

**North Carolina  
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## **1.0 Introduction**

The North Carolina General Assembly established the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) on July 16, 1994. The General Assembly made an initial appropriation of \$1 million to the PARTF to fund improvements in state parks, to fund grants for local governments and to increase public access to the state's beaches. In 1995, the General Assembly dedicated funds from the excise stamp tax to the trust fund starting in FY 1996-97. The Parks and Recreation Authority, a 15-member board, was also created to allocate funds from the PARTF to projects in state parks and to grants for local governments.

The excise tax is the primary funding source for the PARTF. The tax is levied on each "deed, instrument, or writing by which interest in real property is conveyed to another person." The tax is levied at the rate of one dollar on each \$500 of the interest or property conveyed. Each county remits one-half of the proceeds, less the county's allowance for administrative expenses, to the state. Effective July 1996, the General Assembly (G.S. 105-228.30) stipulated that part of the state's share would be allocated to the PARTF. Of the funds remitted, the Department of Revenue credits 75 percent to the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund and 25 percent to the Natural Heritage Trust Fund. Additional revenue is allocated from a portion of the fees from personalized license plates as well as investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund.

Pursuant to G.S. 113-44.15, the money from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund is to be allocated as follows:

- (1) Sixty-five percent (65 percent) for the State Parks System for capital projects, repairs and renovations of facilities and to acquire land.
- (2) Thirty percent (30 percent) to provide grants to local governments on a dollar-for-dollar basis to create or improve parks and recreational projects.
- (3) Five percent (5 percent) for the Coastal and Estuarine Water Beach Access Program.
- (4) No more than three percent may be used by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for the operating expenses associated with managing capital improvements projects, acquiring land, and administering the grants program for local governments.

## **2.0 North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority**

The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority, a 15-member board which oversees the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, was created by the General Assembly with the Authority's powers and duties becoming effective July 1, 1996. The Governor appoints five members, including the chairperson. The General Assembly appoints 10 members, five upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and five upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House.

The Authority is charged with six powers and duties: 1) to receive public and private donations and funds for deposit into the trust fund; 2) to allocate funds for land acquisition; 3) to allocate funds for capital projects; 4) to solicit financial and material support; 5) to develop effective support for parks and recreation; 6) and to advise the Secretary of DENR on any matter he may refer to the body.

Members are appointed for three-year terms and may serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. After serving two consecutive three-year terms, a member is not eligible for appointment to the Authority for at least one year after the expiration of the member's last term. The Parks and Recreation Authority held four meetings during fiscal year 2009-2010.

The 2009-2010 Parks and Recreation Authority members are:

Bill Ross, Jr. Chairman  
Chapel Hill

C. Michael Allen  
Mount Gilead

Timothy L. Aydlett  
Elizabeth City

Daryle Bost  
Charlotte

Robert Epting  
Chapel Hill

Ashley B. Futrell, Jr.  
Washington

Cody Grasty  
Maggie Valley

Walt Israel  
Belmont

Boyd Lee  
Greenville

Philip McKnelly  
Raleigh

Jennifer Smith  
Pittsboro

John S. Stevens  
Asheville

Cynthia Tart  
Oak Island

Hollis Wild  
West Jefferson

Edward Wood  
Wilmington

### 3.0 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Summary

The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) is housed within the Division of Parks and Recreation, which operates the North Carolina State Parks System. The Parks and Recreation Authority allocates PARTF revenue to the state parks capital improvement and land acquisition projects. This board also selects the recipients of the grants to local governments to create or improve parks and recreational projects. The Division of Parks and Recreation, under Lewis Ledford, Division Director, develops priorities for the state parks system and recommends projects for the board's approval. Once the board has allocated the PARTF funds, the Division manages the projects for state parks and for the grants program.

The Division of Parks and Recreation transfers 5 percent of PARTF revenue to the Division of Coastal Management (DCM) for the Coastal and Estuarine Water Beach Access Program. The Division of Coastal Management, under Division Director Jim Gregson, administers these funds and offers matching grants to local governments throughout the 20 coastal counties. Table 3-1 shows the allocation of revenues of the trust fund by program for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

<b>Table 3-1. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Deposits and Distribution of Revenues Fiscal Year 2009-2010</b>	
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Total PARTF Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 26,888,444</b>
Personalized Registration Plates	\$ 1,368,953
Investment Income	\$ 513,864
Excise Tax	\$ 25,005,627
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Total PARTF Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,888,444</b>
Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program	\$ 1,344,422
Local Governments Matching Grants Program	\$ 7,824,537
<u>State Parks System</u>	
Land Acquisition	\$ 600,000
Capital Improvements	\$ 9,106,559
COPs Repayment	\$ 7,246,604
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>	
Division of Parks & Recreation staff, Authority members and contract with NCSU-Recreational Resources Services	\$ 766,321

## **4.0 Grants Program for Local Governments**

### **4.1 *Program Description***

The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) program provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments. All counties, incorporated municipalities and public authorities (as defined in N.C.G.S. 159-7) are eligible for funding. Two or more local governments may apply jointly. Recipients can acquire land to be used for public recreation or to protect the natural or scenic resources of the property. Recipients can also use a grant to build or renovate recreational and support facilities. All facilities must serve the general public.

