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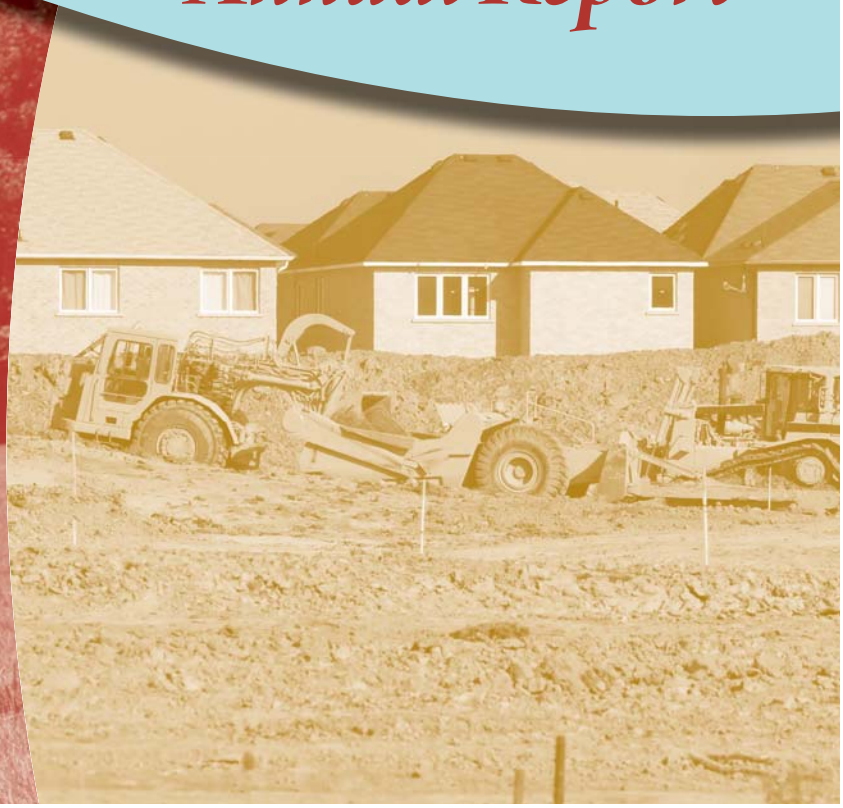
Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund

2009 Annual Report



"As our state continues to grow,we need to do what we can to protect the land that provides us food, clothing and cash crops. There is increasing pressure to sell farmland to developers as more people move to North Carolina, but when we do that we sacrifice our future. Farmland preservation is a long-term strategy to keep this state's agriculture industry strong."

—Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House

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Staff

As legislated, the N.C.DA&CS provides staffing assistance to the Advisory Committee & Commissioner of Agriculture with the distribution of funds. Staff are selected based upon area of expertise on an as-needed basis. The ADFP Trust Fund also secures the services of temporary employees. NCDA&CS staff members include:

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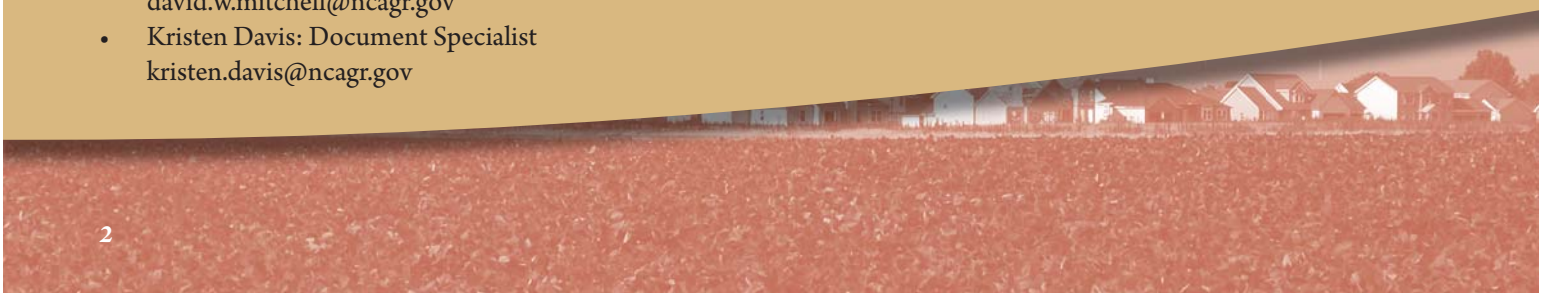


Background of the ADFP Trust Fund

With its first funding year in 1998, the original Farmland Preservation Trust Fund was instituted to protect the fast disappearing farmland in North Carolina. Our state has lost more than 600,000 acres of farmland since 2002. In an effort to protect and preserve working farmland, the General Assembly passed House Bill 607 in September 2005, which established the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFP). Included in this legislation was the establishment of a 19-member Trust Fund Advisory Committee appointed to advise the Commissioner of Agriculture on various aspects of not only conservation, but growth and development of farmlands and forestlands in North Carolina. This bill also broadened the mission of the Trust Fund to include three grant priorities that can be awarded to fund projects to encourage the preservation of qualifying agricultural, horticultural and forest lands to foster the growth, development and sustainability of family farms.

Conservation easements are deed restrictions landowners voluntarily place on their property to protect resources, such as agricultural land. Most conservation easements are perpetual; however, term easements are also awarded. Term easements are awarded for a number of years chosen by the landowner.

Agricultural plans establish a comprehensive guide for counties or governments to protect and preserve farms and forests, as well as the agribusiness as a whole, which are dependent upon these resources. This also includes the formation and/or strengthening of Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) programs.

Development project grants are agriculturally-based projects geared toward developing a process or facility that will generate income, and in turn, benefit the agricultural community as a whole.

Importance of Farmland Preservation

Economic

Agribusiness is the number one industry in North Carolina, which generates more than $70 billion annually, and plays an integral part in the economic status of the state. The ADFP Trust Fund intends to preserve these agricultural areas to ensure sustainability of our state economy, in both production and employment, as well as raise awareness of the importance of farmlands to our state. The ability to purchase and consume products that are produced on local farms gives consumers the advantage of fresh food at a more reasonable cost and also supports the local economy. Active agricultural land also creates a range of job opportunities, from farming to food processing and packaging. Currently, North Carolina is the third most diversified agricultural commodity producer and leads the nation in tobacco and sweet potato production. North Carolina also has a variety of soil types and climates, which permit farmers state-wide to produce a large range of commodities throughout the year.

With 48,000 working farms, 17 percent of the N.C. labor force is in agriculture or agribusiness.

In addition, North Carolina produces more than $3 billion in agricultural exports and is ranked 9th in US cash receipts in agriculture.

