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"...to encourage the preservation of qualifying agricultural, horticultural and forestlands to foster the growth, development and sustainability of family farms."

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Background of the ADFP Trust Fund

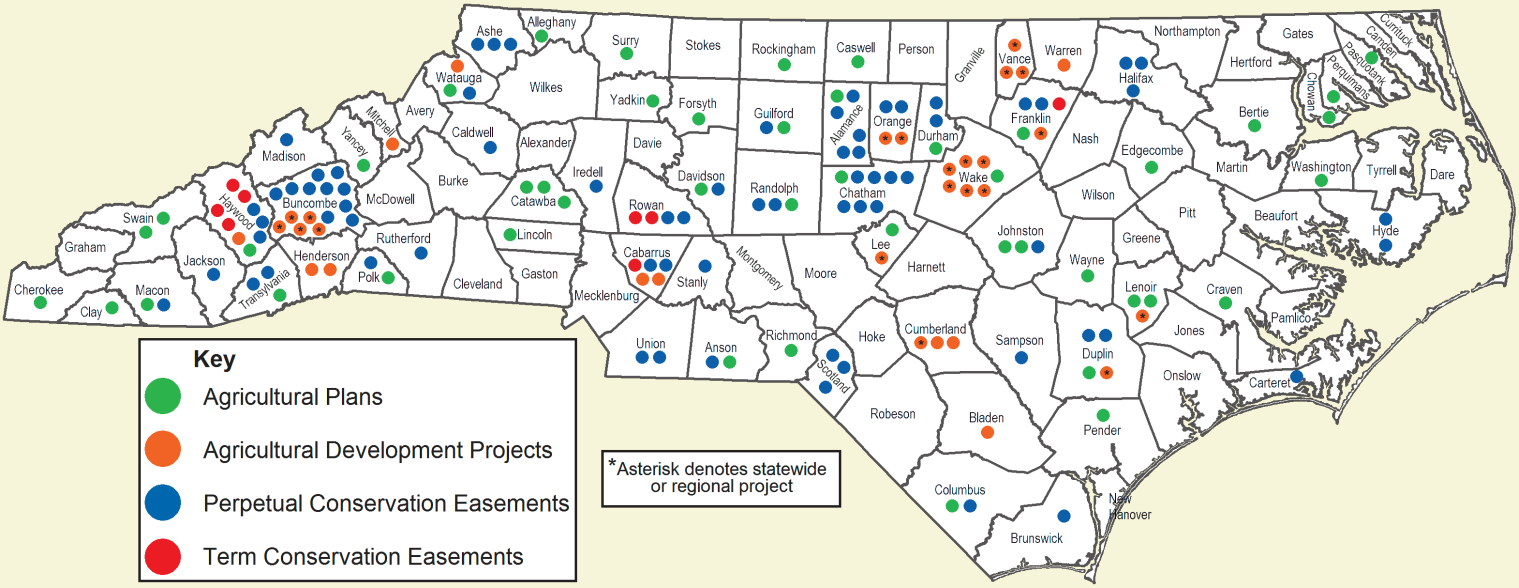
Preserving working family farms is one of Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler's top priorities.

In March 2005, Commissioner Troxler delivered his "Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Strategy" to the General Assembly. During that legislative session, the General Assembly passed House Bill 607, establishing the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

The ADFP Trust Fund's mission includes three grant priorities:

- **Conservation Easements:** Deed restrictions that landowners voluntarily place on their property to protect agricultural resources. These include perpetual and term (year limited) easements.
- **Agricultural Plans:** These plans establish a comprehensive guide for counties and local governments to protect and preserve farms, forests and agribusinesses. This includes the formation of Voluntary Agricultural District programs or Farmland Protection Plans.
- **Development Projects:** Agriculturally-based projects geared toward developing a process or facility that will generate income and, in turn, benefit the agricultural community as a whole.

Awarded Grants — Cycles Pilot, I, II, III, IV, V, VI & TVA



Why Preserve Farmland in North Carolina?

Agriculture and Agribusiness is North Carolina's Number One Industry.

According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, North Carolina is among the leading states in farmland acreage loss at an estimated rate of 10.3% over a 10 year period. North Carolina lost more than 970,000 acres of farmland from 1997 to 2007 or approximately 100,000 annually.

Agriculture and Agribusiness is essential to the North Carolina economy.

$77 Billion

of North Carolina's $440 billion gross state product comes from agriculture and agribusiness, accounting for

17.5 Percent

of the total gross state product.

Agriculture and agribusiness, including the food, fiber, and forestry industries employ

642,000

of North Carolina's 3.8 million employees.

Prepared by Mike Walden, Professor, North Carolina State University. April 2013.

Quality of Life

When farms are kept in agriculture, it maintains the quality of life that each North Carolinian enjoys everyday. Rural working landscapes are an integral part of our agricultural heritage and these areas attract a significant amount of people and industry. Future generations will benefit from measures that we take today to improve and protect farms and forests.

Environment

Farms and forests are critical to providing a healthy environment. Farm soils help to filter out contaminants, serve as a recharge area for water, and help to mitigate the risk associated with flooding. Forests help to filter out carbon dioxide and provide a habitat for wildlife. In addition, farms that provide goods to local communities reduce the amount of fossil fuels associated with transportation.

ADFP Trust Fund Updates

Since 2005, the ADFP Trust Fund has preserved ***7,756.69 acres of farm and forest lands***

- The ADFP Trust Fund will preserve another **1,917.5 acres** by 2014 based on contract schedules.
- To date, ADFP Trust Fund grant recipients have secured over $**29 million** in matching funds.
- ADFP Trust Fund grant recipients anticipate over $**7 million** in matching funds by 2014.

Recent Easement Closings

- Gerringer Farm Easement — Piedmont Land Conservancy — Guilford County — 8/2/2012
- Thompson Farm Easement — Black Family Land Trust — Orange County — 10/25/2012
- Rocky Pee Dee Farm Easement — The Land Trust for Central N.C. — Anson County — 11/6/2012
- Flying Cloud Farm Easement — Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy — Buncombe County — 12/4/2012
- Robinson Farm Easement — Southwestern N.C. RC&D Council — Haywood County — 6/14/2013

The Duplin County Livestock Facility's grand opening was on January 15, 2013. This Cycle IV agricultural development project was granted to Duplin County and the Duplin County Cooperative Extension. This facility will allow the Coastal Carolina Cattle Alliance to reach and impact more beef cattle producers through marketing and educational programs. Additionally, this facility provides space for Duplin County, Duplin County Cooperative Extension, and groups like 4-H and the FFA to have hands-on demonstrations and activities. As of June 2013, 959 head of cattle have been sold, bringing in over $600,000 since March 2013.

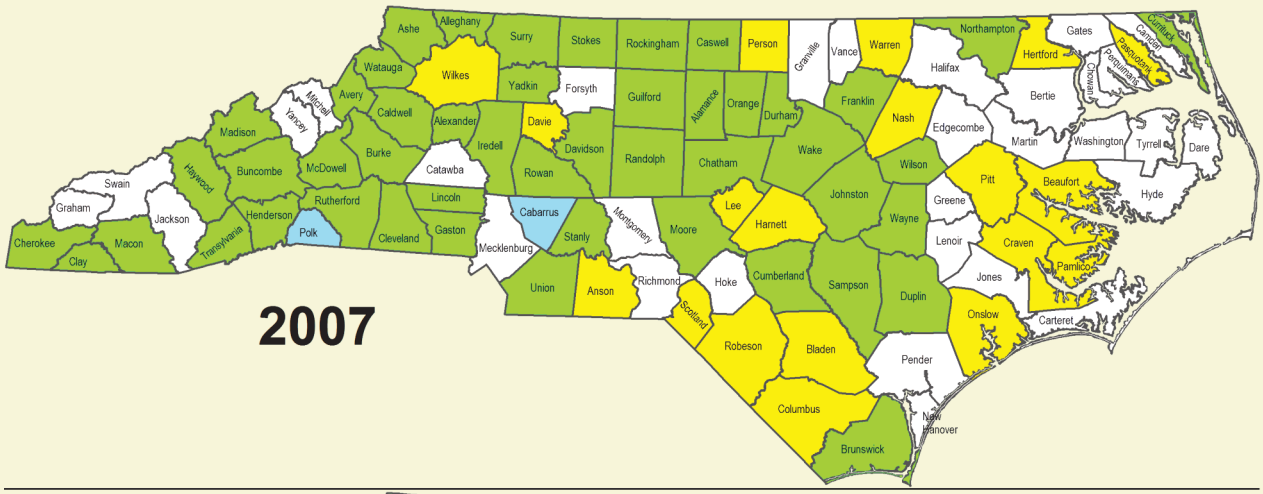
Visit The ADFP Trust Fund website for the latest news.
www.ncadfp.org

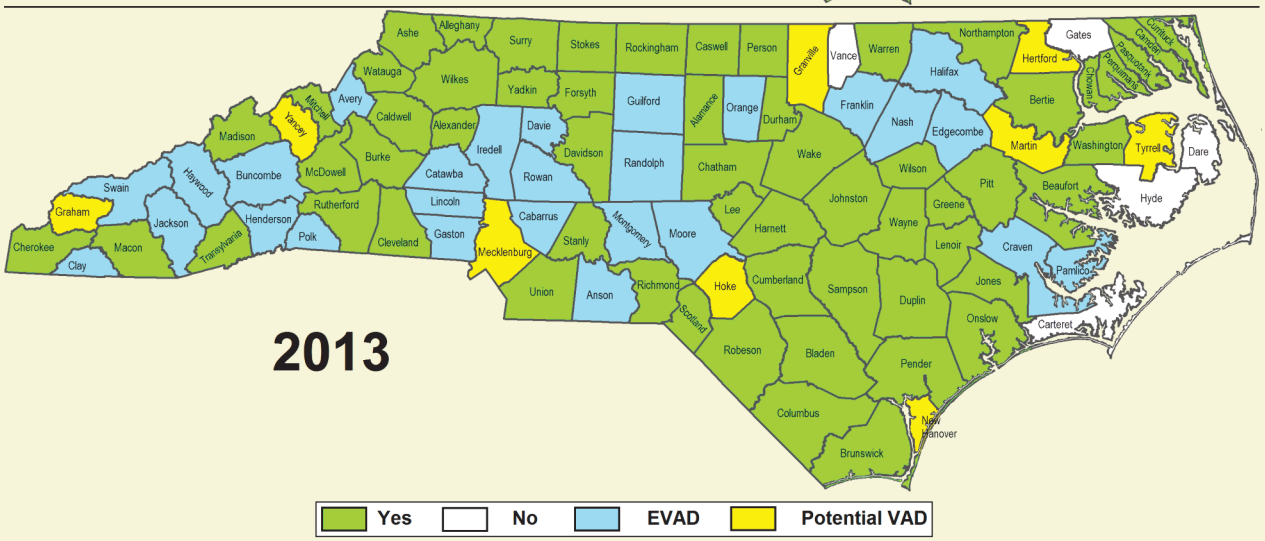
Voluntary Agricultural Districts

	2007	2013
Counties with Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) Program	50	86
Counties with Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District (EVAD) Program	2	27
Potential VAD Counties	19	9
No VAD Activity	31	5

VAD and EVAD statistics as of September 2013	VAD	EVAD
Number of Farms Enrolled	7,006	387
Total Acreage Farmland	674,604.6 acres	37,949.68 acres
County Program Acreage Average	8,031.01 acres	1,459.6 acres
County Program Acreage Average Increase From Last Year	269.44 acres	133.65 acres
County Program Acreage Average Percentage Increase From Last Year	7.15%	29.14%

Total farmland acreage in VAD and EVAD programs statewide: ***712,554.28***
Total farms enrolled in VAD and EVAD programs statewide: ***7,393***