In September, the Division of Parks and Recreation (DPR) mails a description of the PARTF program and a schedule to local governmental officials and parks and recreation directors. A local government can request a maximum grant amount of \$500,000 in PARTF assistance with each grant application. The approved value of land that is donated to a local governmental unit or public authority may be applied to the 50 percent matching requirement.

The DPR provides assistance to local governments in several ways. In October, the PARTF staff conducts a workshop where local governments can learn about the program and how to complete an application. The workshop is presented simultaneously at University of North Carolina System video conference sites. The DPR has a contract with the Recreation Resources Service (RRS) at North Carolina State University. The staff of RRS provides technical assistance to local governments who request help in planning projects and preparing grant applications. RRS has four consultants in regional offices across the state.

The members of the Parks and Recreation Authority select which applicants will receive a grant. The factors considered by the Authority as it selects recipients include, but are not limited to, the criteria contained in the PARTF scoring system, the population of the applicant, the geographic distribution of projects across the state, the presence or absence of other funding sources and compliance with prior grant agreements.

Applications were due February 1, 2010. The Parks and Recreation Authority met in May 2010 and in July 2010 to select grant recipients.



## **4.2**    *Description of Applications and Grants*

The PARTF revenues allocated to local grants for fiscal year 2009-2010 were \$7,824,537. Eighty-five units of local government submitted PARTF applications requesting a total of \$24.7 million in PARTF assistance. The Authority awarded 38 grants for \$9,179,034. The difference between the amount awarded and the fiscal year revenues is \$1,354,497 from various cancelled projects, reductions in the scope of work or projects completed under budget.

Table 4-1 shows a list of the projects approved for fiscal year 2009-2010. The table is organized alphabetically by recipient.

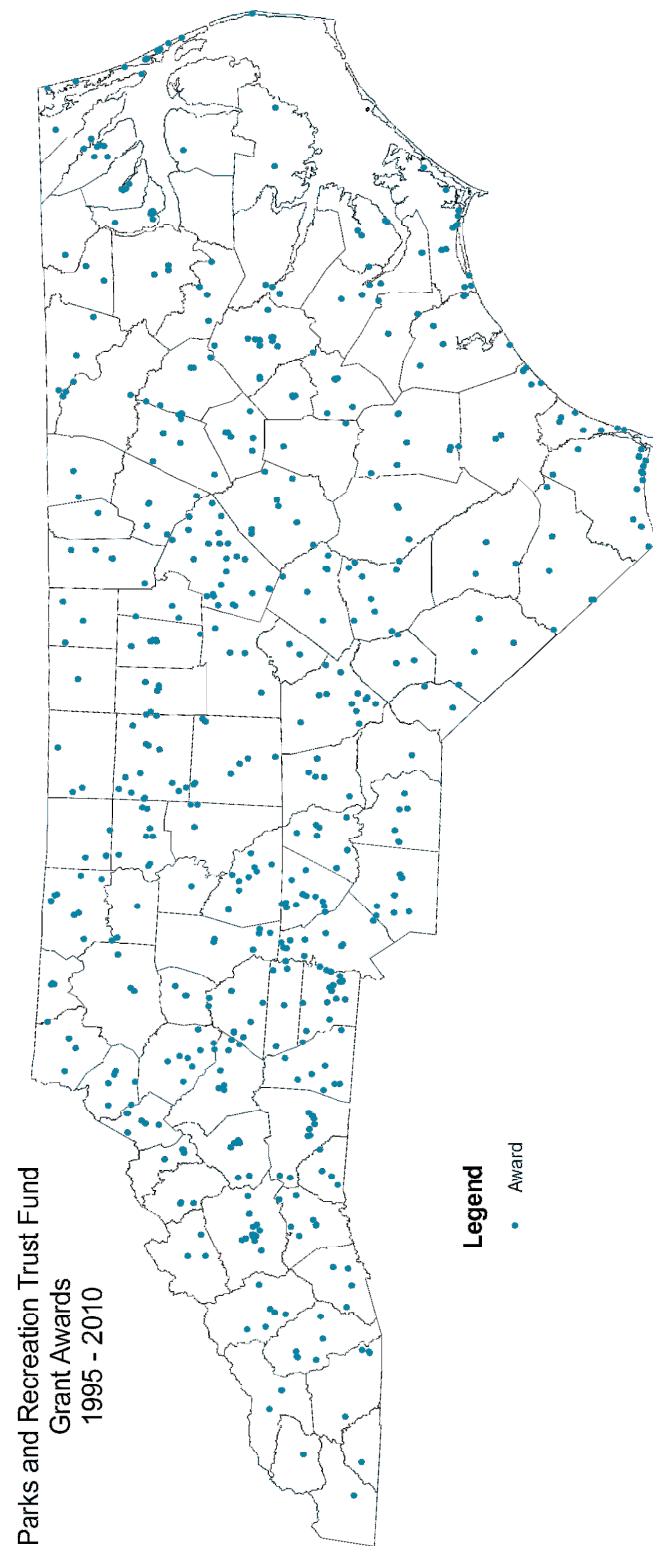
## **4.3**    *Geographic Distribution of Grants*