Top 10 N.C. Counties in Farm Cash Receipts

County	*Thousands Dollars*
Duplin	$968,140
Sampson	$913,228
Union	$454,817
Wayne	$370,547
Robeson	$363,875
Wilkes	$329,272
Bladen	$326,334
Johnston	$241,633
Randolph	$209,857
Nash	$206,810

*Chart above represents 2008 figures

Environmental

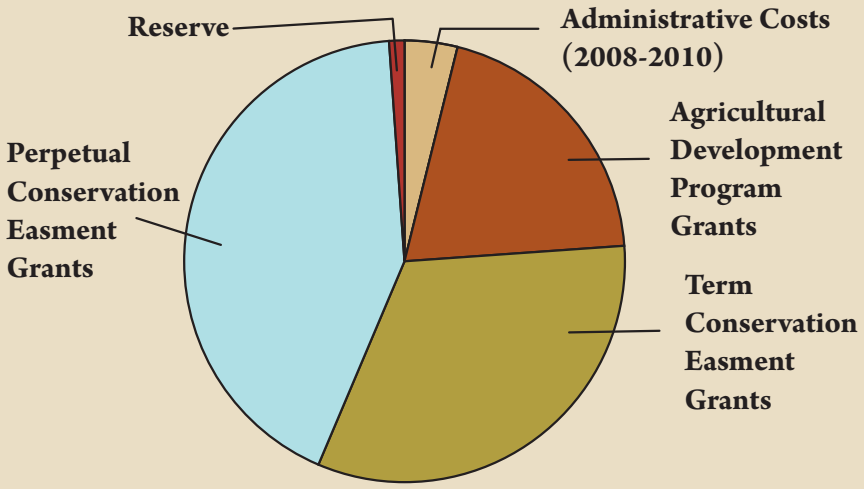
Farm and forestlands help protect the environment, wildlife, and also provide clean air and water. Soils and forests filter out contaminants, reducing the risk of flooding, and serving as a recharge area for water. Without proper preservation, these natural resources will be lost, and wildlife displacement will occur. These lands also house large amounts of carbon dioxide, thus helping to maintain the homeostatic nature of the environment and reducing the threat of drastic climate change.

Cultural Heritage

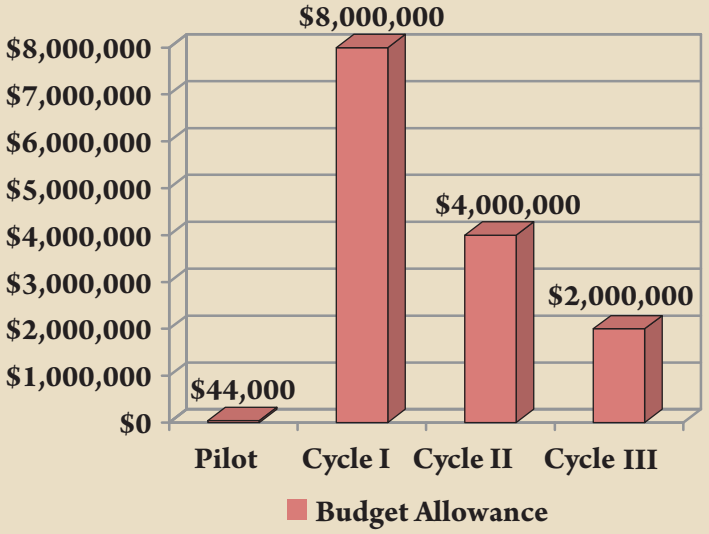
The importance of protecting agricultural area is not only for our economic and environmental future, but the preservation of our quality of life. Working farmlands and rural scenery are a deeply-rooted aspect of North Carolina's history. This cultural heritage is what makes the state so appealing to both its residents and visitors. It is imperative that we preserve the land that is an integral part of North Carolina's heritage and ensure that legacy for future generations.

Budget

2008-09 ADFP Trust Fund Budget (Cycle II)	
Administrative Costs (2008-2009)	$80,000
Administrative Costs (2009-2010) (reserve)	$80,000
Agricultural Development Program Grants	$800,000
Term Conservation Easement Grants	$1,300,000
Perpetual Conservation Easement Grants	$1,700,000
Reserve	$40,000
TOTAL	**$4,000,000**



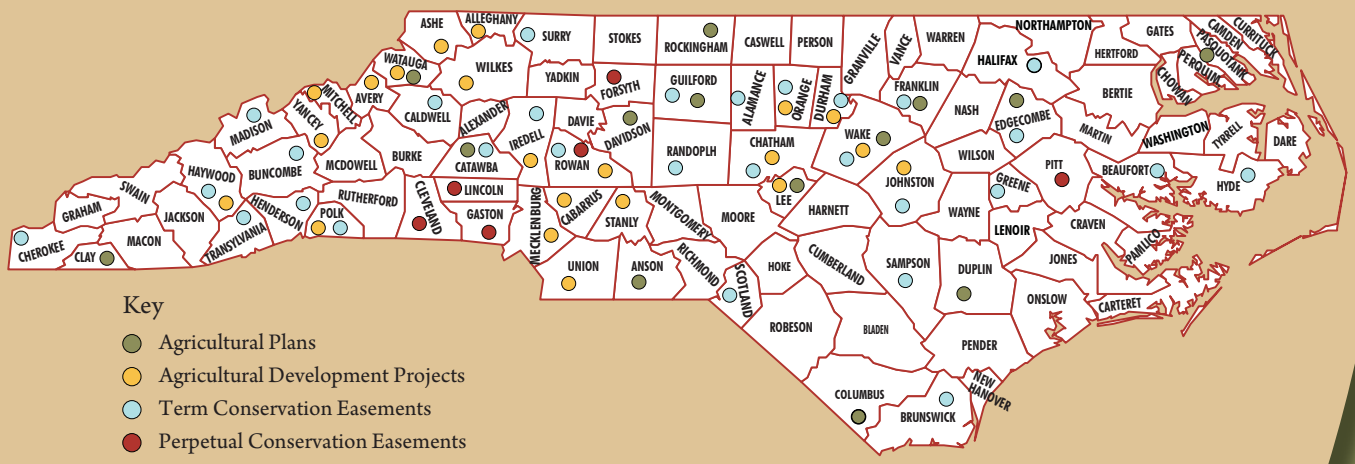
ADFP Trust Fund Budget History



A total of $44,000 in funding was available for the Pilot Project. The ADFP Trust Fund was given a budget of $8,000,000 in Cycle I. Since the end of Cycle I, grant allocation has subsequently been reduced due to economic conditions. At the time of publication, applications were being reviewed for Cycle III; the operating budget allotted for this upcoming grant year is $2,000,000.

ADFP Cycle II Grant Applicants

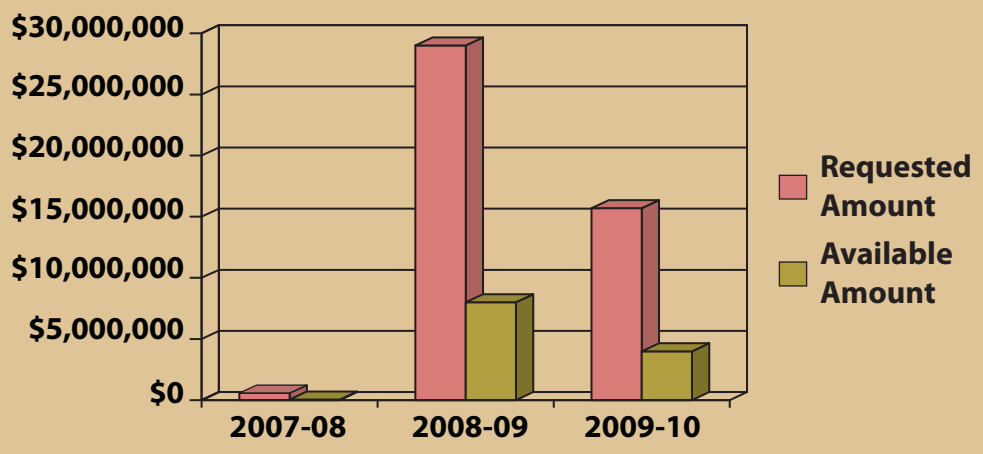
The applicants for the ADFP 2009-2010 grant cycle propose to benefit the following counties. This map contains only specific counties named in the applications and does not include regional or statewide projects.