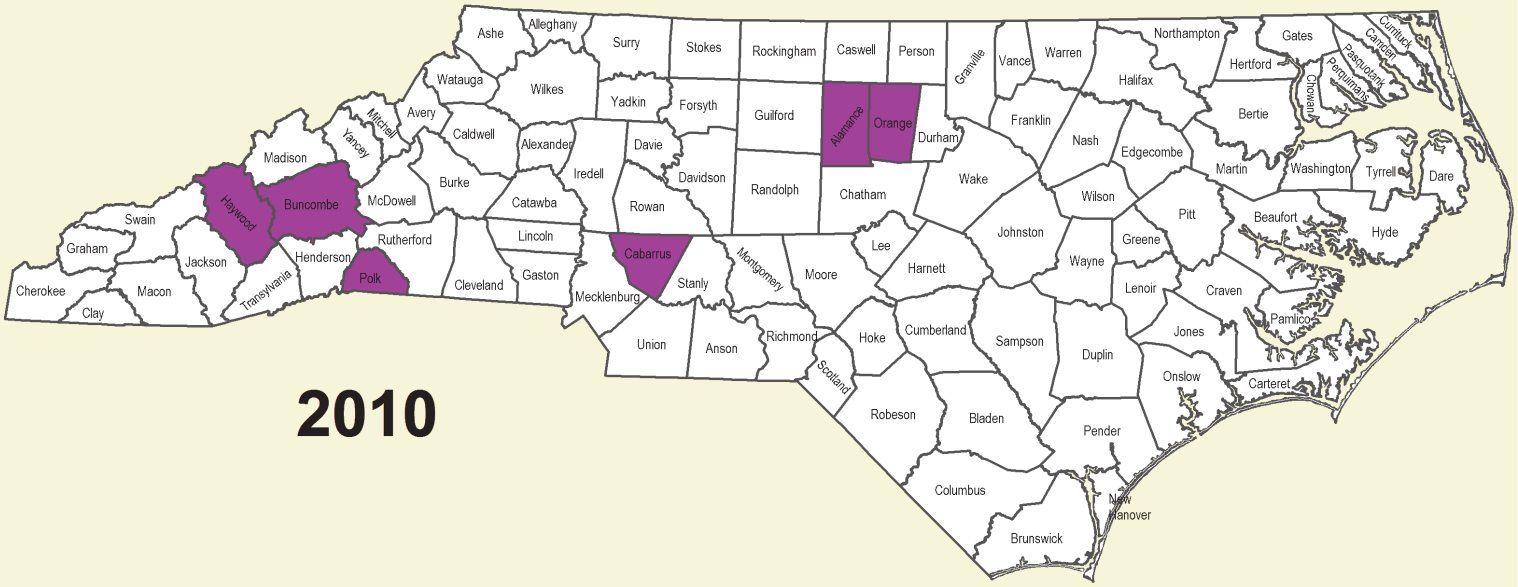
2013 Voluntary Agricultural Districts Workshops

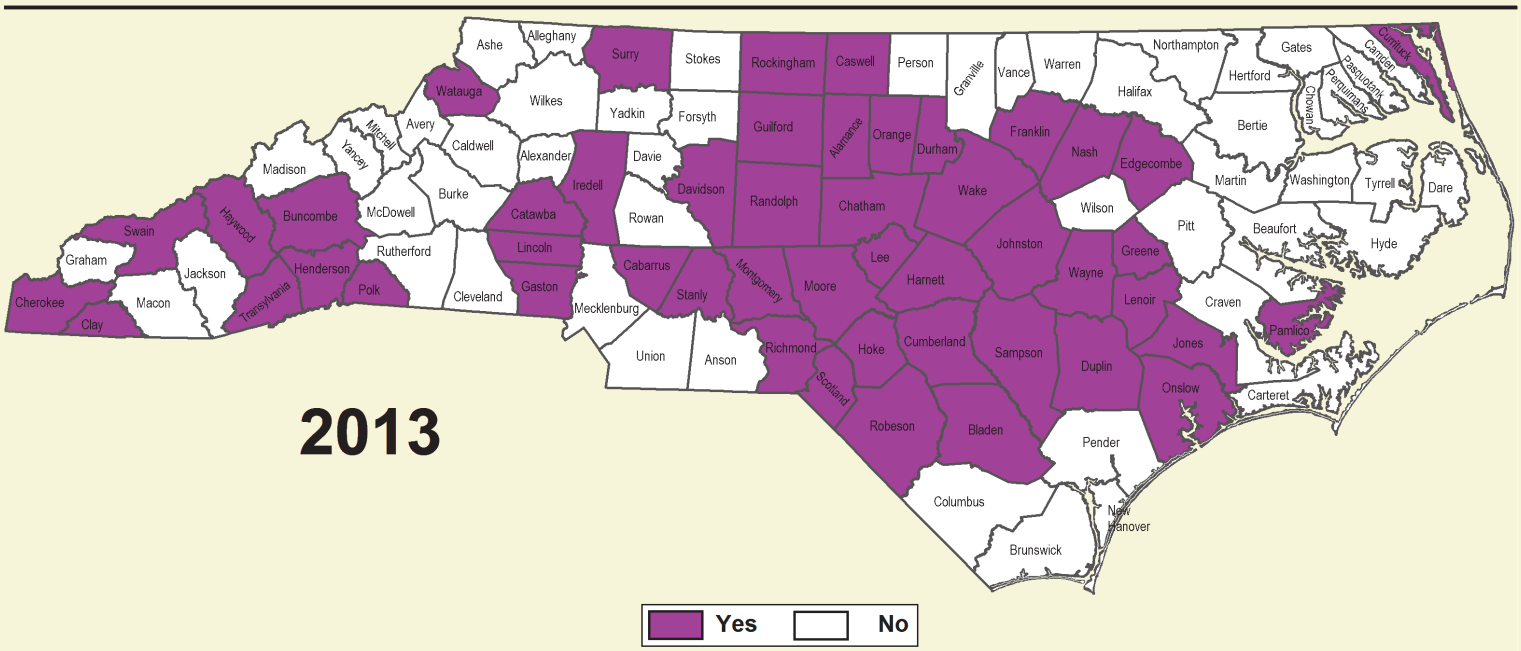
Northeast Regional Workshop at the Vernon James Center in Plymouth on February 4 Regional Session: Developing and Sustaining VADs in Eastern N.C. *21 Attendees*
Southeast Regional Workshop at Mount Olive College in Mount Olive on February 18 Regional Session: Southeastern N.C. is Special featuring State Senator Brent Jackson *22 Attendees*
Piedmont Regional Workshop at Elon University in Elon on February 25 Regional Session: Farmland Preservation in the Piedmont feat. Rockingham & Durham counties *32 Attendees*
Foothills Regional Workshop at the Catawba Ag Center in Newton on March 6 Regional Session: Next Step from the VAD: Catawba County's Farm & Food Sustainability *36 Attendees*
Western Regional Workshop at the Cowee School in Franklin on March 22 Regional Session: Southwestern N.C. is Special *30 Attendees*

Attendees included private landowners, county VAD board members, county commissioners and managers, N.C. Cooperative Extension agents and directors, county Soil & Water Conservation District staff, N.C. Forest Service, county planning departments and more.

Farmland Protection Plans

NCDA&CS Approved Farmland Protection Plan	2010	2013
Yes	6	49
No	94	51



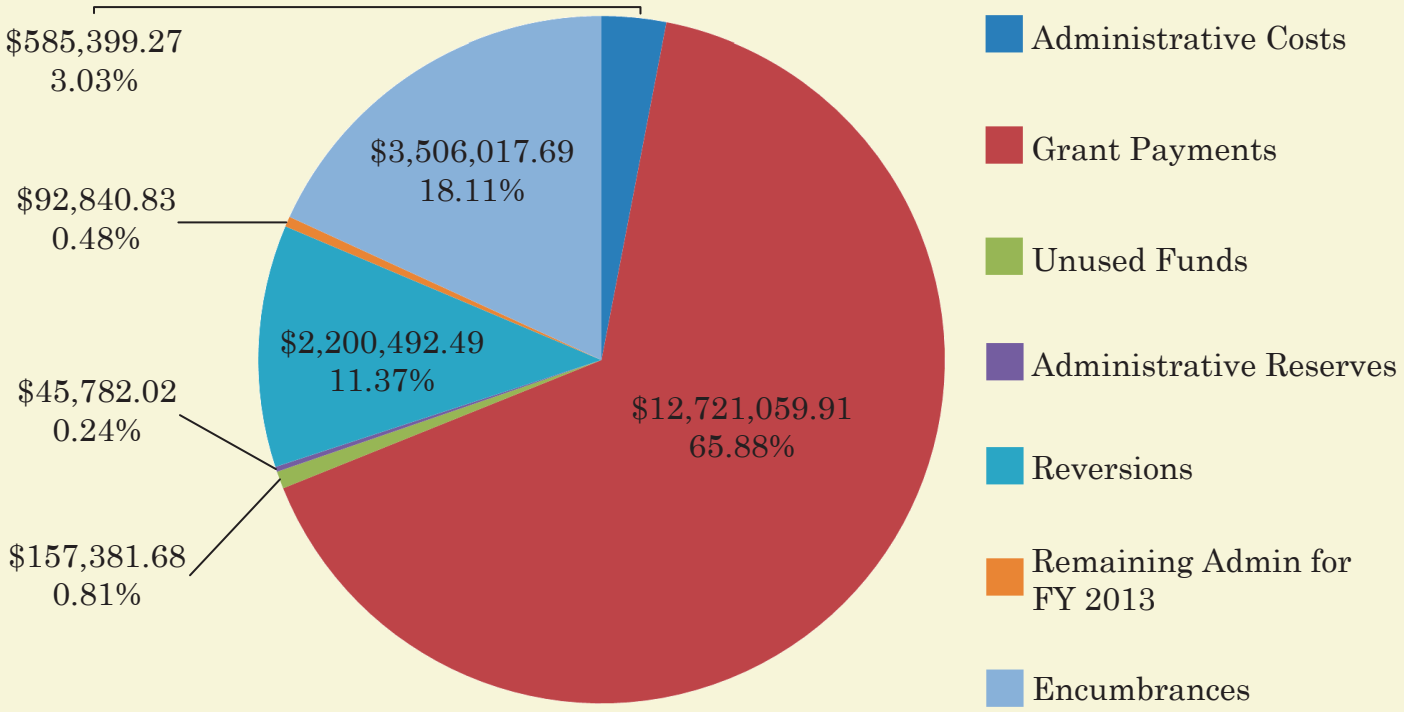


Budget

State appropriations account for 100% of funding sources for the ADFP Trust Fund.

Expenditures

$19,308,973.89 as of 4/30/2013



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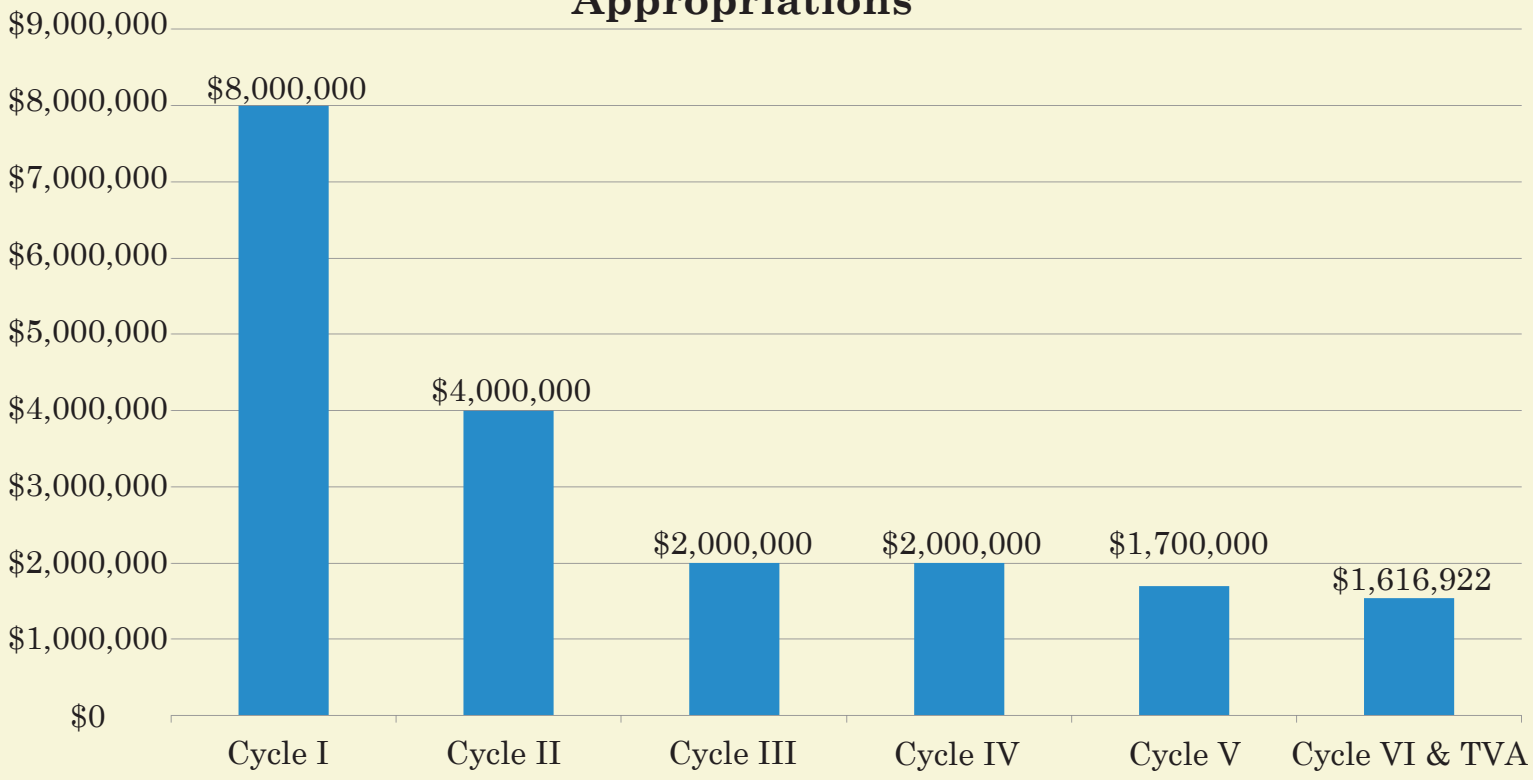