The members of the Parks and Recreation Authority consider the geographic distribution of funds across the state as one of the factors used in selecting grant recipients. Since 1995, the Authority has awarded more than \$143 million in PARTF grants to 646 projects in 99 counties across North Carolina (Figure 4-1). Figure 4.2 presents the distribution of PARTF grants by county for the current fiscal year.

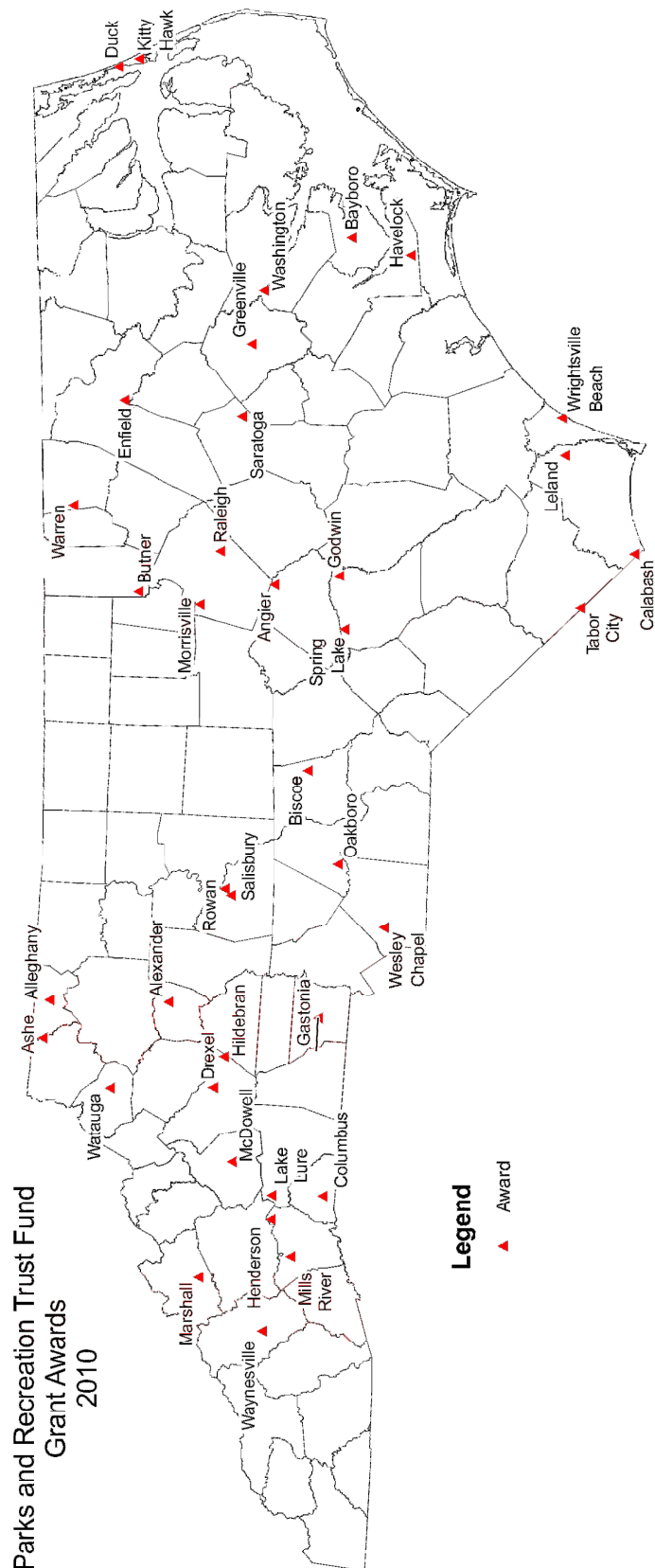
**Table 4-1. North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grants  
Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