**Physical property location of easement application is noted, and location of grant applicant organization may not be represented.*

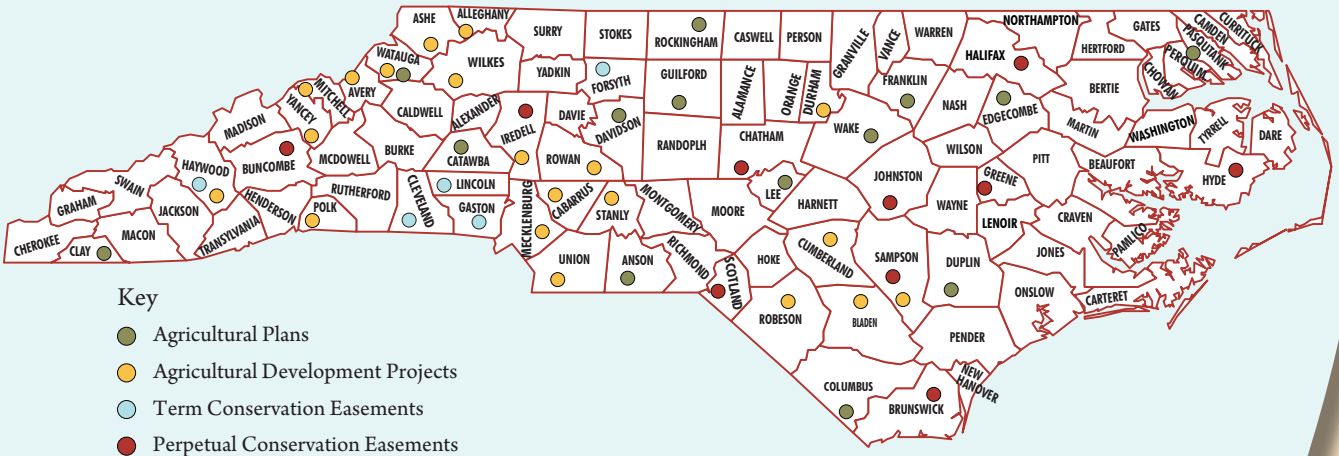
2009-10 Grant Cycle Applications			
Application Type	Number of Applications	Requested Grant Amount	Estimated Project Value
Perpetual Conservation Easements	41	$13,150,280	$38,902,849
Term Conservation Easements	6	$1,833,898	$3,164,100
Agricultural Plans	14	$331,392	$523,340
Development Projects	9	$382,750	$6,528,350
TOTAL	**70**	**$15,698,320**	**$49,118,639**
The Trust Fund received applications representing 55 counties throughout the state.			

ADFP Trust Fund Application Requests 2007-Present



ADFP Cycle II Grant Recipients

The following counties have been selected for funding in the ADFP 2009-2010 grant cycle. This map contains only specific counties named in the applications and does not include regional or statewide projects. Physical property location of easement award is noted, and location of grant recipient organization may not be represented.



Key

- Agricultural Plans
- Agricultural Development Projects
- Term Conservation Easements
- Perpetual Conservation Easements

**This map also does not take into account the counties that have more than one proposal of each application type selected for funding (i.e. if a county has applied for funding for 3 enterprise projects then only 1 is represented on the map).*

Public & Private Enterprise Programs

Awarded:	Match:	Estimated Project Total:
$609,042	**$377,587**	**$986,629**

Agricultural Development Projects	Agricultural Plans
Awarded: $277,650	Awarded: $331,392
Match: $192,678	Match: $184,909
Estimated Project Total: $470,328	Estimated Project Total: $516,301

Easements

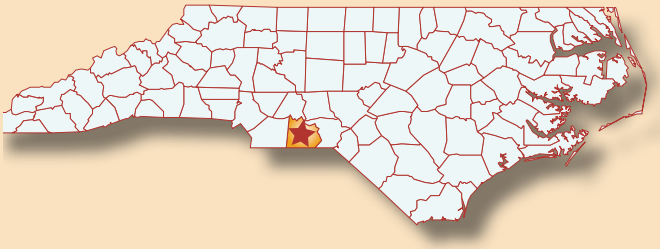
Awarded:	Match:	Estimated Project Total:
$3,374,981	**$12,098,773**	**$15,473,754**

Term Easements	Perpetual Easements
Awarded: $428,223	Awarded: $2,946,758
Match: $798,777	Match: $11,299,996
Estimated Project Total: $1,227,000	Estimated Project Total: $14,246,754

Grants Awarded

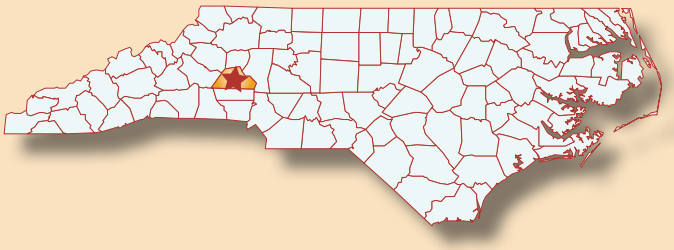
Agricultural Plans

Anson County VAD/EVAD Program



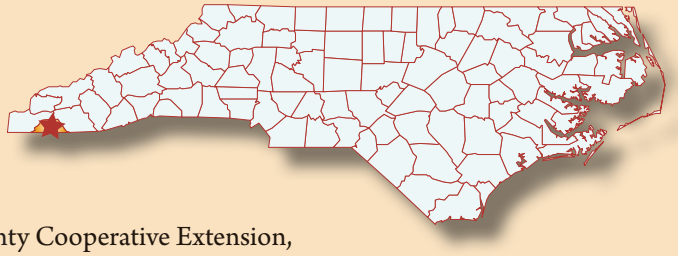
Award: $8,500
Match: $8,545
Estimated Project Value: $17,045
Target Area: Anson County
Grantee: Anson County
Partner: Anson County Cooperative Extension
Contact: Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director
Description: This grant will be used to establish a VAD program and to develop a county-wide Farmland Protection plan.

Catawba County VAD Program



Award: $5,750
Match: $4,200
Estimated Project Value: $9,950
Target Area: Catawba County
Grantee: Catawba County Planning, Parks and Development
Partners: Catawba County Planning, Parks and Development, Catawba County Cooperative Extension
Contact: Mary K. George, Assistant Planning Director
Description: Catawba County adopted a VAD/EVAD ordinance and intends to advertise their newly adopted plan, as well as recruit farmers and educate the public on the VAD/EVAD program in Catawba County.

Clay County Farmland Protection Plan



Award: $35,000
Match: $22,250
Estimated Project Value: $57,250
Target Area: Clay County
Grantee: Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District
Partners: Clay County, Clay County SWCD Board, Clay County Cooperative Extension, NCDA&CS, N.C. CWMTF, Hiawasee River Watershed Coalition, Land Trust for the Little Tennessee, USDA/RC&D, USDA/NRCS, N.C. Forest Service, US Forest Service
Contact: Leanna Staton, Administrative Assistant
Description: Clay County will use grant funds to establish a Farmland Protection Plan. Clay County Soil & Water Conservation Service is the lead agency on this project.