Cycle V Grant Recipients 2012-2013

Agricultural Plans

Plan Title	Applicant	Requested Amount from ADFP	Proposed Grant	Estimated Total Project Value
Alleghany County Farmland Protection Plan	Alleghany Soil & Water Conservation District	$15,000	$15,000	$25,826
Macon County VAD & EVAD Program — "Taking it Beyond the Signs"	Macon Soil & Water Conservation District	$12,760	$7,225	$26,560
Washington County Voluntary Agricultural District	Washington County Cooperative Extension	$4,000	$4,000	$7.345
TOTALS		**$31,760**	**$26,225**	**$59,731**

Agricultural Development Projects

Project Title	Applicant	Requested Amount from ADFP	Proposed Grant	Estimated Total Project Value
Bladen Conservation Equipment	Bladen Soil & Water Conservation District	$98,000	$45,500	$138,000
Cumberland County Farmers Market Study	Cumberland County Cooperative Extension	$51,800	$25,000	$60,077
Fostering Bio-Fuel Growth in North Carolina	Operation Spring Plant	$100,000	$36,000	$132,700
Henderson County Farm Fresh Program	Henderson County	$64,000	$64,000	$89,600
PlanIT East Agricultural Mapping/Analysis Project	North Carolina's Eastern Region	$12,000	$12,000	$16,000
Sustaining Agriculture Under the "MTR" II	N.C. Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation	$100,000	$100,000	$130,000
Vance County Regional Farmers Market	Vance County	$100,000	$100,000	$400,000
TOTALS		**$525,000**	**$382,500**	**$966,377**

Cycle V Grant Recipients 2012-2013

Conservation Easements

Easement Name	Applicant	Requested Amount from ADFP	Proposed Grant	Estimated Total Project Value	Acres	County
Almond Farm	The LandTrust for Central North Carolina	$54,713	$54,713	$168,852	80	Stanly
Brown Farm	Buncombe Soil & Water Conservation District	$200,000	$200,000	$1,014,900	233	Buncombe
Cates Farm	North American Land Trust	$99,687	$99,687	$506,411	25	Alamance
Dan Barrier Farm	Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District	$89,600	$89,600	$179,200	35.4	Cabarrus
Ferguson Farm	Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District	$367,000	$285,781	$1,097,911	144	Haywood
Gainey Farm III	Sandhills Area Land Trust	$256,655	$256,655	$366,555	165	Scotland
Jeffers Farm	Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy	$55,330	$55,330	$486,340	57	Buncombe
Lindale Farm	Triangle Land Conservancy	$270,000	$270,000	$845,000	195	Chatham
Krider Farm	New River Soil & Water Conservation District	$239,700	$239,700	$331,200	57.7	Ashe
Wilkins Farm	Alamance County	$281,000	$100,000	$116,726	27	Alamance
TOTALS		**$1,913,685**	**$1,651,466**	**$5,113,095**	**1,019.1**	

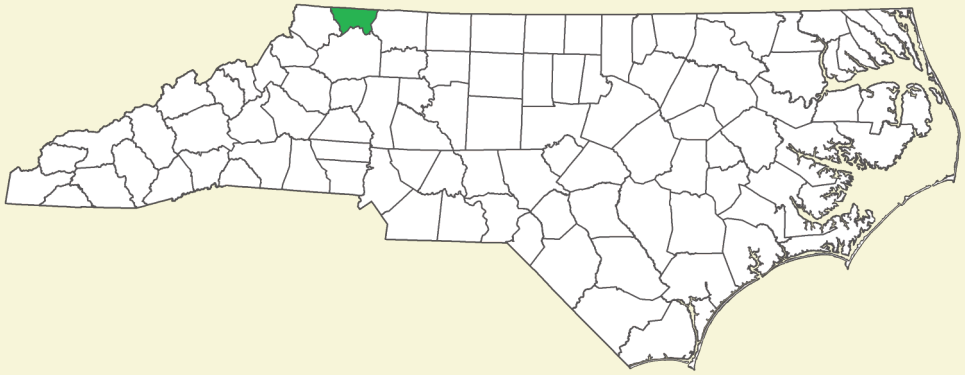
All conservation easements are perpetual.

Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Agricultural Plans

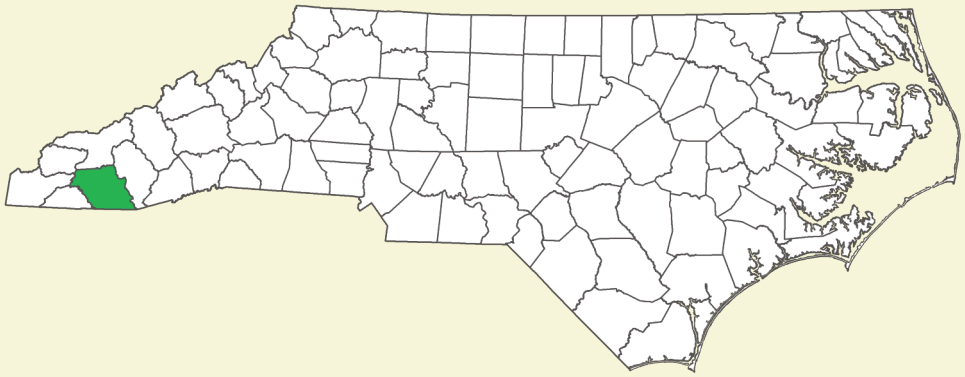
Alleghany County Farmland Protection Plan

Applicant: Alleghany County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $15,000
Total Project Value: $25,826
Purpose & Objectives: Aid the development and adoption of a county farmland protection plan.



Macon County VAD & EVAD Program — "Taking it Beyond the Signs"

Applicant: Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $7,225
Total Project Value: $26,560
Purpose & Objectives: Implement the VAD and EVAD ordinances in Macon County, including educational meetings, signage and other outreach to farmers and landowners.

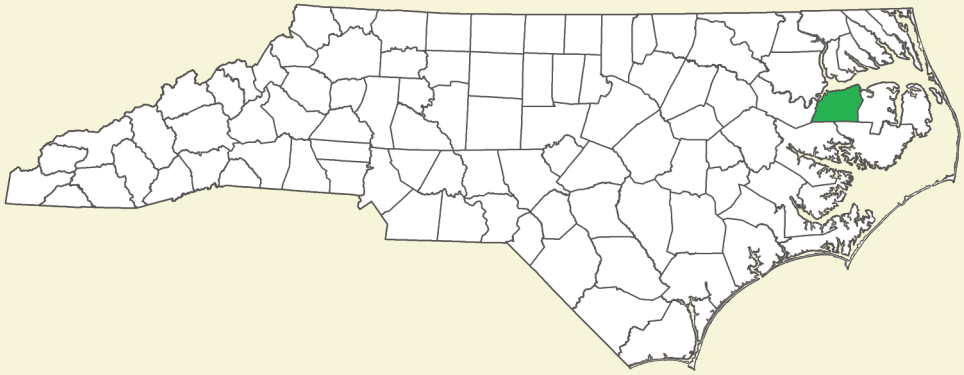


Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Agricultural Plans

Washington County Voluntary Agricultural District

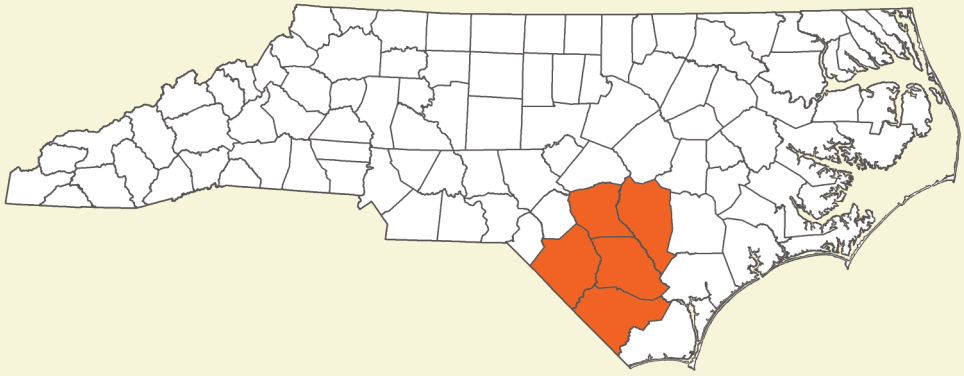
Applicant: Washington County Cooperative Extension
Proposed Grant: $4,000
Total Project Value: $7,345
Purpose & Objectives: Implement the VAD ordinances in Washington County, including educational meetings, signage and other outreach to farmers and landowners.



Agricultural Development Projects

Bladen Conservation Equipment

Applicant: Bladen County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $45,500
Total Project Value: $138,000
Purpose & Objectives: Allow low-income farmers access to grain drills and other tools in order to promote conservation tillage practices.

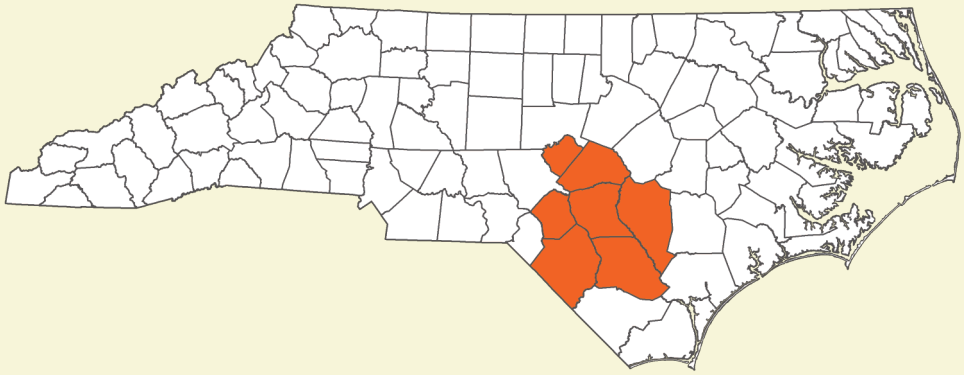


Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Agricultural Development Projects

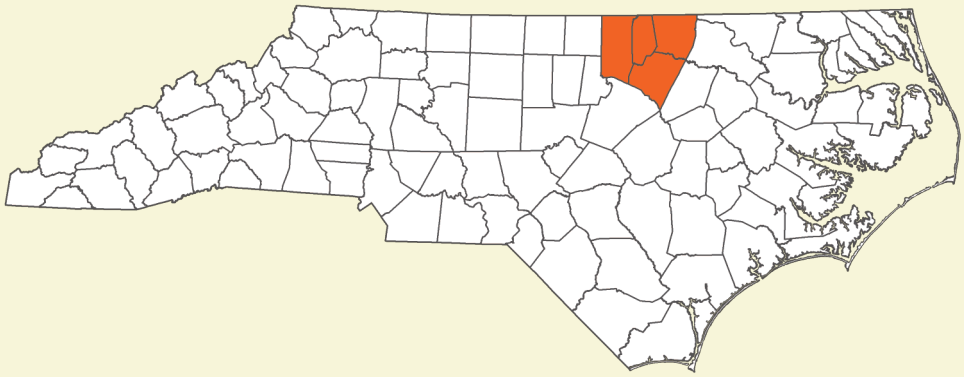
Cumberland County Farmers Market Study

Applicant: Cumberland County Cooperative Extension
Proposed Grant: $25,000
Total Project Value: $60,077
Purpose & Objectives: Cumberland County Cooperative Extension will work with a consulting firm to determine the feasibility and ideal location for a local farmers market in the county.



