites including nearby Grandfather Mountain. Confirmed private donation \$1,314,000. Total acreage 341.
22	DENR/ DPR	Chimney Rock State Park-Bottomless Pools/Bat Cave/Round Top	Western Rutherford County	\$4,488,000	212	This 212 acre project is part of a larger conservation effort including TNC's Bat Cave and Rumbling Bald Preserves. The site hosts distinctive geological features and a large diversity of natural community types. World's Edge contains a number of rock houses and small fissure caves as well as extensive, high quality examples of several community types, including low elevation rocky summit, low elevation granitic dome, and a unique community described as a semi-exfoliated basic glade. At least nine significantly rare plants have been documented on or very near the subject properties, two of which are federally endangered, and four rare, special concern animals have been found in close proximity to the project area and have the potential to be found on site as well. The tracts in this project are within the following SNHAs: Cane Creek Mountain (national significance); Chimney Rock (national significance) and Bottomless Pools (regional significance). Once acquired, these properties will be part of Chimney Rock State Park. Matching funds from PARTF \$4,489,500. Total project acreage 423.

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23	DENR/ DPR	South Mountains State Park - West Side II	Burke	\$605,000	323	This 683 total acre project will help protect the Hall Knob SNHA included within the South Mountains Macrosite and the South Mountains/ Foothills Megasite. The tracts in this request contain at least six rare species, including the federally endangered White Irisette. The broader project area is known to contain at least four additional rare species. South Mountains State Park is part of a broader conservation effort including South Mountains Game Lands. This project will add to the nearly 40,000 acres of contiguous State-owned conservation land. Conservation of these tract will also help protect undeveloped viewsheds for visitors approaching the state park and game lands from the west side. This area of the park is likely to see increased visitation following the development of facilities at the Clear Creek access area. Once acquired, the project area will be part of South Mountains State Park. Matching funds include PARTF (\$648,309 confirmed), CWMTF (\$932,140 proposed) and bargain sale donation (\$81,966 confirmed). COPs not used
	DENR	DENR	SUB-TOTAL	\$29,679,345	3,968	\$7,480
24	DCR	Historic Bethania Land Acquisition	Forsyth	\$1,465,000	69	Purchase of one of the few large, contiguous natural tracts of land remaining in Bethania will complement the 7 projects of nearly 100 acres previously protected by DCR. This project would completely protect "Bottom II," one of the bottomlands in Black Walnut Bottoms marked on the original survey of Bethania in 1768 by Christian Reuter. This historic area now holds the only remaining example of a European style "open field" agricultural village in North Carolina. A cell phone tower company has approached the landowner concerning the installation of a cell tower on the top of the ridgeline. Such a tower would significantly diminish the experience of visitors to Bethania. A management plan will be developed to provide guidance that is consistent with Bethania's Moravian culture and traditions and potentially restore the agricultural uses of the fertile bottomlands along Muddy Creek. Piedmont Land Conservancy is donating overhead costs and has applied for grants that could reduce the request to NHTF by as much as \$200,000. COPS not used.

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25	DCR	Bentonville Battlefield Site - Four Oaks Vicinity Acquisitions	Johnston	\$335,000	130	This project will acquire 130 acres in three parcels to continue ongoing efforts to protect and preserve the battlefield at Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site. This will add to the 880 acres that the DCR and the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) purchased from 2002 and 2007 with assistance from the NHTF. The additional 130 acres will bring the total number of protected acres to approximately 1,030. The original battle covered 6,000 acres. At least 50% of cost will be funded by the CWPT. The DCR will manage this property as a part of its Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site. COPs not used.
	DCR	DCR	SUB-TOTAL	\$1,800,000	199	\$9,030
27	ALL APPs.		GRAND TOTAL	\$47,039,217	11,157	
		Awards Using	COPS	\$38,881,972		\$8,157,245 using regular Fund Income; These project awards are in BOLD
	NC = North Carolina					
	DACS/PCP = NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services - Plant Conservation Program					
	DENR = NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources					
	DPR = Division of Park Resources					
	DFR = Division of Forest Resources					
	NHP = Natural Heritage Program					
	OCP = Office of Conservation & Planning					
	SWCD = Soil and Water Conservation District					
	WRC = NC Wildlife Resources Commission					
	SNHA = Significant Natural Heritage Area					
	CWPT = Civil War Preservation Trust					
	DOT = Department of Transportation					
	CWMTF = Clean Water Management Trust Fund					
	NAWACA = North America					
	NOAA-CELCP = National Oceanic & Atmospheric					

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