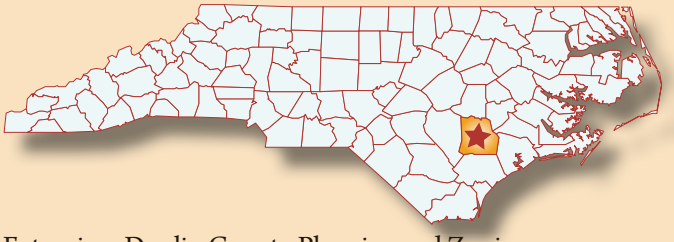
Columbus County VAD Program

Award: $3,000
Match: $1,000
Estimated Project Value: $4,000
Grantee: Columbus County Soil & Water Conservation District
Target Area: Columbus County
Contact: Edward E. Davis, Director
Partners: Columbus SWCD, Cape Fear RC&D
Description: Funds will be used to raise awareness and promote the VAD program in Columbus County. Columbus County SWCD will be administering this project.

Davidson County Farmland Protection Plan

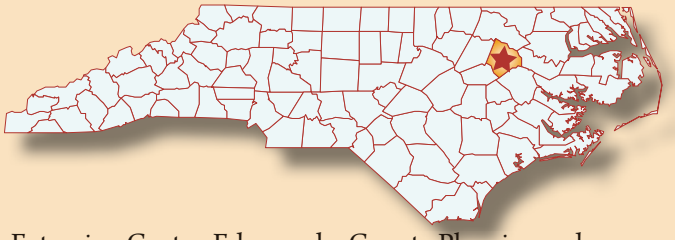
Award: $25,000
Match: $10,725
Estimated Project Value: $35,725
Target Area: Davidson County
Grantee: Davidson County Cooperative Extension
Partners: Davidson County Cooperative Extension, Davidson County SWCD, Davidson County Planning and Zoning Department, Davidson County Government, Davidson County VAD Board, Davidson County Farm Bureau, Cooperative Extension Advisory Leadership System
Contact: Carl McKnight, Davidson County CES Director
Description: This project will develop and implement a Farmland Protection Plan for Davidson County.

Duplin County Farmland Protection Plan



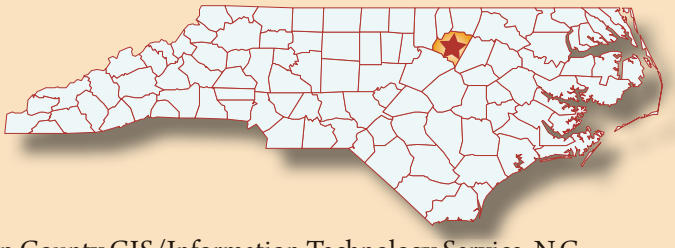
Award: $ 39,530
Match: $ 32,720
Estimated Project Value: $72,250
Target Area: Duplin County
Grantee: Duplin County
Partners: Duplin County SWCD, Duplin County Cooperative Extension, Duplin County Planning and Zoning Department, Duplin County Agricultural Center
Contact: Ed Emory, County Extension Director
Description: This grant will be used to develop a county-wide Farmland Protection Plan.

Edgecombe County Farmland Protection Plan



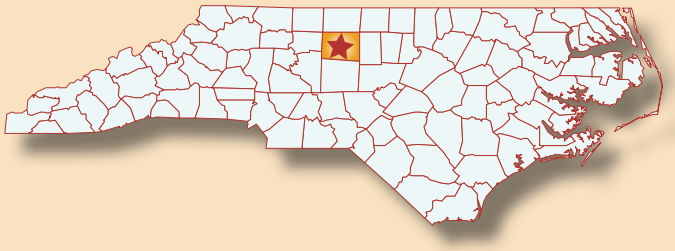
Award: $37,700
Match: $19,300
Estimated Project Value: $57,000
Target Area: Edgecombe County
Grantee: Edgecombe County
Partners: Edgecombe County, Edgecombe SWCD, Edgecombe Extension Center, Edgecombe County Planning and Inspection, Edgecombe County Tax Assessor
Contact: Margaret Knight, District Director
Description: This project will develop and implement a county Farmland Protection Plan.

Franklin County Farmland Protection Plan



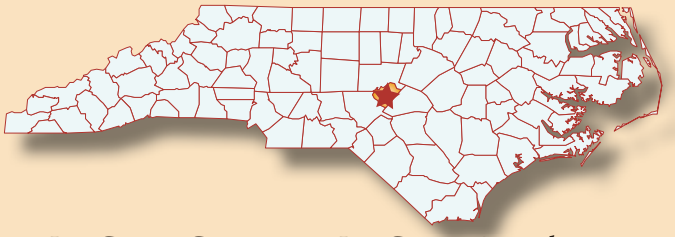
Award: $34,000
Match: $16,800
Estimated Project Value: $50,800
Target Area: Franklin County
Grantee: Franklin County Cooperative Extension
Partners: Franklin County Planning and Development, Franklin County GIS/Information Technology Service, N.C. Cooperative Extension, Franklin County Center, Franklin County Agricultural Center
Contact: Martha L. Mobley, Agriculture Extension Agent
Description: This project will develop and implement a Farmland Protection Plan for Franklin County. N.C. Cooperative Extension, Franklin County Center will be administering this project for the county.

Guilford County Farmland Protection Plan



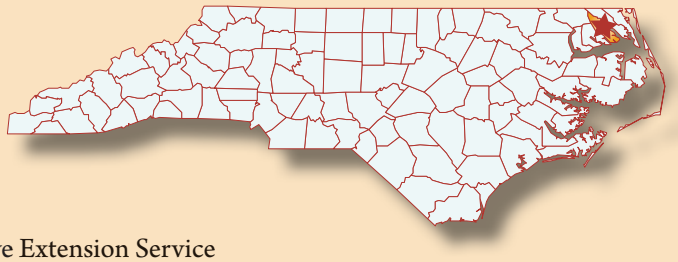
Award: $31,200
Match: $10,400
Estimated Project Value: $41,600
Target Area: Guilford County
Grantee: Piedmont Conservation Council
Partners: Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, Guilford Soil & Water Conservation District
Contact: Rudy Langley, Chairman
Description: With this grant, a County Farmland Protection Plan will be developed for Guilford County.

Lee County VAD Program



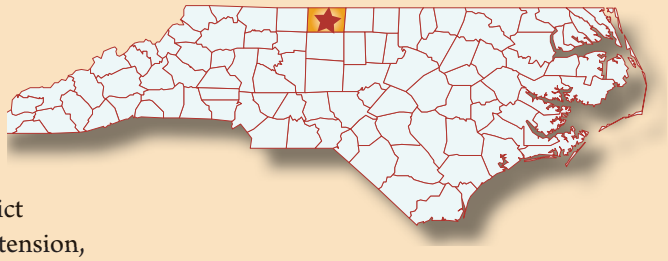
Award: $8,212
Match: $8,208
Estimated Project Value: $16,420
Target Area: Lee
Grantee: Lee County Soil & Water Conservation District
Partners: Lee County SWCD, Lee County Cooperative Extension, Lee County Government, Lee County Agriculture Advisory Board
Contact: Tommy Brooks, Soil Conservationist; Mike Gaster, Chairman, Lee SWCD Board
Description: Lee County was awarded a grant to establish a VAD program and to develop a county-wide Farmland Protection Plan.