Applicant	County	Project	Grant Amount
Alexander County	Alexander	Rocky Face Park	\$477,776
Alleghany County	Alleghany	Sparta Parkway Park	\$172,479
Angier	Harnett	Jack Marley Park Phase II	\$164,250
Ashe County	Ashe	Wallace Environmental Education Center	\$135,000
Bayboro	Pamlico	Bayboro Waterfront Park	\$28,513
Biscoe	Montgomery	Deaton Monroe Park	\$53,354
Butner	Granville	Butner Athletic Park	\$500,000
Calabash	Brunswick	Community Park	\$56,700
Columbus	Polk	Veterans Park Property Purchase	\$48,000
Drexel	Burke	Drexel Town Park	\$141,855
Duck	Dare	Soundside Boardwalk	\$225,071
Enfield	Halifax	Enfield Community Park	\$298,160
Gastonia	Gaston	Rankin Lake Park Renovation & Revitalization	\$372,381
Godwin	Cumberland	Godwin Park	\$150,000
Greenville	Pitt	Drew Steele Center	\$500,000
Havelock	Craven	Recreation Center Renovation	\$42,540
Henderson County	Henderson	Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Trail System	\$208,750
Hildebran	Burke	Royal Oaks Park	\$381,866
Kitty Hawk	Dare	Sandy Run Park II	\$144,890
Lake Lure	Rutherford	Northern Parkland Acquisition	\$470,000
Leland	Brunswick	Westgate Nature Park	\$500,000
Marshall	Madison	Blannerhassett Island Park	\$75,613
McDowell County	McDowell	McDowell County Greenway Extension	\$365,285
Mills River	Henderson	Mills River Park Phase I	\$499,323
Morrisville	Wake	Carrington Property Land Acquisition	\$316,000
Oakboro	Stanly	Oakboro District Park	\$250,000
Raleigh	Wake	Neuse River Greenway Acquisition	\$500,000
Rowan County	Rowan	Ellis Park Recreational Improvements	\$38,780

Salisbury	Rowan	Foil-Tatum Park Development	\$78,625
Saratoga	Wilson	Town Park	\$44,000
Spring Lake	Cumberland	Edward Mendoza Memorial Park Additions	\$363,150
Tabor City	Columbus	Tabor City Athletic Complex	\$39,750
Warren	Warren	Magnolia Ernest Recreation Park	\$68,495
Washington	Beaufort	Festival Park	\$295,125
Watauga County	Watauga	Rocky Knob Park - Phase 1	\$500,000
Waynesville	Haywood	Waynesville Skate Park	\$61,425
Wesley Chapel	Union	Page Price Park	\$500,000
Wrightsville Beach	New Hanover	Wrightsville Beach Park Improvements	\$111,878
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,179,034</b>



**Figure 4-1. Distribution of PARTF Grants by County 1995-2010**



**Figure 4-2. Distribution of PARTF Grants by County from 2010 Grant Cycle**

***Examples of Local Government Projects Funded by  
NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund***

**Pitt County—City of Greenville**

**Drew Steele Center**, when completed, will be an inclusive, multi-purpose recreation facility with a special emphasis on accessibility. Plans call for the renovation of the oldest recreational facility under Greenville's park and recreation department. It will be converted into a place where the city's special needs populations will be able to participate in various recreational programs. The community has embraced this project and all of the matching funds have been donated to the city by charitable organizations.

**Brunswick County—Town of Leland**

**Westgate Nature Park** is the town's first park and will offer exciting opportunities for the public to enjoy nature's beauty through hiking and other passive recreational activities. This 149-acre site is the largest contiguous open space remaining in the town and contains scenic cypress swamps, a water lily pond, pine forest and bottomland hardwoods. With these outstanding natural resources, the park will provide quality environmental education to its citizens. There will be signs and teaching tools for plant and wildlife identification as well as storm water education.

**Watauga County—County of Watauga**

**Rocky Knob Park**, situated on Scenic Byway 421 on the eastern edge of the Town of Boone, will provide unique and highly accessible hiking, biking and picnicking opportunities. Rocky Knob Park will serve as Watauga County's first mountain bike trail system (10-12 miles at completion). The local citizenry identified mountain biking trails as a top priority within the recently-adopted county parks and recreation plan. Rocky Knob Park's 170 acres will not only fulfill a local recreational need, but will also further expand the county's vision of making the Boone area a top 10 outdoor recreation destination in the United States.

## 5.0 State Parks Program

### 5.1 Land Acquisition

For fiscal year 2009-2010, the Parks and Recreation Authority approved \$600,000 to cover costs associated with land acquisition funded by donations and grants (Table 5-1).

<b>Table 5-1. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund State Park Land Acquisition Projects FY 2009-10</b>		
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Costs associated with land donations across the system, existing boundary line surveys and associated land costs	\$600,000	The state covers title cost and survey costs for donated property; along with expenses associated with land purchases funded by grants from other sources. In addition, multiple parks need surveys conducted to resolve current encroachment issues.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	

The Parks and Recreation Authority also approved reallocating funds from FY 2006-07 and 2007-08, along with receipts generated from a gas line utility easement, to new projects at Chimney Rock State Park and Mountains-to-Sea State Trail (Table 5-2). The revised project lists for these years that reflect the reallocations are presented in Appendix A. The Parks and Recreation Authority does not typically approve the reallocation of receipts, however including these funds provided a more complete listing of the revenue used to acquire the properties at Chimney Rock State Park and the Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

Appendix A also includes a revised project list for FY 2008-09 indicating that Authority members approved the acquisition of an additional 45-acre tract at New River State Park with funds currently allocated to the project.