Fostering Bio-Fuel Growth in North Carolina

Applicant: Operation Spring Plant
Proposed Grant: $36,000
Total Project Value: $132,700
Purpose & Objectives: Assist an oil seed growers association in the development of an extraction process for biodiesel. The project will identify farmers in former tobacco growing areas and assist in the purchase of extraction equipment.

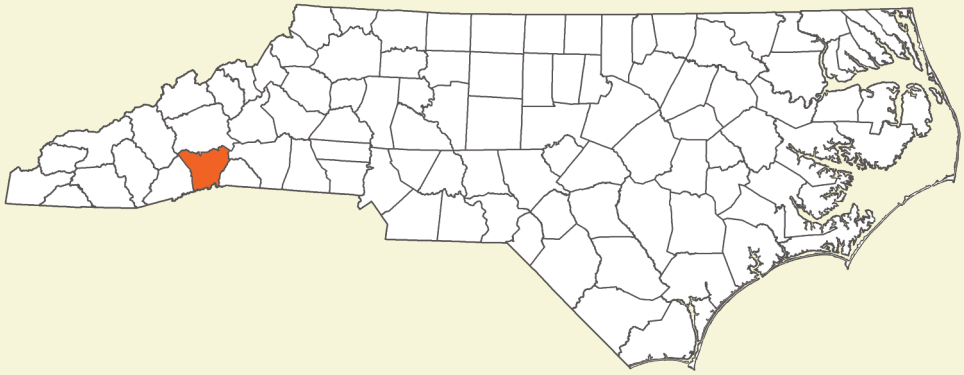


Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Agricultural Development Projects

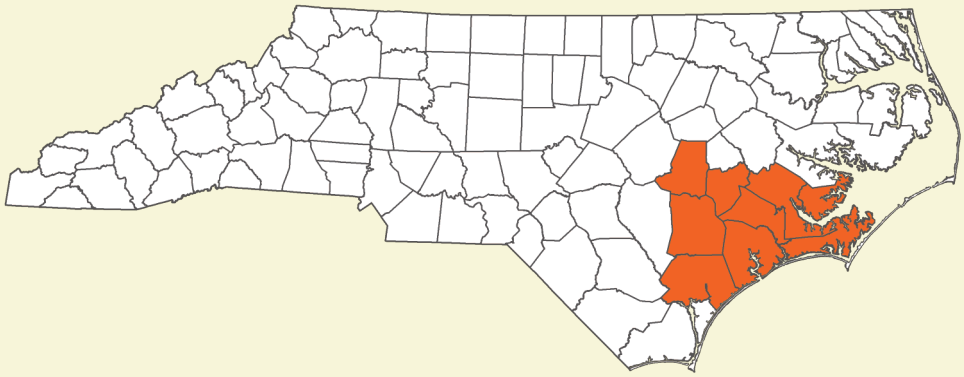
Henderson County Farm Fresh Program

Applicant: Henderson County
Proposed Grant: $64,000
Total Project Value: $89,600
Purpose & Objectives: Establish the "Henderson County Farm Fresh" marketing program to promote local products and producers.



PlanIT East Agricultural Mapping/Analysis Project

Applicant: North Carolina's Eastern Region
Proposed Grant: $12,000
Total Project Value: $16,000
Purpose & Objectives: Development of population and farmland maps for planning conferences. These maps will serve as the starting point for PlanIT East's "EnvisionEast-2050" program.



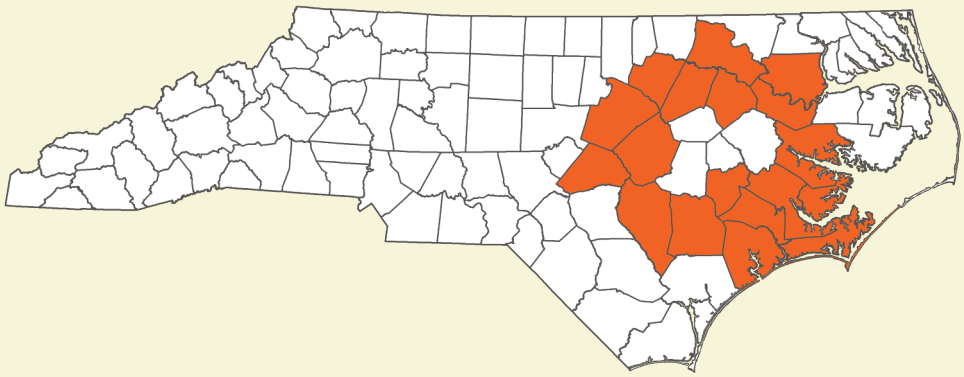
Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Agricultural Development Projects

Sustaining Agriculture Under the "MTR" II

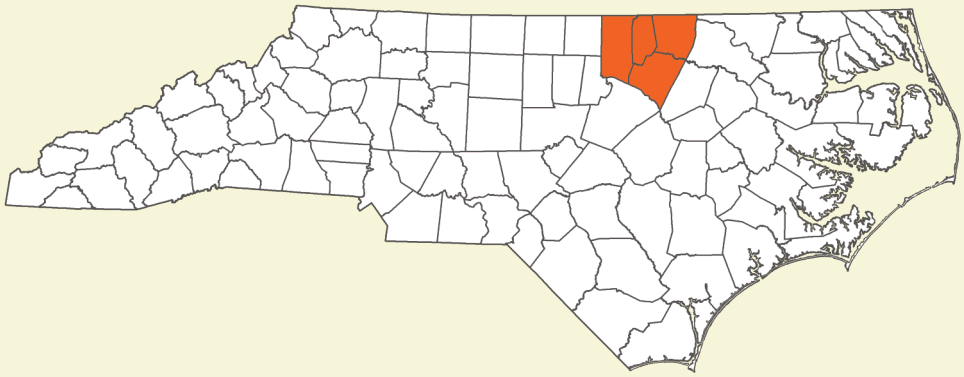
Applicant: North Carolina Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation
Proposed Grant: $100,000
Total Project Value: $130,000 + $6 million in Department of Defense funding
Purpose & Objectives: Second phase of a 30-year landowner agreement program in cooperation with the military for the preservation of working farms and forests under the military training route in Beaufort, Bertie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Sampson and Wake counties.

North Carolina Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation, Inc.



Vance County Regional Farmers Market

Applicant: Vance County
Proposed Grant: $100,000
Total Project Value: $400,000
Purpose & Objectives: The construction of a farmers market will enable local farmers to diversify production, increase income of local farmers, provide options for fresh local food and offer a venue for local meetings and events.

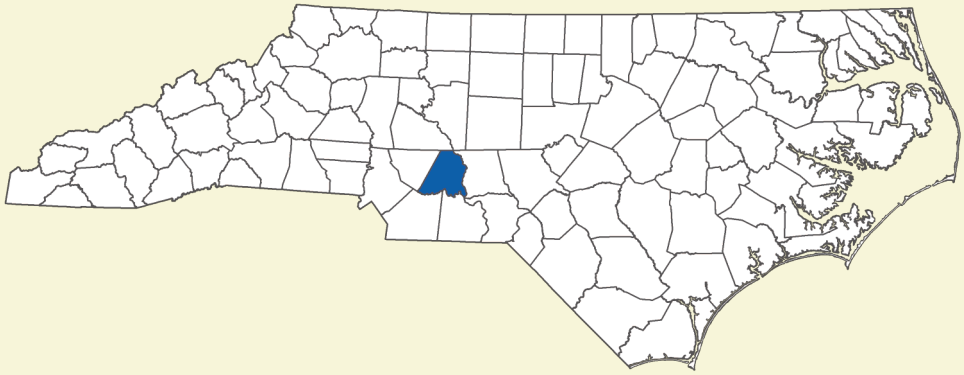


Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Conservation Easements

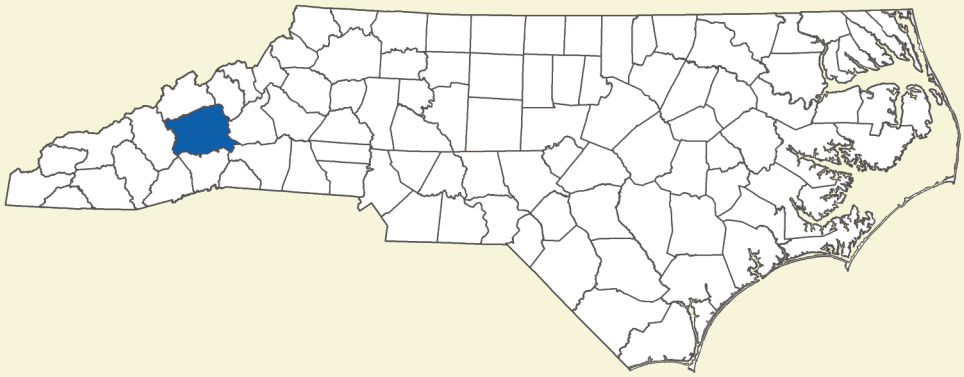
Almond Farm

Applicant: The LandTrust for Central North Carolina
Proposed Grant: $54,713
Total Project Value: $168,852
Stanly County
80 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Brown Farm

Applicant: Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $200,000
Total Project Value: $1,014,900
Buncombe County
233 Acres
Perpetual Easement

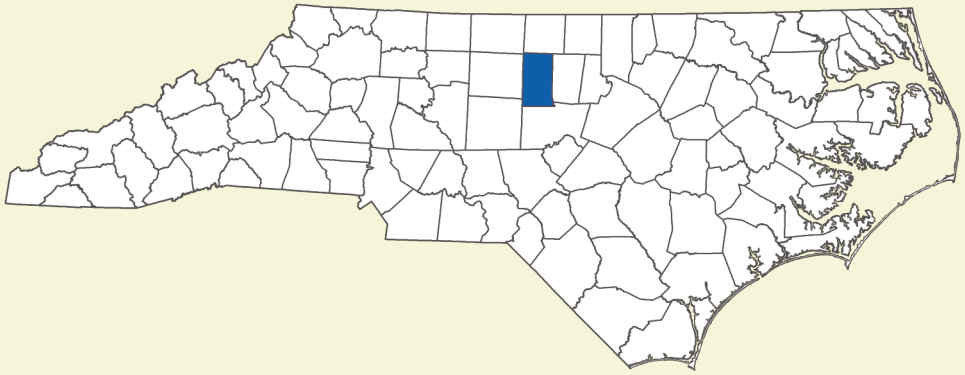


Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Conservation Easements

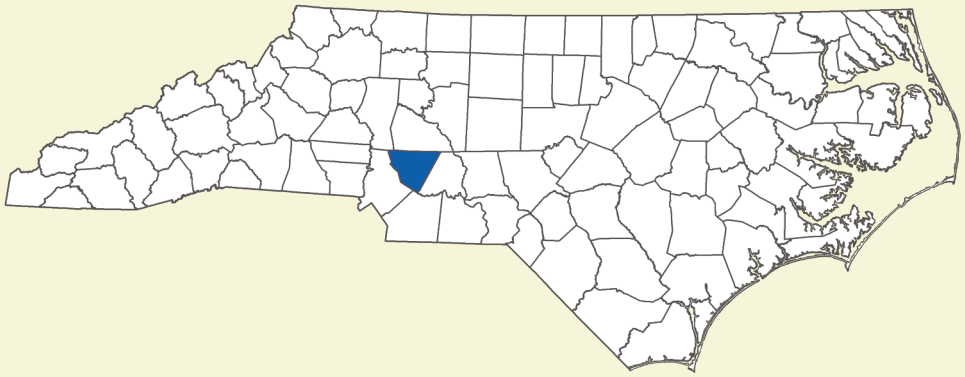
Cates Farm

Applicant: North American Land Trust
Proposed Grant: $99,687
Total Project Value: $506,411
Alamance County
25 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Dan Barrier Farm

Applicant: Cabarrus County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $89,600
Total Project Value: $179,200
Cabarrus County
35.4 Acres
Perpetual Easement