Pasquotank County VAD Program



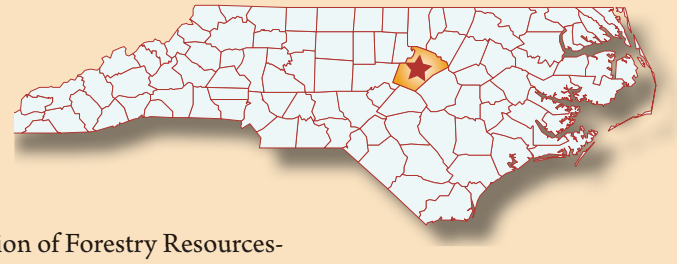
Award: $11,000
Match: $3,500
Estimated Project Value: $14,500
Target Area: Pasquotank County
Grantee: Pasquotank County Cooperative Extension
Partners: Pasquotank County, Pasquotank County Cooperative Extension Service
Contact: Travis Burke, County Extension Director
Description: This grant will be used to establish a VAD program as well as a VAD advisory board for Pasquotank County.

Rockingham County Farmland Protection Plan



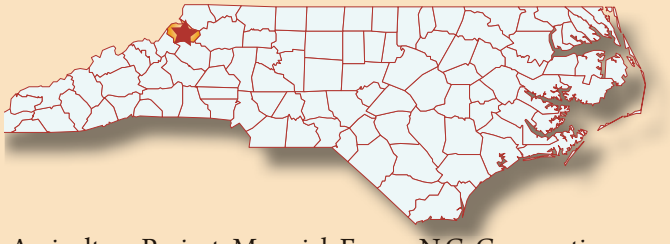
Award: $30,000
Match: $9,700
Estimated Project Value: $39,700
Target Area: Rockingham County
Grantee: Rockingham County Soil & Water Conservation District
Partners: Rockingham County SWCD, Rockingham County Extension, Dan River Basin Association, Rockingham County Planning Department, Rockingham County GIS Department, Rockingham County Farm Bureau
Contact: Larry Baker, Chairman
Description: Funds will help establish a Farmland Protection Plan in Rockingham County

Wake County EVAD Program



Award: $32,500
Match: $25,350
Estimated Project Value: $57,850
Target Area: Wake County
Grantee: Wake County Soil & Water Conservation District
Partners: Wake Soil & Water Conservation District, N.C. Division of Forestry Resources-Outreach and County, Wake County Cooperative Extension, Agribusiness Council, Triangle Land Conservancy, Wake County Parks, Recreation & Open Space, Wake County GIS Department, Wake County Planning Department, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency
Contact: Dale Threatt-Taylor, District Director
Description: This grant will be used to establish an Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District Program in Wake County.

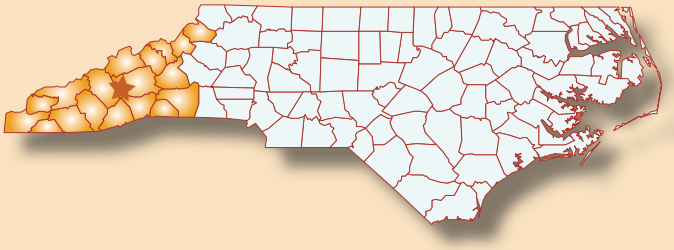
Watauga County Farmland Protection Plan



Award: $30,000
Match: $13,750
Estimated Project Value: $43,750
Target Area: Watauga County
Grantee: Watauga County
Partners: Appalachian State University, Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project, Maverick Farms, N.C. Cooperative Extension, Unique Places LLC, USDA-NRCS, Watauga Soil & Water Conservation District
Contact: Brian Chatham, Soil Conservation Technician
Description: This project will develop and implement a Farmland Protection Plan for Watauga County.

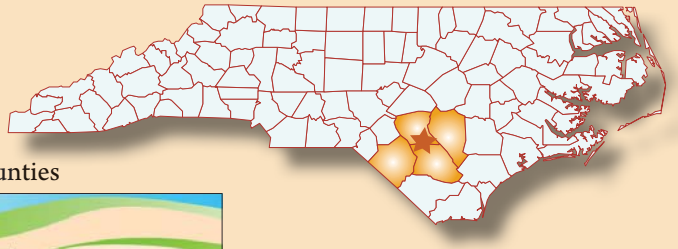
Development Projects

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project



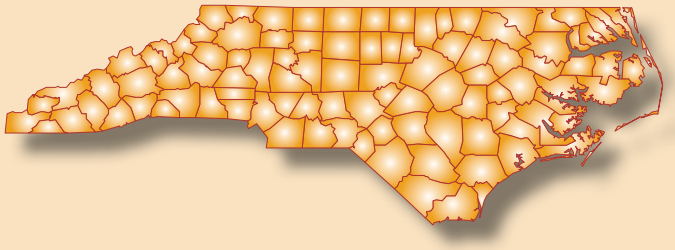
Award: $9,250
Match: $5,000
Estimated Project Value: $14,250
Target Area: Western N.C.
Grantee: Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project
Partner: WK Kellogg Foundation
Contact: Charlie Jackson, Executive Director
Description: "The Mixing Bowl" is a publication that connects local food suppliers and buyers in Western N.C. The creation of this publication is due to a grant from the ADFP Trust Fund Program in Cycle I. The goal of this project is to expand the size and scope of "The Mixing Bowl" to two publications; one focused on the High Country in the state, and the other concentrating on the central mountains.

NC Farm Center Community Farming



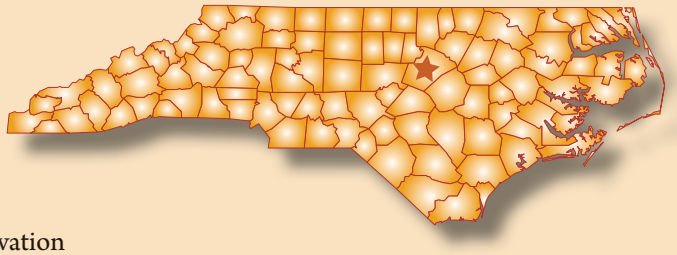
Award: $48,900
Match: $22,400
Estimated Project Value: $71,300
Target Area: Cumberland, Bladen, Robeson and Sampson Counties
Grantee: N.C. Farm Center
Partners: N.C. Farm Center
Contact: Richard Perritt, Executive Director
Description: The primary goal of this project is to develop 25-35 acres of farming area that is suitable for planting food crops and use by multiple local farming agencies. Each organization will be invited to manage two-acre plots of farmland. This project will assist low-income farmers continue to farm by accessing these lands and services provided by the N.C. Farm Center.

North Carolina Farm Transition Network



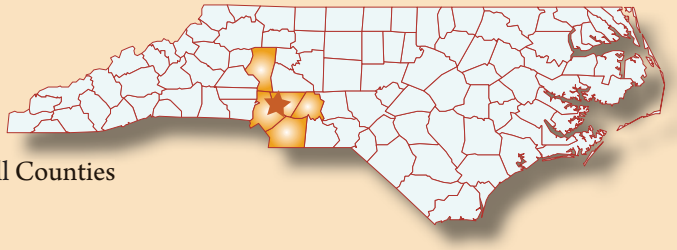
Award: $35,500
Match: $13,500
Estimated Project Value: $49,000
Target Area: Statewide
Grantee: North Carolina Farm Transition Network
Partners: N.C. Risk Management Agency, California Farmlink
Contact: Andrew Branan, Executive Director
Description: This grant will provide funding to develop a program for financing beginning farmer loan applications as well as set up an agricultural Individual Development Account Program in North Carolina. This will help enhance the role local and community banks play in beginning and local farmer financing.