<b>Table 5-2. Funds to be Reallocated to New State Park Land Acquisition Projects FY 2009-2010</b>			
<b>Funds to be Reallocated</b>			
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Original Park Unit</b>	<b>Reallocated Funds</b>	<b>Reason</b>
2006-07	Crowders Mountain State Park	\$450,000*	Unable to reach agreement after multiple offers.
2007-08	Raven Rock State Park	\$350,000	Unable to reach agreement after multiple offers.
NA	Mountains-to-Sea State Trail	\$160,000	Receipts from the gas line utility easement (Non PARTF funds) across the Johnston County (Riverwalk) tract.
		<b>\$960,000</b>	<b>Total Available</b>
<b>New Property to be Acquired with Reallocated Funds</b>			
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Chimney Rock State Park	37	\$851,000	Partial funding for a tract on Rumbling Bald, within a nationally significant natural heritage area.
Mountains-to-Sea State Trail	4	\$9,000	Tract in Johnston County at Wake County line along the Neuse River between the existing state-owned tract and the Wake County property.
Total	41	<b>\$860,000</b>	<b>Total Applied</b>

\*Technical correction – The Division of Parks and Recreation will request that the Parks and Recreation Authority amend the funds reallocated from Crowders Mountain State Park to the correct total of \$450,000. The agenda for the Authority’s July 2010 meeting listed the amount as \$350,000.



## 5.2 Construction and Renovation

During fiscal year 2009-2010, the Parks and Recreation Authority approved state park construction and renovation projects totaling \$9,106,559 (Table 5-3). With PARTF funds, the Division continues to address a lengthy backlog of construction and renovation projects in the state parks system. However, approximately \$417.6 million is required to meet all of the needs for new construction and renovation for state parks.

**Table 5-3 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund  
Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2009-10**

<b>State Park Unit</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Costs (\$)</b>
Carver's Creek State Park	Establish Operations Facilities	500,000
Chimney Rock State Park	Rocky Broad Bridge, Trail, & Facility Improvements	700,000
Gorges State Park	Phase I-B: Visitor Center, Sewer, Picnic Area, Maintenance Area (Construction Funds)	2,736,312
Jordan Lake State Recreation Area	Park-wide Courtesy Dock Improvements	733,017
Jordan Lake State Recreation Area	Repair and Upgrade to Water System (Design & Partial Construction )	820,636
Lake Norman State Park	Visitor Center & West District Office (Design Contracts)	593,250
Pettigrew State Park	Day Use Area Improvements	207,648
Pilot Mountain State Park	Mountain Road Improvements	431,446
Park System	Major Maintenance Funds	1,500,000
Park System	Demolition Funds	200,000
Park System	Exhibit Maintenance Repair Funds	50,000
Park System	Dam Repair Funds	134,250
Park System	Trail Maintenance Funds	500,000
<b>TOTAL FY09-10</b>		<b>9,106,559</b>

***Capital Improvement Projects for the State Parks System  
Funded by NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund***

**Washington County – Pettigrew State Park**

This project includes the design and construction for an eight table picnic shelter with tables and grills, and an astronomy viewing area. Pettigrew State Park is ideal for star gazing due to the relative remoteness of the park; the dark night skies, the low level of light pollution with very little nighttime air traffic, and very few obstructions to block views. It offers star gazers some of the best viewing of the nighttime sky along the Eastern Seaboard. When visiting the park, astronomers can camp overnight at the park's tent and trailer campground.

**Iredell County – Lake Norman State Park**

This project includes the design for a 6,500 square feet Visitor Center and 3,500 square feet of space for the west district office. The project also includes restorative site work, parking lot repaving, and exhibits. The new visitor center will be constructed on previously developed areas of the park including the old bath house/ swim beach area and an existing parking lot area. The project is designed to minimize additional developed land the park. Design costs will include partial demolition of existing, aged and non functioning structures.

**Cumberland County – Carver's Creek State Park**

The State of North Carolina took ownership of Long Valley Farm, a section of Carver's Creek State Park, this fiscal year. The allocated funds will allow the division to construct a visitor contact station and operations areas. Specifically, the funds call for the establishment of a trail head and parking lot at the Sandhills Section of the park, stabilization of existing historical structures to avoid further deterioration at Long Valley Farm, establishment of interim staff office space, and refurbishment of existing facilities for use as a park maintenance area.

### 5.3 *Special Financing for Projects in the State Parks System*

In 2007, legislation approved by the General Assembly and Governor authorized the issuance of special indebtedness using certificates of participation (COPs) for land acquisition in the state parks system. The indebtedness is to be repaid by future PARTF revenue. A maximum amount of \$50 million is to be used to finance the cost of land acquisition for the expansion of the State Parks System, including the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail. The land acquisitions are to support the conservation priorities set out by the One North Carolina Naturally Program.