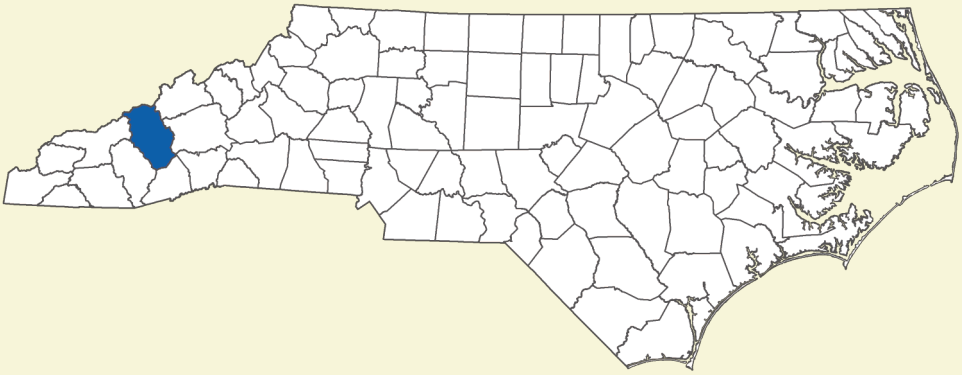


Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Conservation Easements

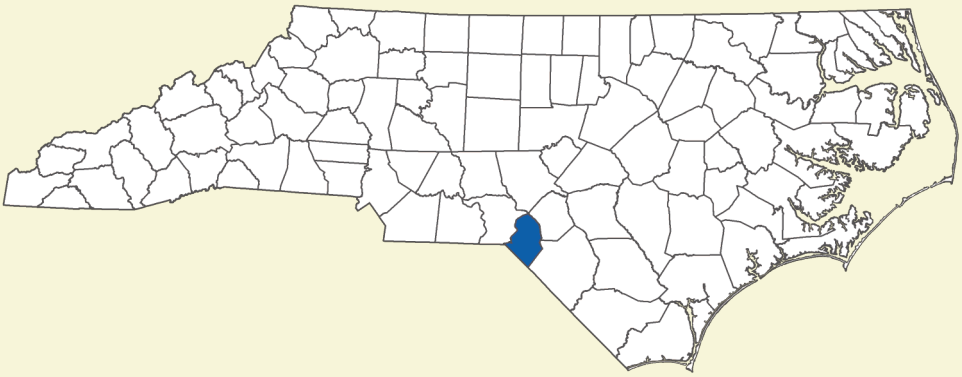
Ferguson Farm

Applicant: Haywood County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $285,781
Total Project Value: $1,097,911
Haywood County
144 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Gainey Farm III

Applicant: Sandhills Area Land Trust
Proposed Grant: $256,655
Total Project Value: $366,555
Scotland County
165 Acres
Perpetual Easement

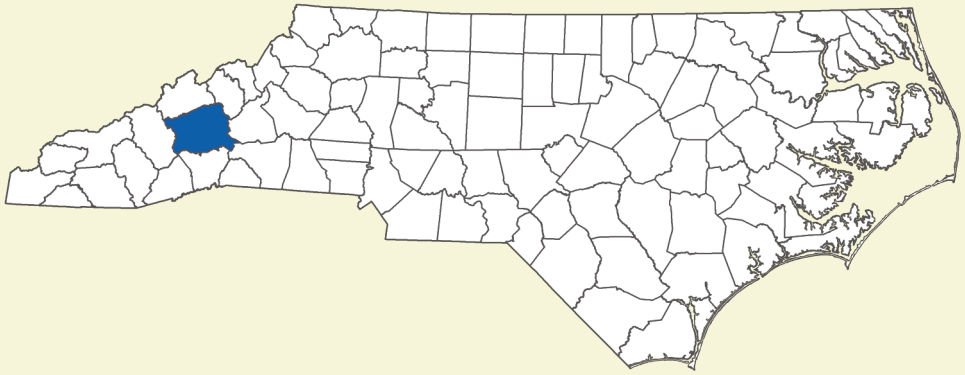


Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Conservation Easements

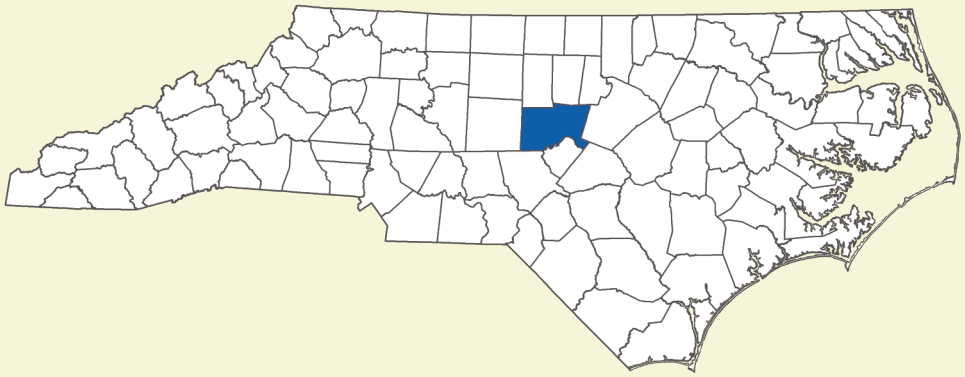
Jeffers Farm

Applicant: Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
Proposed Grant: $55,330
Total Project Value: $486,340
Buncombe County
57 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Lindale Farm

Applicant: Triangle Land Conservancy
Proposed Grant: $270,000
Total Project Value: $845,000
Chatham County
195 Acres
Perpetual Easement

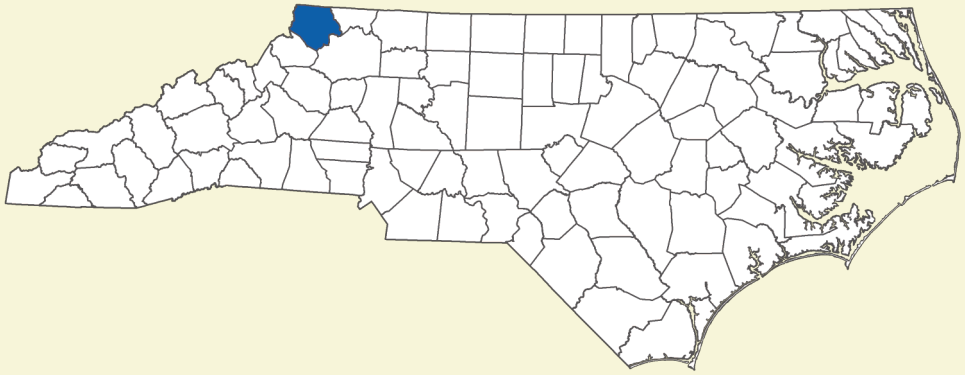


Cycle V Grant Recipient Profiles

Conservation Easements

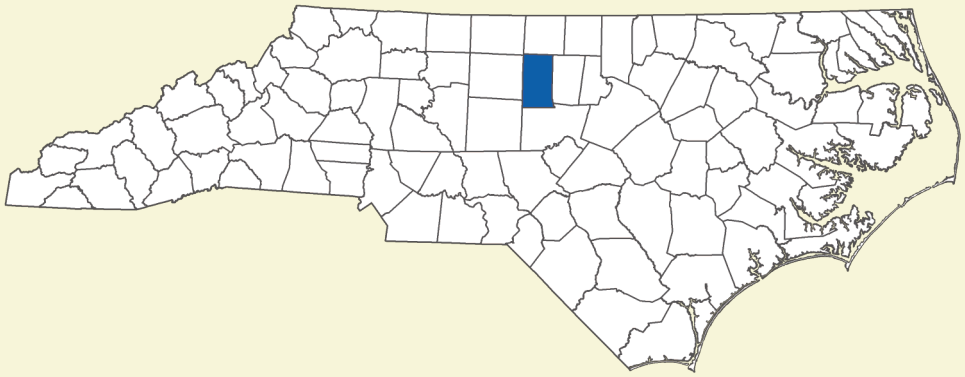
Krider Farm

Applicant: New River Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $239,700
Total Project Value: $331,200
Ashe County
57.7 Acres
Perpetual Easement



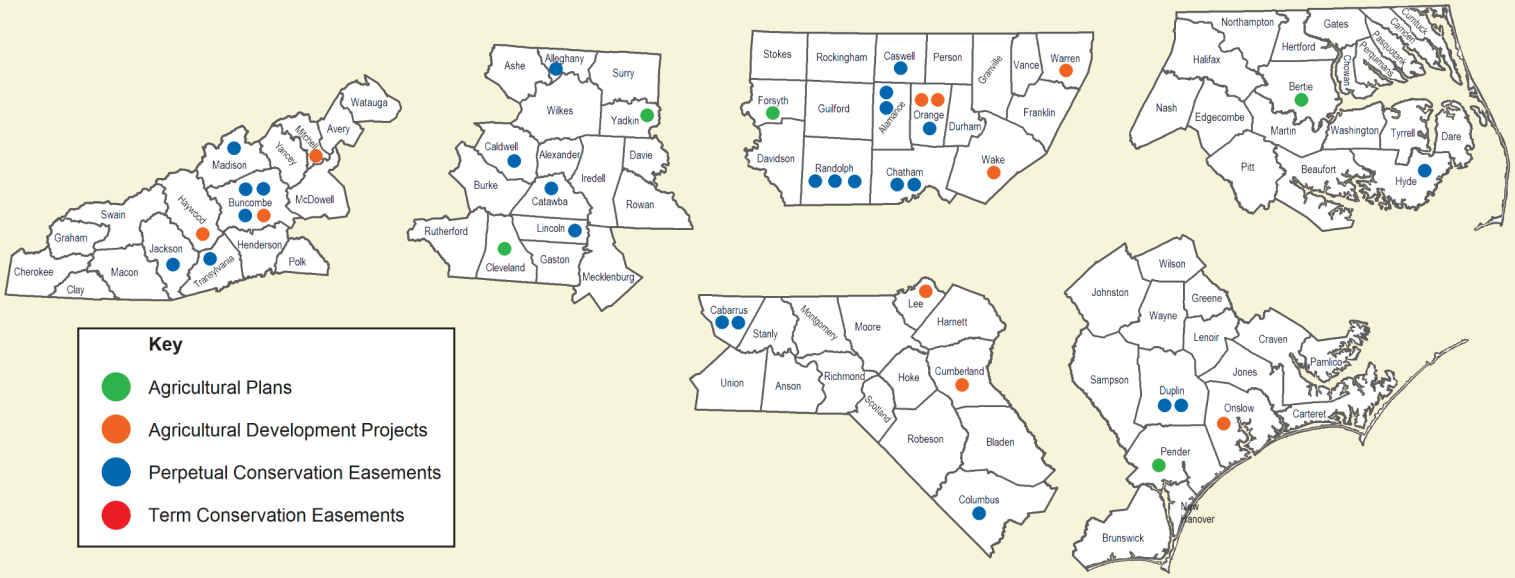
Wilkins Farm

Applicant: Alamance County
Proposed Grant: $100,000
Total Project Value: $116,726
Alamance County
27 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Cycle VI Applicants

Application Type	Number of Applications	Amount Requested from ADFP	Amount of Match	Total Project Value
Perpetual Conservation Easements	25	$4,582,497.50	$9,144,813.50	$13,727,311
Term Conservation Easements	0	-	-	-
Agricultural Plans	5	$53,000	$18,750	$71,750
Development Projects	10	$1,023,200	$615,243.28	$1,638,443.28
TOTALS	**40**	**$5,658,697.50**	**$9,778,807.78**	**$15,437,504.28**