North Carolina Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation



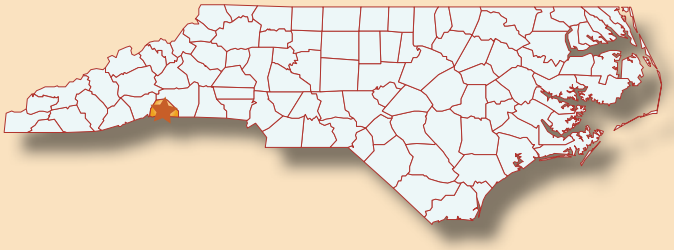
Award: $50,000
Match: $50,100
Estimated Project Value: $100,100
Target Area: Statewide
Grantee: North Carolina Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation
Partners: NCASWCD, N.C. Farm Bureau, N.C. State Grange, NCFSWC, Cabarrus SWCD, Harnett SWCD, Wilkes SWCD, Columbus SWCD, Person SWCD, Stanly SWCD, Stokes SWCD, Franklin SWCD, Durham SWCD, Carteret SWCD, Davidson SWCD, Hertford SWCD, Forsyth SWCD, Haywood SWCD, Avery SWCD, Guilford SWCD, Orange SWCD, N.C. District Employees Association
Contact: Cecil Settle, Executive Director
Description: Funding will assist N.C. Soil and Water Conservation Districts to analyze the status of 96 conservation districts and provide leadership and guidance in preserving farms and forests, in turn strengthening the State economy. A headquarters will also be established. Guidelines and operating systems will also be implemented.

Piedmont Farmers Market, Inc.



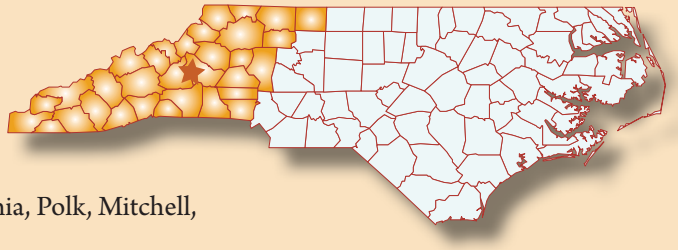
Award: $50,000
Match: $16,000
Estimated Project Value: $66,000
Target Area: Cabarrus, Union, Stanly, Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties
Grantee: Piedmont Farmers Market, Inc.
Partners: Piedmont Farmers Market, Inc.
Contact: Jeff Williams, President
Description: The primary goal of this project is to increase profitability of farmers by developing multiple smaller farmers markets. The grant will also help fund marketing efforts to make customers aware of the new farmer's market locations.

Polk County



Award: $34,000
Match: $35,678
Estimated Project Value: $69,678
Target Area: Polk County
Grantee: Polk County
Partners: Polk County
Contact: Lynn Sprague, Agricultural Economic Development Director
Description: Funds will help connect many small and beginning farmers with community and business opportunities. Marketing and training resources will also be made available to these farmers, in turn reconnecting the community with agriculture.

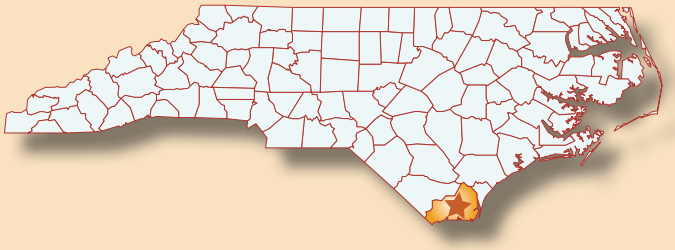
WNC Communities



Award: $50,000
Match: $50,000
Estimated Project Value: $100,000
Target Area: Haywood, Buncombe, Madison, Rutherford, Yancey, Henderson, Cherokee, Macon, Burke, Clay, Transylvania, Polk, Mitchell, Jackson, Graham, Swain, McDowell and Avery Counties
Grantee: WNC Communities
Partners: N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission
Contact: L.T. Ward, Vice President
Description: The goals of this project are to serve the needs of Western NC's livestock producers by designing, building and operating a livestock marketing facility. Grant funding will aid in the site design phase of the project. The new facility goals will include more profitable livestock operations and farmland preservation.

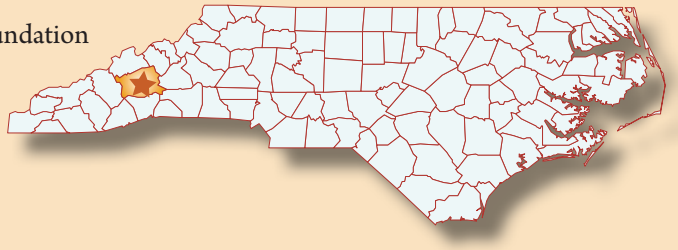
Easements

The Meadowlark Farm



Grantee: Brunswick Soil & Water Conservation District
Partners: N.C. Foundation for Soil & Water
Award: $17,000
Match: $1,320,500
Estimated Project Value: $1,337,500
Acreage:104
County: Brunswick
Production: Hay, corn
Description: Brunswick SWCD was awarded $17,000 to assist in the purchase of 104 acres of the Meadowlark Farm in Brunswick County, which produces hay and corn.

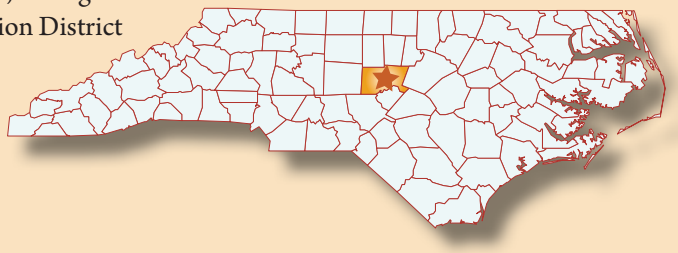
Snelson Sycamore Valley Farm



Grantee: Buncombe County
Partners: Buncombe County, USDA-NRCS, Soil & Water Foundation
Award: $345,206
Match: $194,667
Estimated Project Value: $539,873
Acreage: 140
County: Buncombe
Production: Livestock, produce, hay and timber
Description: Buncombe County was awarded $345, 206 to assist in purchasing 140 acres of the Snelson Sycamore Valley Farm. This farm is a 150-year-old, six-generation, working farm that produces livestock, produce, hay and timber, and includes a produce store on-site.

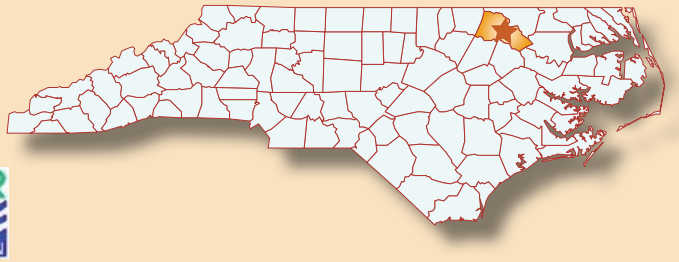
Dykers New Hope Farm

Grantee: Chatham County Soil & Water Conservation District
Partners: USDA-NRCS, Clean Water Management Trust Fund, Triangle Land Conservancy, Chatham County Soil & Water Conservation District
Award: $321,000
Match: $885,900
Estimated Project Value: $1,206,900
Acreage: 280
County: Chatham
Production: Livestock
Description: Chatham SWCD was awarded $321,000 to assist with purchasing a conservation easement on 280 acres on the Dykers New Hope Farm, which produces livestock.