In FY 2007-08, the Parks and Recreation Authority approved 11 projects totaling \$50 million using the COPs funding. In FY 2009-10, the Authority approved revisions to the list of projects (Table 5-4) which include a reduction in the amount of COPS allocations to Deep River State Trail, Elk Knob State Park, Mount Mitchell State Park, and the Mountains-to-Sea State Trail. These reductions are due to projects being completed for less than the original estimated costs. The funds made available from the budget reductions, a total of \$2,505,860, were allocated to land projects at Carvers Creek and Gorges.

<b>Table 5-4 North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Revisions to Land Acquisition Projects for 2007 Certificates of Participation (COPS)</b>				
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Approved Cost</b>	<b>Revised Cost</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Carvers Creek State Park</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,960,506</b>	<b>Partial funding for the Clark II tract, which is between existing ownership and Fort Bragg. NHTF award = \$2,017,500; Army = \$3,773,000. This project was originally funded with 2008 COPS.</b>
<b>Carvers Creek State Park #2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$162,233</b>	<b>Part of a large tract in the Sandhills section needed for public access and future facility development</b>
<b>Gorges State Park</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$383,121</b>	<b>Key tract draining into the Toxaway River. Other half of funding from NHTF award in August 2009. This tract was originally funded with 2008 COPS.</b>
<b>Deep River State Trail</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$354,938</b>	<b>Two tracts near White Pines for water quality and natural resource protection - Closed</b>
<b>Elk Knob State Park</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>\$3,826,000</b>	<b>\$3,298,578</b>	<b>Snake Mountain and Elk Knob tracts for natural and scenic resource protection: 1 Snake Mountain tract closed, 1 tract closing pending, and third in negotiations</b>
<b>Mount Mitchell State Park</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$815,431</b>	<b>Two tracts for natural and scenic protection of the Black Mountains – Closed</b>

<b>Mountains-to-Sea State Trail</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$849,120</b>	<b>Alamance County tract for state trail - Closed</b>
<b>Mountains-to-Sea State Trail</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,835,418</b>	<b>Guilford County tract for state trail – Closed</b>
<b>Mountains-to-Sea State Trail</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>\$3,574,000</b>	<b>\$3,240,655</b>	<b>Tracts along the Neuse River where Marks Creek joins the river for state trail – Closed</b>
Chimney Rock State Park	244	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000	Added tracts at Rumbling Bald, Bat Cave and Round Top Mountain tracts for resource protection-Closed
Elk Knob State Park	2,269	\$7,100,000	\$7,100,000	Long Hope Valley property for natural and scenic resource protection – revised cost because a conservation easement for most of the property instead of all fee simple – in negotiations
Eno River State Park	20	\$500,000	\$500,000	Resource protection tracts at the Pump station access - Closed
Grandfather Mountain State Park		\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	Initial acquisition of mountain both underlying fee simple and conservation easement for the protection of natural and scenic resources - Closed
Haw River State Park	800	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000	Key tracts in core area of state park, both up and down stream of the Summit - Closed
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$50,000,000</b>	<b>\$50,000,000</b>	

***Note: Bold items have changes from the 2008 approved project list.***

### ***Repayment of COPs Indebtedness***

The Parks and Recreation Authority may allocate up to 50 percent of the portion of the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund dedicated for projects in state parks to repay the debt. The PARTF revenue designated for grants to local governments cannot be used to repay debt. This year's principal plus interest payment for COPs indebtedness is \$7,246,604.

## **6.0 Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Program**

### **6.1 Program Description**

North Carolina's Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program was established by the General Assembly in 1981. In fiscal year 1996-97, the program began receiving 5 percent of the revenues from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. The program's enabling legislation (GS 113A-134.1) states that public purpose would be served by providing increased access to coastal waters, public parking facilities, or other related public uses.

The program provides matching grants to local governments for low-cost capital projects designed to improve pedestrian access to the state's beaches and waterways. The program, administered by the Division of Coastal Management (DCM), offers matching grant funds to local governments throughout the 20 coastal counties. Since 1981, over 300 public access sites have been either constructed or improved at a cost of over \$34 million. The majority of the grant projects are managed by local governments who are responsible for construction, operation and long-term maintenance of the facilities. Beginning in 2009, after program rule changes the program began making some awards to other state agencies in a partnering effort to address public access needs. While most of the early projects were located along the oceanfront, more and more projects are now designed to improve access to estuarine shorelines, coastal rivers, and urban waterfronts.

The Division of Coastal Management sends pre-application requests for proposals (RFPs) to local governments in the 20 coastal counties usually in the fall of every year. Unfortunately due to delays in deposits and the carryover of projects prioritized for funding from the last cycle (2009/2010), pre-application requests for the 2010/2011 cycle were delayed by six (6) months. (As such, this report represents projects prioritized not from a new round of proposals but previously un-funded prioritized projects list, but per the 2009/2010 fiscal years deposits.) Grant recipients have 18 months to complete their projects. However, extensions are granted for unforeseen events and delays such as hurricanes. The maximum life of a contract with extensions is three (3) years.