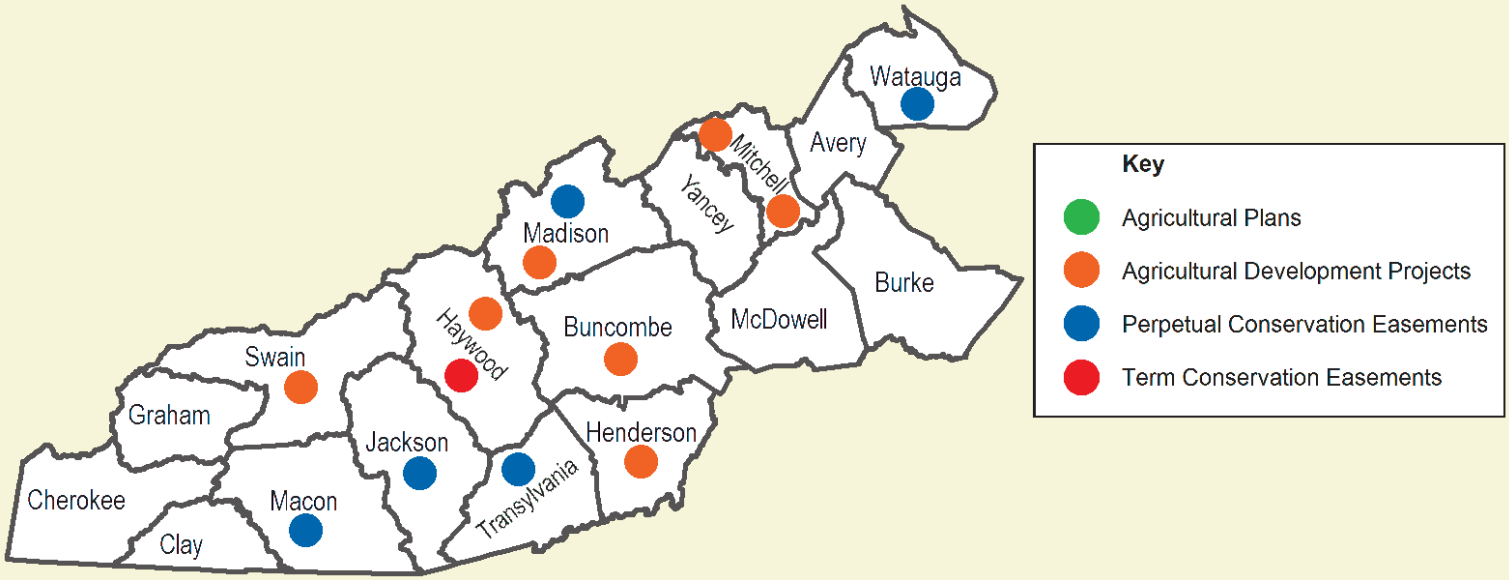


	Perpetual Conservation Easements	Term Conservation Easements	Agricultural Plans	Development Projects	TOTALS
Conservation Non-profits	13	0	1	5	19
Counties	12	0	4	5	21
TOTALS	**25**	**0**	**5**	**10**	**40**

TVA Grant Applicants

The N.C General Assembly appropriated a portion of the state's Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Settlement Fund to support a grant program for county governments and nonprofit conservation groups pursuing agricultural development and farmland preservation projects in 17 western N.C. counties.

Application Type	Number of Applications	Amount Requested from ADFP	Amount of Match	Total Project Value
Perpetual Conservation Easements	5	$652,000	$3,038,120	$3,690,120
Term Conservation Easements	1	$32,694	$12,900	$45,594
Agricultural Plans	0	-	-	-
Development Projects	7	$481,525	$967,193	$1,448,718
TOTALS	**13**	**$1,023,200**	**$4,018,213**	**$5,184,432**



	Perpetual Conservation Easements	Term Conservation Easements	Agricultural Plans	Development Projects	TOTALS
Conservation Non-profits	3	0	0	3	6
Counties	2	1	0	4	7
TOTALS	**5**	**1**	**0**	**7**	**13**

Cycle VI & TVA Grant Recipients 2013-2014

Agricultural Plans

Plan Title	Applicant	Requested Amount from ADFP	Proposed Grant	Estimated Total Project Value
Bertie County Voluntary Agricultural District	Bertie County & Bertie County Cooperative Extension	$4,000	$3,500	$7,050
Forsyth County Farmland Protection Plan	Forsyth County & Forsyth County Cooperative Extension	$15,000	$14,000	$18,500
Pender County Voluntary Agricultural District	Pender Soil & Water Conservation District	$4,000	$3,500	$4,700
Yadkin County Farmland Protection Plan	Piedmont Land Conservancy	$15,000	$14,000	$19,000
TOTALS		**$38,000**	**$35,000**	**$49,250**

Agricultural Development Projects

Project Title	Applicant	Requested Amount from ADFP	Proposed Grant	Estimated Total Project Value
Expansion of "Buy Haywood" Branding and Marketing	*Haywood County Economic Development Commission*	*$15,000*	*$15,000*	*$17,500*
Mountaineer Stewards	*Mitchell County*	*$100,000*	*$60,326*	*$130,000*
Sandhills Farm to Fare Pilot	Lee County	$15,000	$7,500	$15,500
Sustaining Agriculture Under the "MTR" III	N.C. Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation	$300,000	$87,000	$113,105*
Warren Agricultural Enterprise Center	Warren County	$100,000	$50,000	$125,999
TOTALS		**$530,000**	**$219,826**	**$402,104**

**See project profile for more information on estimated project value.*
Italicized projects are in TVA identified counties.

Cycle VI & TVA Grant Recipients 2013-2014

Conservation Easements

Easement Name	Applicant	Requested Amount from ADFP	Proposed Grant	Estimated Total Project Value	Acres	County
Gibson Family Farm	*Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District*	*$198,000*	*$198,000*	*$1,422,910*	*121*	*Jackson*
Hillwinds Farm	*Macon Soil & Water Conservation District*	*$50,000*	*$50,000*	*$1,270,710*	*150*	*Macon*
Hutchins Farm	*Buncombe Soil & Water Conservation District*	*$110,000*	*$110,000*	*$1,018,400*	*77.9*	*Buncombe*
Jeffers Farm	*Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy*	*$75,000*	*$75,000*	*$282,000*	*25*	*Buncombe*
Lindley Farm	Chatham Soil & Water Conservation District	$256,000	$220,500	$873,000	220	Chatham
Peterson Farm	*Buncombe Soil & Water Conservation District*	*$225,000*	*$225,000*	*$1,999,631*	*167.77*	*Buncombe*
Porter Farm	Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District	$228,112.50	$228,112.50	$949,398	182.49	Cabarrus
Reeves Farm	*Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy*	*$275,000*	*$275,000*	*$1,575,000*	*355*	*Madison*
Robertson Farm	*Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy*	*$69,000*	*$69,000*	*$162,000*	*20.7*	*Transylvania*
Spencer Farm	Hyde Soil & Water Conservation District	$249,571	$100,930	$158,620	77	Hyde
*Swanger Farm**	*Haywood Soil & Water Conservation District*	*$32,694*	*$32,694*	*$45,594*	*27.72*	*Haywood*
Ward Farm	*Blue Ridge Conservancy*	*$60,000*	*$60,000*	*$1,267,600*	*282*	*Watauga*
Yates Farm	Columbus Soil & Water Conservation District	$19,000	$19,000	$122,900	15.49	Columbus
TOTALS		**$1,847,377.50**	**$1,663,236.50**	**$11,147,763**	**1,722.07**	

**30-Year Term Easement. All other conservation easements are perpetual.*
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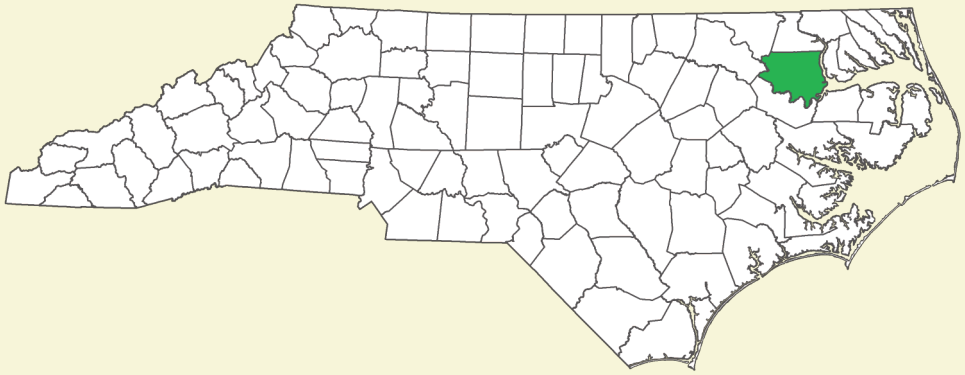
Cycle VI & TVA Grant Recipient Profiles

Agricultural Plans

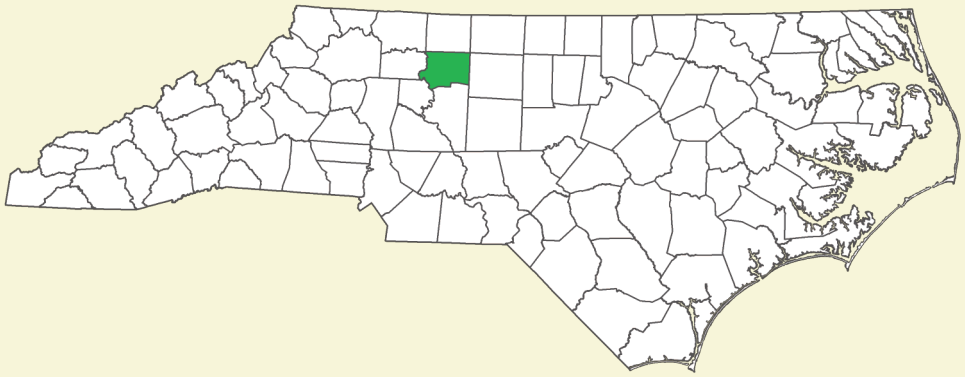
Bertie County Voluntary Agricultural District

Applicant: Bertie County & Bertie County Cooperative Extension
Proposed Grant: $3,500
Total Project Value: $7,050
Purpose & Objectives: Implement the VAD ordinances in Bertie County, including educational meetings, signage and other outreach to farmers and landowners.



Forsyth County Farmland Protection Plan

Applicant: Forsyth County & Forsyth County Cooperative Extension
Proposed Grant: $14,000
Total Project Value: $18,500
Purpose & Objectives: Aid the development and adoption of a county farmland protection plan.



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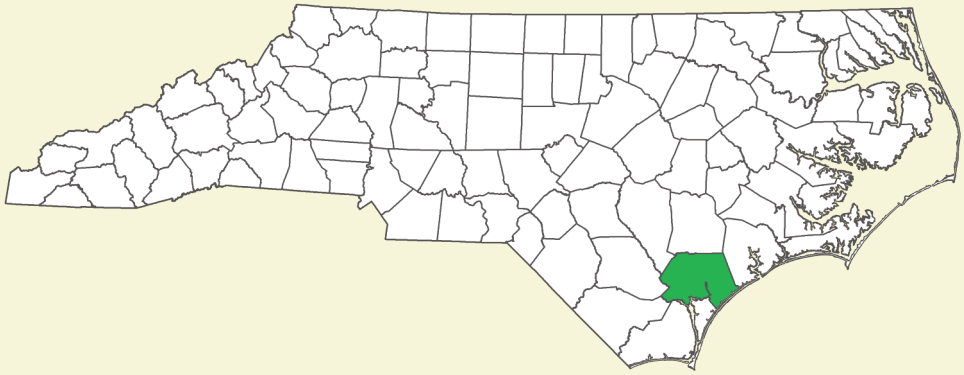
Agricultural Plans

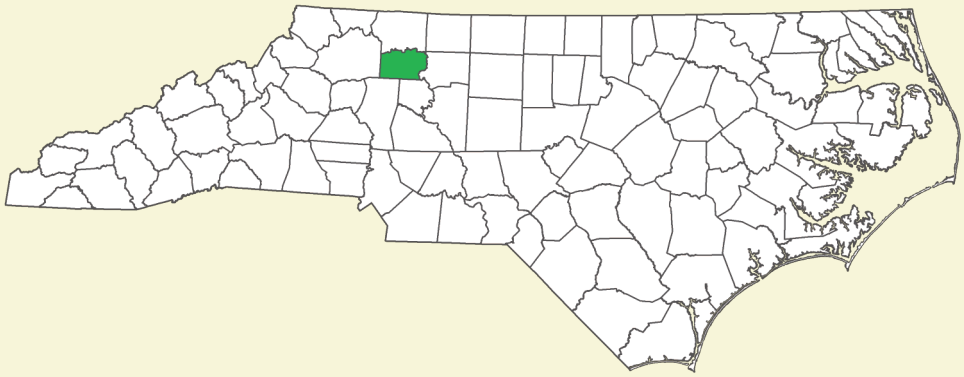
Pender County Voluntary Agricultural District

Applicant: Pender County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $3,500
Total Project Value: $4,700
Purpose & Objectives: Implement the VAD ordinances in Pender County, including educational meetings, signage and other outreach to farmers and landowners.



Yadkin County Farmland Protection Plan

Applicant: Piedmont Land Conservancy
Proposed Grant: $14,000
Total Project Value: $19,000
Purpose & Objectives: Aid the development and adoption of a county farmland protection plan.