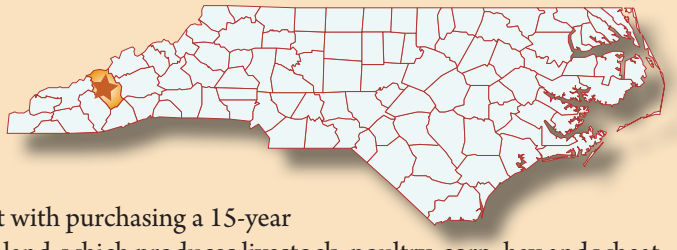
Wilkie Farm

Grantee: Fishing Creek Soil & Conservation District
Partners: Fishing Creek Soil & Water Conservation District
Award: $180,500
Match: $70,100
Estimated Project Value: $250,600
Acreage: 128
County: Halifax
Production: Corn, soybeans
Description: Fishing Creek SWCD was awarded $180,500 to assist in purchasing a conservation easement on 128 acres of the Wilkie Farm, which produces corn and soybeans.



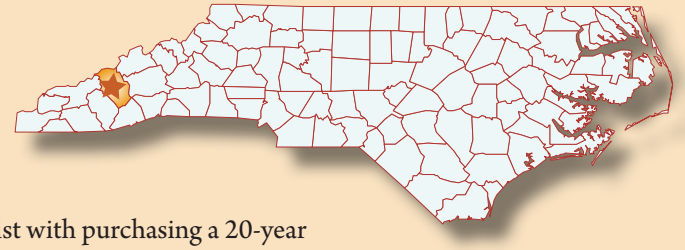
Rush Fork: Margaret Palmer

Grantee: Haywood County Soil & Water Conservation District
Partners: Haywood County Soil & Water Conservation District, Rush Fork Enterprises
Award: $214,860
Match: $319,640
Estimated Project Value: $534,500
Acreage: 322
County: Haywood
Production: Livestock, poultry, corn, hay, wheat
Description: Haywood SWCD was awarded $214,860 to assist with purchasing a 15-year conservation easement on 322 acres of Haywood County farmland, which produces livestock, poultry, corn, hay and wheat.



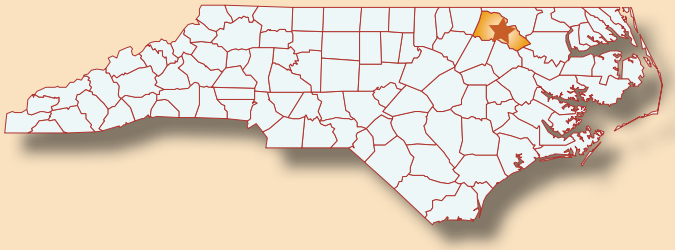
Rush Fork: Chris Palmer

Grantee: Haywood County Soil & Water Conservation District
Partners: Haywood County Soil & Water Conservation District
Award: $213,363
Match: $479,137
Estimated Project Value: $692,500
Acreage: 325
County: Haywood
Production: Corn, hay, wheat, livestock, timber
Description: Haywood SWCD was awarded $213,363 to assist with purchasing a 20-year conservation easement on farmland in Haywood County.



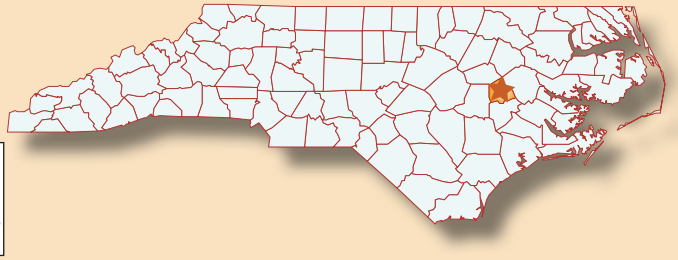
Curtis Holbert/New Lake Farm

Grantee: Hyde County Soil & Water Conservation District
Partners: Curtis Holbert/New Lake Farm
Award: $254,595
Match: $120,555
Estimated Project Value: $375,150
Acreage: 250
County: Hyde
Production: Wheat, corn, soybeans
Description: Hyde County SWCD received monies to help purchase a conservation easement on the New Lake Farm.

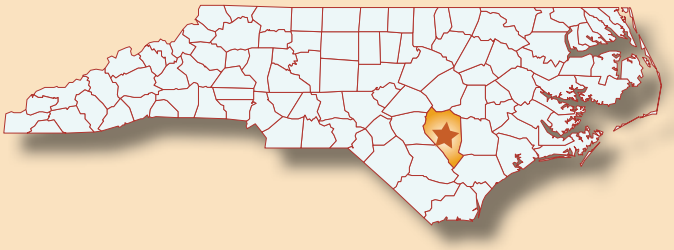


The Bynum Farm

Grantee: North Carolina Coastal Land Trust
Partners: N.C. Attorney General's Office
Award: $20,000
Match: $255,500
Estimated Project Value: $275,500
Acreage: 38 Acres
County: Greene
Production: Cotton, corn, beans
Description: North Carolina Coastal Land Trust was awarded $20,000 to assist with purchasing a conservation easement on the Bynum Farm.

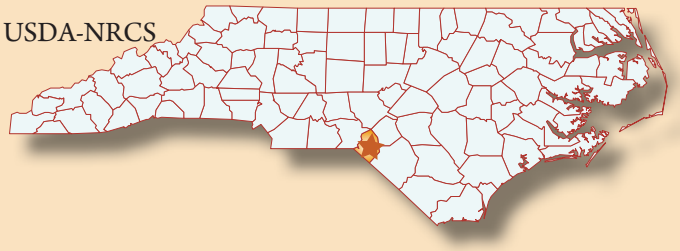


The Jackson Farm



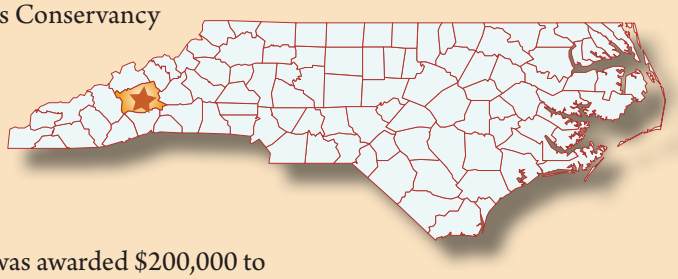
Grantee: North Carolina Coastal Land Trust
Partners: N.C. Attorney General's Office
Award: $20,000
Match: $288,000
Estimated Project Value: $308,000
Acreage: 90
County: Sampson
Production: Agritourism, hay, produce
Description: North Carolina Coastal Land Trust received $20,000 to assist in purchasing a conservation easement on 90 acres of the Jackson Farm.

The Gainey Farm



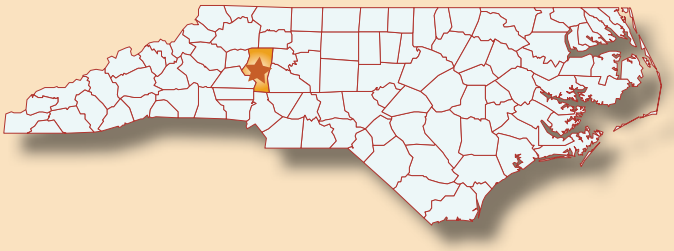
Grantee: Sandhills Area Land Trust
Partners: Sandhills Area Land Trust, Woodland Management, USDA-NRCS
Award: $250,000
Match: $110,000
Estimated Project Value: $360,000
Acreage: 146
County: Scotland
Production: Wheat, corn, soybeans
Description: Sandhills Area Land Trust received $250,000 to help purchase a conservation easement on 146 acres of the Gainey Farm, located in Scotland County.