The division uses criteria developed by the Coastal Resources Commission to select grant recipients. Local governments are required to match from 10 percent to 25 percent of the project costs depending on whether the request is for acquisition of land or improvements, as well as the communities' economic status.

The required match, based on 2008 rule changes, may include federal and other state funds to be used as the local government cash contribution provided such funds are not already being used as matching funds for other state and federal programs. Minimum match requirements are based on the economic status of the local government per the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Tier

designations, as outlined by the Lee Act (G.S. 105-129.3). Counties designated as Tier 1 and the municipalities located within them are considered economically distressed. Projects denoted by an (\*\*) are partnership projects directly with other state agencies.

## ***6.2 Types of Projects Funded***

Communities can apply for five different types of water access sites: local, neighborhood, regional, multi-regional and urban waterfront redevelopment projects.

- Local access sites include public access points, offering minimal, or no facilities. Pedestrians who reside within a few hundred yards of the site primarily use them. Generally, these access ways are a minimum of ten feet in width providing only a dune crossover or pier. Vehicle parking is generally not available at these access sites. Bicycle racks may be provided as well as litter receptacles and access signs.
- Neighborhood access sites are public access areas offering parking, usually for five to 25 vehicles, a dune crossover or pier, litter receptacles and public access signs. Such accesses are typically 40 to 60 feet in width and are primarily used by individuals within the immediate subdivision or vicinity of the site. Restroom facilities may be installed.
- Regional access sites serve the public throughout an island or community including day visitors. These sites normally provide parking for 25 to 80 vehicles, restrooms, a dune crossover, pier, foot showers, litter receptacles, and public access signs. Where possible, one-half acre of open space in addition to all required setback areas should be provided for buffering, day use, nature study or similar purposes.
- Multi-regional access sites are generally larger than regional accessways but smaller than state parks. Multi-regional facilities provide parking for 80 to 200 cars, restrooms with indoor showers and changing rooms, and concession.
- Urban waterfront redevelopment projects improve public access to urban waterfronts. Such projects include the establishment or rehabilitation of boardwalk areas, shoreline stabilization measures such as the installation or rehabilitation of bulkheads, and the placement or removal of pilings for the purpose of public safety and/or increased access and use of the urban waterfront.

Additionally as part of rule changes that took affect in 2007, boat ramps and motorized boating facilities may be included as part of any of the above types of access provided the pedestrian access is also part of the project.

### 6.3 PARTF Revenues and Awards Based on 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Deposits

The actual amount transferred from the PARTF fund to DCM during FY 2009-2010 was \$1,344,422. Including carryover funds, cancelled contracts and based on projects completed under budget, the total funds available for awards were about \$2,050,000.

As noted in section 6.2, and in last year's report there are projects from last year's application cycle prioritized for funding in this cycle. Table 6-1 provides the list of local governments and one state agency that prioritized to receive funding using funds available through the four quarter deposit of 2009-2010 funds, after review of final applications.

<b>Table 6-1 Communities Prioritized for FY 2010-2011 Funding Based on FY 2009-2010 Deposits and Other Available Funds</b>			
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grant Requests</b>	<b>Total Cost w/Match</b>
Ahoskie	Ahoskie Park Development Phase B	\$110,000	\$122,700
Beaufort County	Cotton Patch Landing Acquisition	\$500,000	\$700,000
Camden County	Treasure Point Community Access	\$135,000	\$150,000
Columbia	Canoe Kayak Launch	\$60,000	\$66,000
Kure Beach	Ocean Front Park Improvements	\$200,000	\$400,000
NC Aquariums**	Carolina Beach Land Acquisition	\$800,000	\$1,200,000
Plymouth	Waterfront Phase #2 Restoration	\$108,134	\$120,934
Swansboro	Moore Street Waterfront Access	\$71,100	\$94,800
Topsail Beach	Catherine Avenue Beach Access	\$45,750	\$55,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$2,030,984</b>	<b>\$2,909,434</b>

(\*\*) Other State Agency

Totals may be adjusted during the final contract process.

These grant contracts have either begun or will begin either the fall of 2010 or January 2011.

No PARTF funds are used for administrative costs associated with the grant program. The only non-award costs are funds used towards access site signs made by the State Department of Corrections. Signs are provided for new sites as well as existing sites which regularly require replacement due to weathering and storm events.