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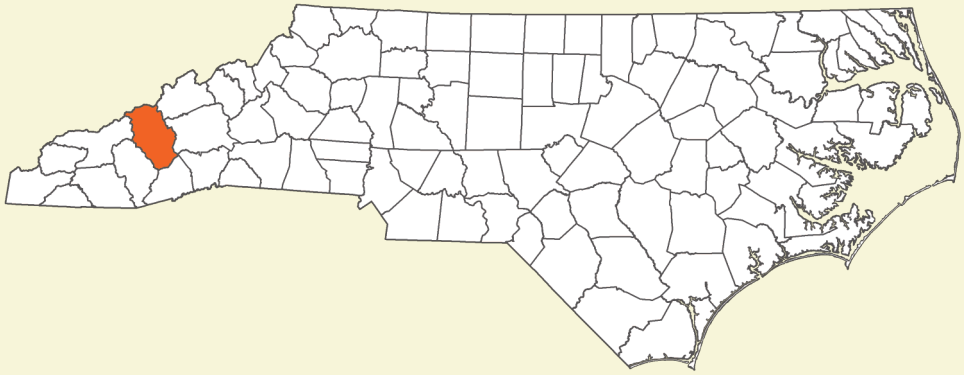
Agricultural Development Projects

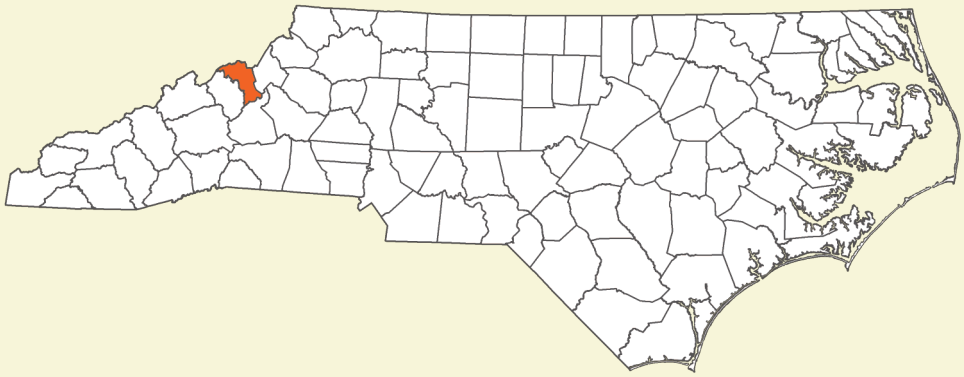
Expansion of "Buy Haywood" Branding and Marketing

Applicant: Haywood County Economic Development Commission
Proposed Grant: $15,000
Total Project Value: $17,500
Purpose & Objectives: Expand the brand recognition of "Buy Haywood" products through increased access to marketing materials and working directly with farmers to better market locally grown products.



Mountaineer Stewards

Applicant: Mitchell County
Proposed Grant: $60,326
Total Project Value: $90,326
Purpose & Objectives: Funds site preparation for a school farm on the campus of Mitchell County High School in Bakersville.



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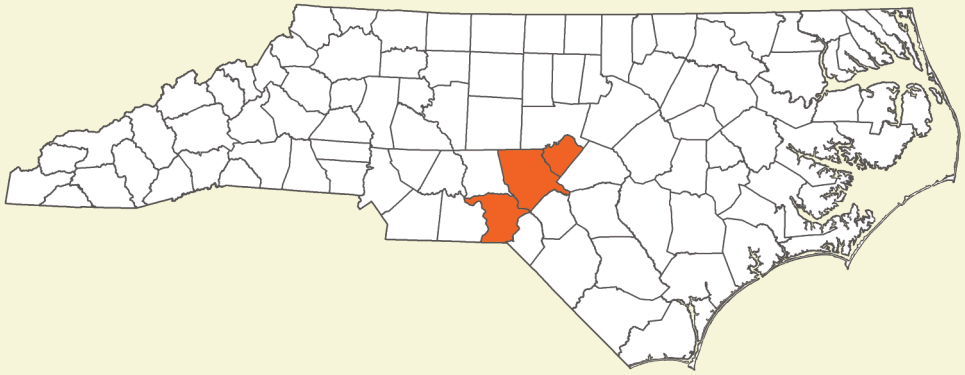
Agricultural Development Projects

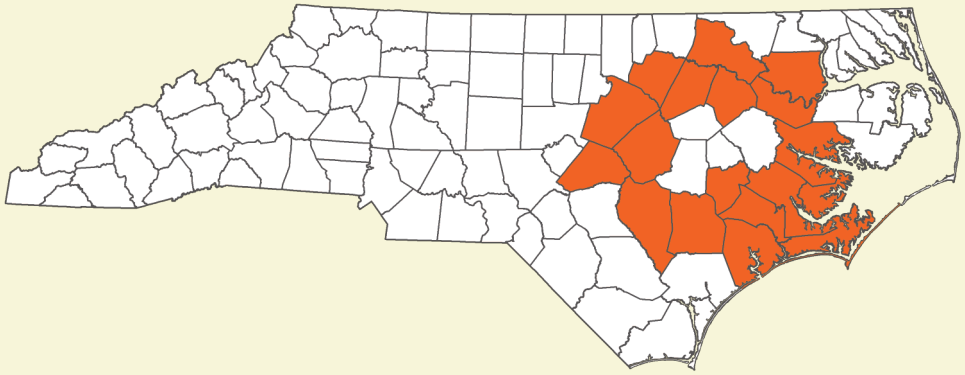
Sandhills Farm to Fare Pilot

Applicant: Lee County
Proposed Grant: $7,500
Total Project Value: $15,500
Purpose & Objectives: Work with the Sandhills Farm to Table Cooperative to enact a pilot program that will assist farmers who wish to market produce to institutions under-served by local foods in Lee, Moore and Richmond counties.



Sustaining Agriculture Under the "MTR" III

Applicant: North Carolina Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation
Proposed Grant: $87,000
Total Project Value: $177,000 + $6 million in Department of Defense funding
Purpose & Objectives: Third phase of a 30-year landowner agreement program in cooperation with the military for the preservation of working farms and forests under the military training route in Beaufort, Bertie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Sampson and Wake counties.



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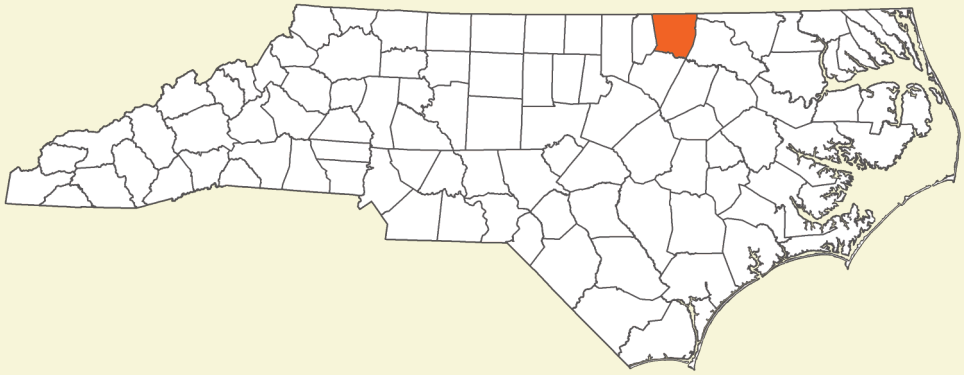
Agricultural Development Projects

Warren Agricultural Enterprise Center

Applicant: Warren County
Proposed Grant: $50,000
Total Project Value: $114,713
Purpose & Objectives: Refurbish a textile mill for a produce processing and distribution facility, the Center for Ag & Value-added Enterprise, that will serve small and mid-sized farmers.



Conservation Easements

Gibson Family Farm

Applicant: Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $198,000
Total Project Value: $1,620,910
Jackson County
121 Acres
Perpetual Easement

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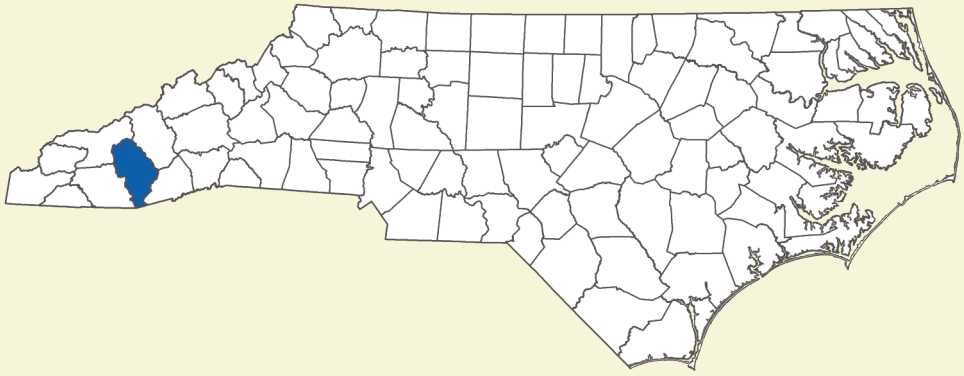

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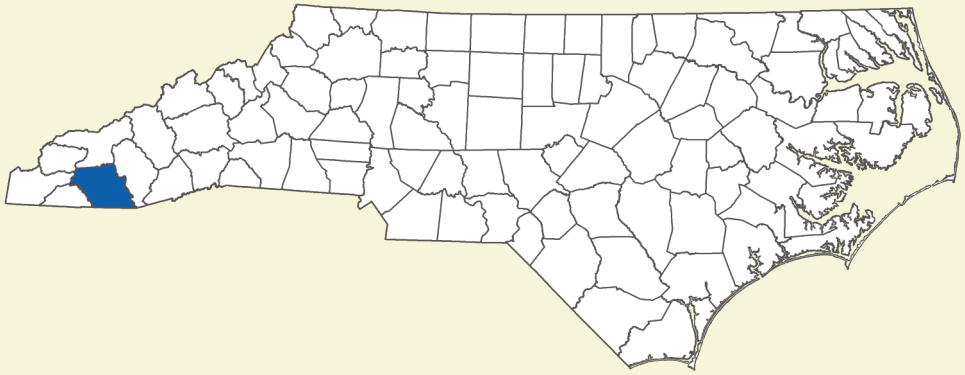
Conservation Easements

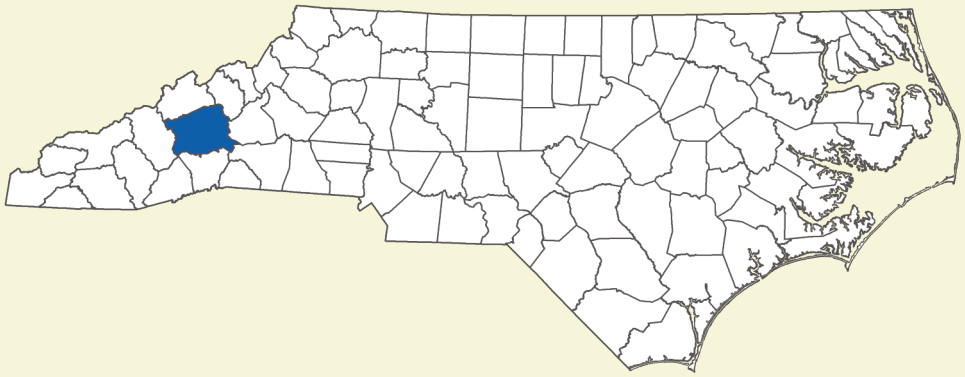
Hillwinds Farm

Applicant: Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $50,000
Total Project Value: $358,110
Macon County
150 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Hutchins Farm

Applicant: Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $110,000
Total Project Value: $2,192,320.51
Buncombe County
77.9 Acres
Perpetual Easement



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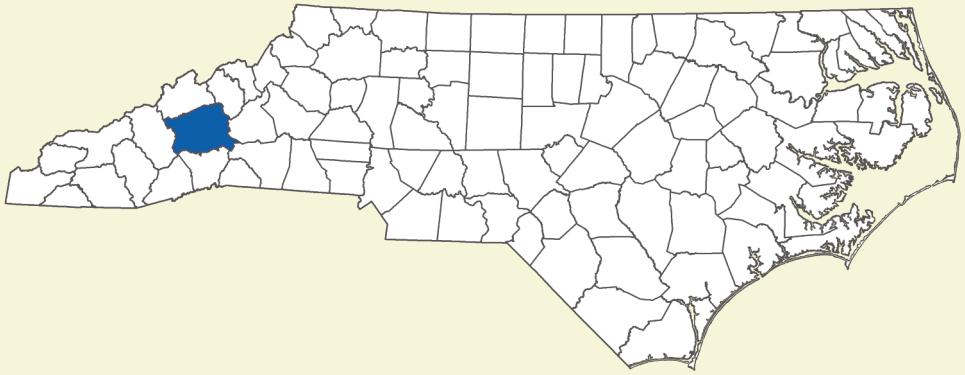
Conservation Easements