The Claxton Farm



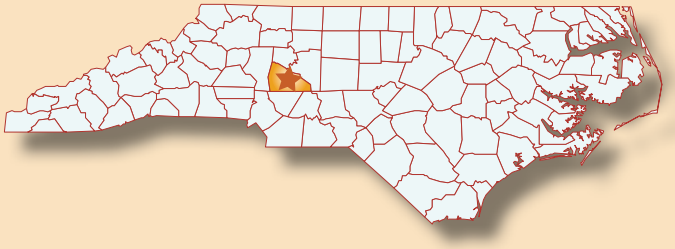
Grantee: Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
Partners: Buncombe County, Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy
Award: $200,000
Match: $5,863,600
Estimated Project Value: $6,063,600
Acreage: 500
County: Buncombe
Production: Livestock, hay
Description: Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy was awarded $200,000 to purchase a conservation easement on 500 acres of the Claxton Farm, which produces livestock and hay.

The Ha-Ho Dairy Farm



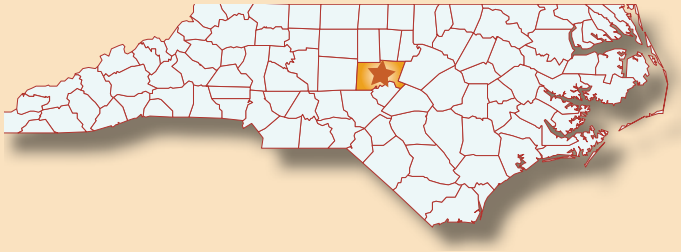
Grantee: The Land Trust for Central N.C.
Partners: Tobacco Trust Fund, USDA-NRCS
Award: $524,357
Match: $528,620
Estimated Project Value: $1,052,977
Acreage: 256
County: Iredell
Production: Corn, soybeans, hay, livestock
Description: The Land Trust for Central N.C. received $528,620 to assist with purchasing a conservation easement on 256 acres of the Ha-Ho Dairy Farm. This Iredell County farm has been operated by the same family since 1915.

The Hoffner Dairy Farm



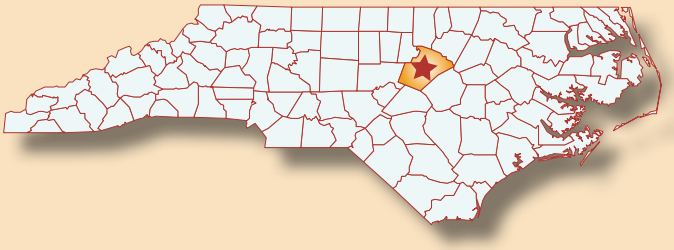
Grantee: The Land Trust for Central N.C.
Partners: USDA-NRCS, The Land Trust for Central N.C.
Award: $345,600
Match: $1,003,553
Estimated Project Value: $1,349,153
Acreage: 260
County: Rowan
Production: Livestock, hay, soybeans, corn
Description: Funds were awarded to The Land Trust for Central N.C. to assist in purchasing 260 acres of the Hoffner Dairy Farm. The Hoffner Dairy Farm is North Carolina's first organic dairy farm.

The Dow Ayrshire Farm



Grantee: Triangle Land Conservancy
Partners: Clean Water Management Trust Fund, Triangle Land Conservancy
Award: $96,000
Match: $73,500
Estimated Project Value: $169,500
Acreage: 15
County: Chatham
Production: Fruits, vegetables, agritourism
Description: Triangle Land Conservancy received $96,000 to assist with the purchase of a conservation easement on 15 acres of The Dow Ayrshire Farm. The Chatham County Farm is North Carolina's first certified organic farm.

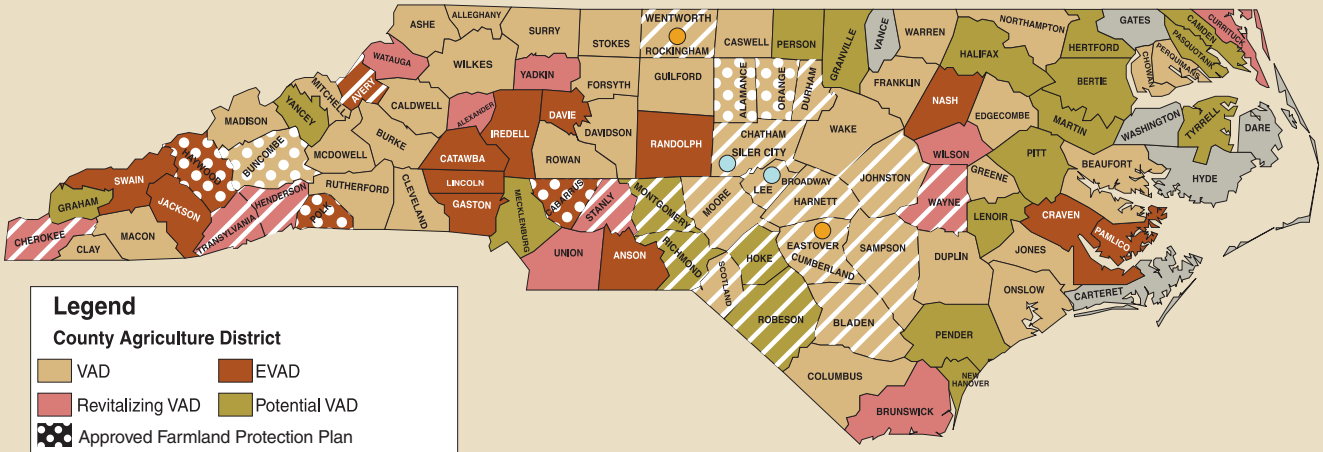
The Bunn Farm



Grantee: Triangle Land Conservancy
Partners: USDA-NRCS, Triangle Land Conservancy
Award: $372,500
Match: $598,500
Estimated Project Value: $970,000
Acreage: 289
County: Wake
Production: Tobacco, sweet potatoes, wheat, soybeans
Description: $372,500 was awarded to Triangle Land Conservancy to assist in purchasing a conservation easement on 289 acres of The Bunn Farm, which produces tobacco, sweet potatoes, wheat and soybeans.

Local Farmland Preservation Efforts

VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURE DISTRICTS



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- From **63** counties with Voluntary Agricultural Districts to **74** counties.
- From **7** counties with Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural Districts to **16** counties.
- **6** county-wide Farmland Protection Plans written and implemented.

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ADFP Outreach

ADFP Trust Fund Web site

The Trust Fund's Web site has been recently updated for better accessibility. The program's Web site includes the history of the ADFP Trust Fund, a list of past grant recipients, reporting forms for current grantees, an archive of ADFP newsletters and a frequently asked questions section. Also included are links to other governmental and non-profit organizations' Web sites relating to farmland preservation and conservation. The Web site can be accessed at www.ncadfp.org.

Outreach Efforts

For the past two years the ADFP Trust Fund has been invited to attend and participate in The Southern Farm Show, which is the largest agricultural exhibition in Virginia and the Carolinas, where the Trust Fund staff hosted an exhibit to educate and inform the public about the Trust Fund and the importance of farmland preservation. In addition to these shows, the ADFP Trust Fund also participated in the N.C. State Fair, The Reunion and Keeping The Farm Workshop, Century Farm, various farmland preservation workshops and agritourism events. The feedback we receive at these events has been overwhelmingly positive and shows that farmland preservation is an important issue to the residents of our state.

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