## Appendix A

### Reallocation of PARTF Funds from Previous Fiscal Years



<b>North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund State Park Land Acquisition Projects for FY 2006–07 Revised July 2010</b>			
<b>State Park Unit</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Chimney Rock State Park</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>Partial funding to acquire tract on a 37-tract on Rumbling Bald using FY06-07 and FY07-08 funds.</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>
Elk Knob State Natural Area	800	Multiple tracts for resource protection on the slopes of Elk Knob and at The Peak	\$1,220,000
Eno River State Park	11	Tracts at the Cabelands and along the river	\$1,080,000
Hickory Nut Gorge State Park	194	Chimney Rock Park, Rumbling Bald tracts, Worlds Edge tracts for the protection of resources	\$8,500,000
Lake Norman State Park	54	Tract to expand land base for trails and to protect water quality	\$1,000,000
Lea Island State Natural Area	20	Property at the southern most end of Topsail Beach for the protection of natural resources and public recreation	\$1,050,000
Lower Haw River State Natural Area	50	Tracts for the protection of the Haw River corridor in Chatham County	\$500,000
Medoc Mountain State Park	900	Three tracts along Little Fishing Creek for resource protection (former International Paper tracts)	\$1,100,000
Mount Mitchell State Park	10	Tract with park on two sides to protect natural resources and view from Mount Mitchell	\$100,000
New River State Park	22	River corridor tracts for resource protection and public access	\$500,000
Pettigrew State Park	200	Multiple tracts along the Scuppernong River for resource protection	\$250,000
Sandy Run Savannas State Natural Area	43	Property on Sandy Run to protect natural resources and buffer Camp Lejuene and a ranger residence	\$252,500
South Mountains State Park	110	Multiple tracts in Jacobs Fork and on the west side of the park for resource protection	\$600,000
Stone Mountain State Park	75	Tracts on the escarpment for natural resource protection	\$800,000
William B Umstead State Park	5	Small acreage tract on the eastern side of the park to protect natural resources. A house is located on the tract.	\$525,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,512.5</b>		<b>\$17,927,500</b>

Updated projects are in **bold**

<b>North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund State Park Land Acquisition Projects for FY 2007 - 2008 Revised July 2010</b>			
<b>State Park Unit</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Approved Cost</b>	<b>Description</b>
Chimney Rock State Park	181	\$ 3,880,000	Tracts on Rumbling Bald, Round Top Mountain and next to Chimney Rock Park to protect natural and scenic resources
<b>Chimney Rock State Park #2</b>	18.5	<b>\$ 350,000</b>	<b>Partial funding to acquire tract on a 37-tract on Rumbling Bald using FY06-07 and FY07-08 funds.</b>
Eno River State Park	42	\$ 600,000	River corridor tracts for resource protection and public trails
Lake Norman State Park	115	\$ 2,323,000	Tract to expand land base for trails and to protect water quality
Lake Waccamaw State Park	3	\$ 372,000	Tract to provide public access to Lake Waccamaw on east side. Property includes boat ramp.
Mayo River State Park	350	\$ 1,028,000	Mayo River corridor tracts and Cedar Mountain tracts.
Medoc Mountain State Park	60	\$ 150,000	Buffer tracts and access control.
Mount Jefferson State Natural Area	34	\$ 300,000	Tract for resource protection on the slopes of Mount Jefferson
New River State Park	22	\$ 750,000	River corridor tracts for resource protection and public access
<b>Raven Rock State Park</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>\$ 450,000</b>	<b>Inholding near Cedar Rock and resource protection tracts on south side.</b>
South Mountains State Park	459	\$ 2,336,000	Multiple tracts in Henry Fork and on the west side of the park for resource protection
Associated Expenses	n/a	\$ 1,004,122	Land expenses such as surveys, appraisals, title work, interest payments and other overhead expenses.
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,364.5</b>	<b>\$13,543,122</b>	

*Updated projects are in **bold***

<b>North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund State Park Land Acquisition Projects for FY 2008 – 2009 Revised July 2010</b>			
<b>Unit</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Approved Cost</b>	<b>Description</b>
Bear Paw State Natural Area	35	\$350,000	Two tracts under option within study area for this site
Carvers Creek State Park	4	\$159,171	Buyout of remaining interest in inholding with structures needed for site operation
Dismal Swamp State Park	90	\$290,000	Southern access tract and buildable uplands
Eno River State Park	62	\$400,000	Key trail connection tract in Buckquarter Creek area
Haw River State Park	80	\$1,060,000	Tract on Mears Fork where Mountains-to-Sea Trail enters the state park
Lake Waccamaw State Park	221	\$300,000	Cove Swamp tract for water quality and rare species habitat protection
Merchants Millpond State Park	86	\$100,000	Bennetts Creek tract for water quality and natural resource protection
<b>New River State Park</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>Tracts in the vicinity of rest stop #1 and Gentry bridge and tracts at Wagoner Road, and Grier Estate property (an additional 45 acre tract was approved in 2010. To be acquired with using the cost savings from the purchase of the original 75 acres.)</b>
Pettigrew State Park	179	\$350,000	Scuppernong River tract under contract
Yellow Mountain State Natural Area	1,000	\$250,000	Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy (SAHC) tracts in study area for this site
Associated land expenses and existing boundary surveys	0	\$1,200,000	Land expenses such as surveys, appraisals, title work, and other overhead expenses for all land projects including from other funding sources.
Totals	<b>1,877</b>	<b>\$5,459,171</b>	

Updated projects are in **bold**