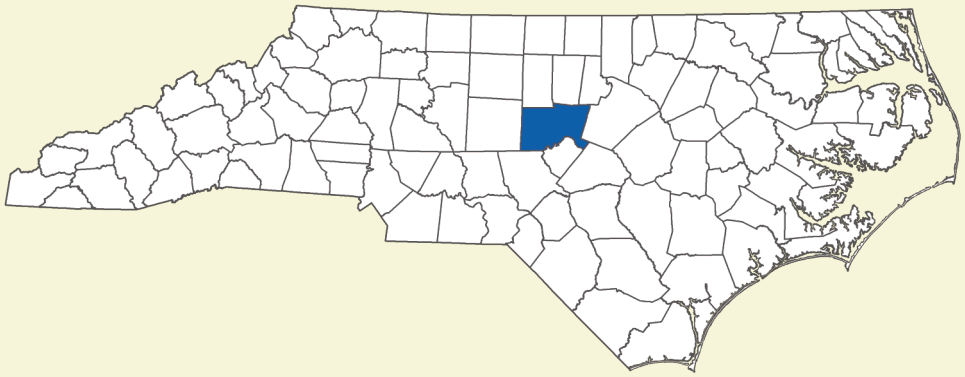
Jeffers Farm

Applicant: Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
Proposed Grant: $75,000
Total Project Value: $540,000
Buncombe County
25 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Lindley Farm

Applicant: Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $220,500
Total Project Value: $1,693,500
Chatham County
220 Acres
Perpetual Easement



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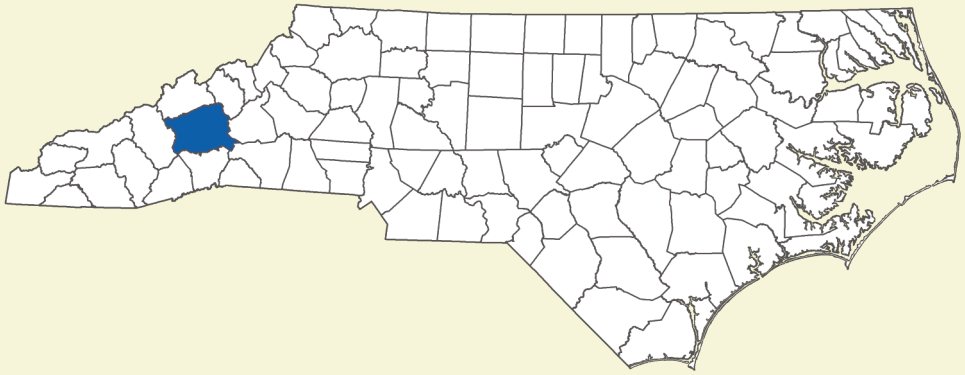
Conservation Easements

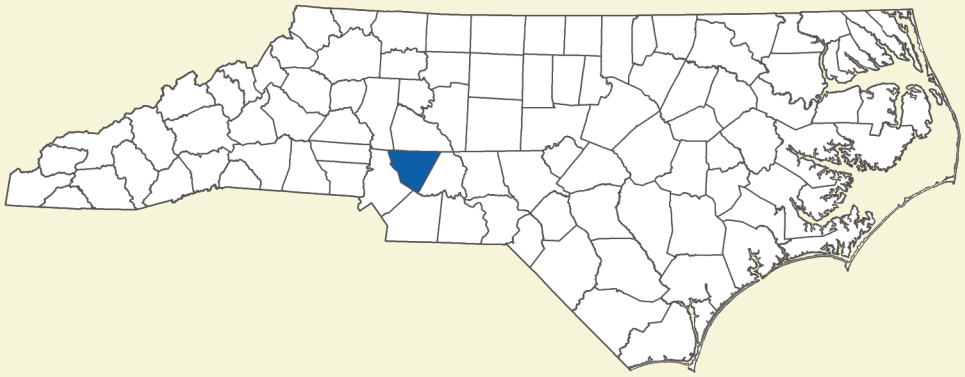
Peterson Farm

Applicant: Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $225,000
Total Project Value: $1,222,725
Buncombe County
167.77 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Porter Farm

Applicant: Cabarrus County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $228,112.50
Total Project Value: $1,117,510.50
Cabarrus County
182.49 Acres
Perpetual Easement



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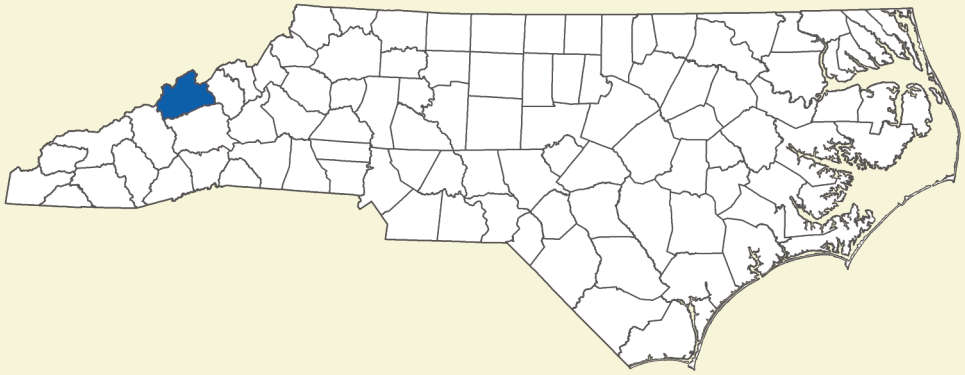
Conservation Easements

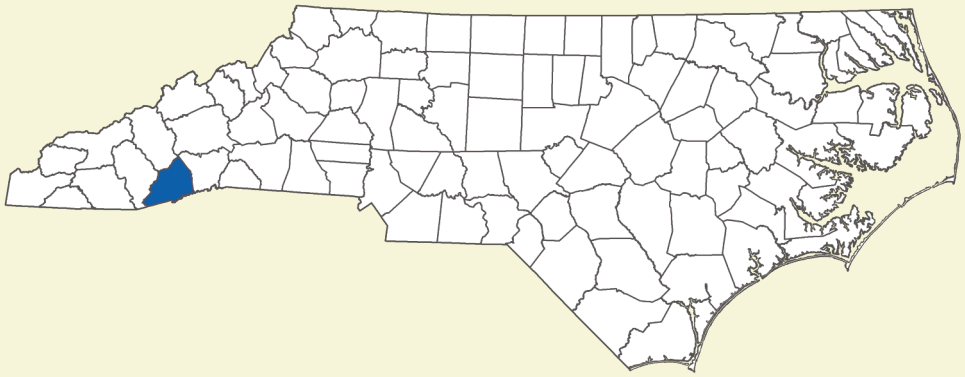
Reeves Farm

Applicant: Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
Proposed Grant: $275,000
Total Project Value: $1,390,000
Madison County
355 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Robertson Farm

Applicant: Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy
Proposed Grant: $69,000
Total Project Value: $162,000
Transylvania County
20.7 Acres
Perpetual Easement



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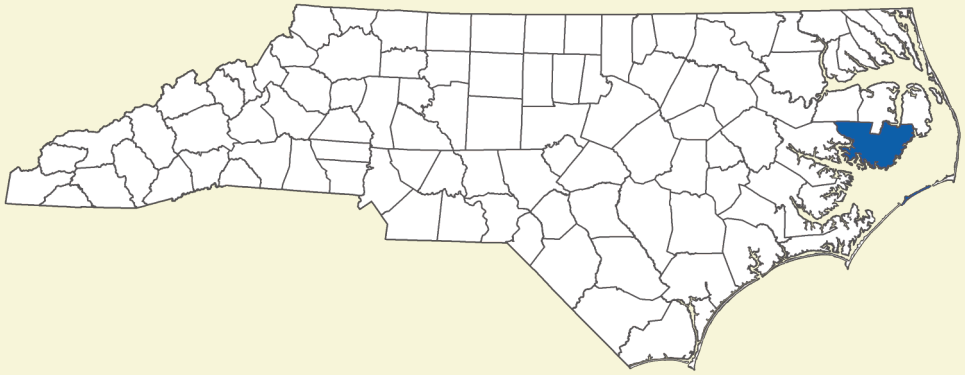
Conservation Easements

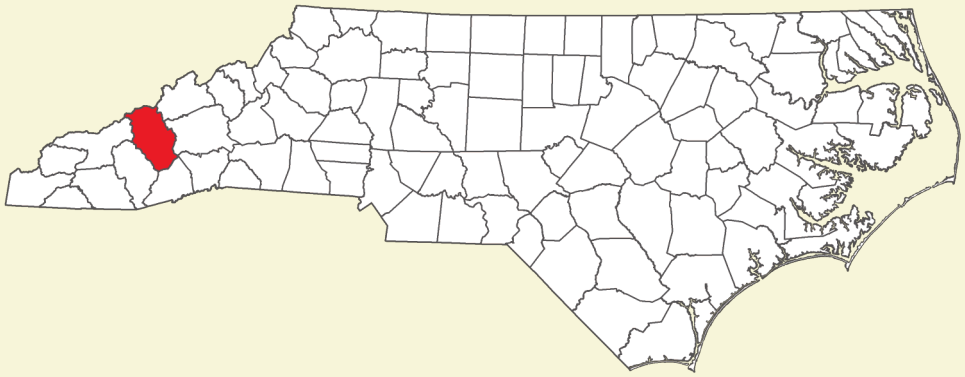
Spencer Farm

Applicant: Hyde County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $100,930
Total Project Value: $192,889
Hyde County
77 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Swanger Farm

Applicant: Haywood County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $32,694
Total Project Value: $77,288
Haywood County
27.72 Acres
30-Year Term Easement

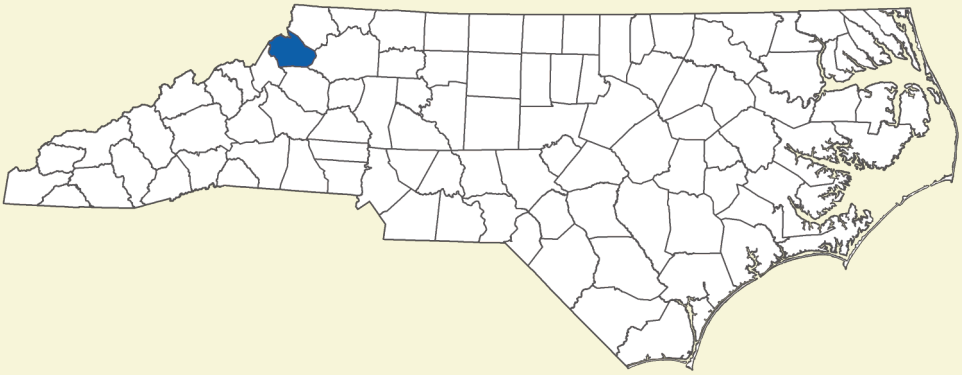


Cycle VI & TVA Grant Recipient Profiles

Conservation Easements

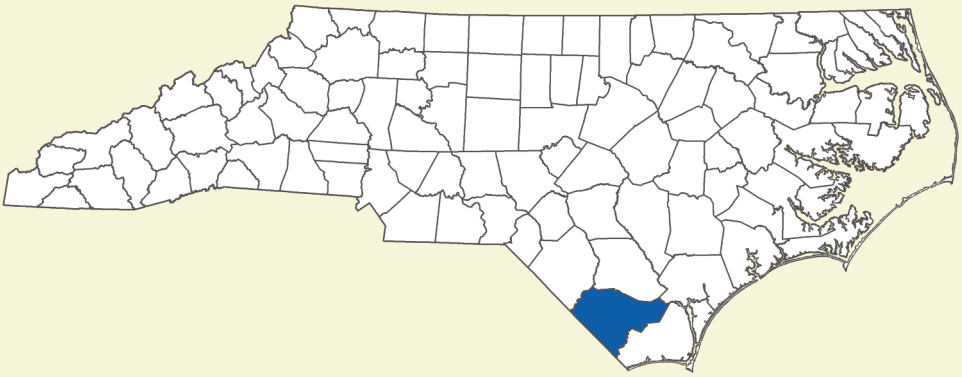
Ward Farm

Applicant: Blue Ridge Conservancy
Proposed Grant: $60,000
Total Project Value: $1,351,100
Watauga County
282 Acres
Perpetual Easement



Yates Farm

Applicant: Columbus County Soil and Water Conservation District
Proposed Grant: $19,000
Total Project Value: $141,900
Columbus County
15.49 Acres
Perpetual Easement



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