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Events

**Through 10/11 – State Fair
Online Ticket Sales –**
www.ncstatefair.org

**10/12-21 – NC State Fair – NC
State Fairgrounds – Raleigh**

**10/14-16 – NC League of
Municipalities Annual
Conference – Crown Expo
Center - Fayetteville**

**10/15- Water & Energy
Systems Management in a
Changing Climate – 4pm –
McKimmon Center – NCSU,
Raleigh**

**10/24-25 – 2007 Rural Partners
Forum– North Raleigh Hilton**

**10/24 – Farmland Preservation
Workshop Registration Due for
Lake Junaluska, Wilkesboro, &
Columbus Workshops**

**10/30 – Farmland Preservation
Workshop Registration Due for
Fayetteville & Mt. Olive
Workshops**

**10/31 – Farmland Preservation
Workshop** – 9:30am-3pm –
Lake Junaluska Conference
Center – Terrace Hotel – Lake
Junaluska**

**11/1 – Farmland Preservation
Workshop** – 9am-Noon –
Edwin McGee Center –
Wilkesboro**

**11/2 – Farmland Preservation
Workshop** – 9am-Noon –
Polk County Convention Center
– Columbus**

Trust Fund Update

Announcing 2007-08 Grant Cycle

The ADFP Trust Fund Advisory Committee is now soliciting proposals to award funding for *Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation*. You will find the guidelines and procedures to submit an application for consideration at the NC ADFP Trust Fund's website -- www.ncadfp.org. Please click on "2007-08 Funding Cycle" for more information. Landowners must partner with a non-profit conservation organization or county agency to submit an application.

In 2005 the North Carolina General Assembly passed House Bill 607 establishing the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFP).

This fund is to be administered by the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture for the purpose of purchasing agricultural conservation easements and agreements on agricultural, horticultural, and forestlands; or funding programs that promote the development, transitioning, and/or sustainability of agricultural, horticultural, and forestlands.

If you would like to have your application reviewed your eligibility then you can submit the application up to 2 weeks prior to the due date. Applications should be submitted electronically to ncadfp@ncmail.net or by fax to 919-716-0105 to be reviewed for eligibility ONLY by NCDA&CS.

Applications must be received by the ADFP Trust Fund by the close of business on **December 14, 2007**.

Farmland Preservation Workshops

Also, the NC ADFP Trust Fund is planning educational workshops on the topic of farmland preservation for November 2007.

These workshops are targeted at county and state government officials, non-profit conservation groups, landowners, and others who recognize the importance of agriculture in North Carolina and are interested in the growth, development, & sustainability of North Carolina farms.

Topics for the workshops include: NC ADFP Trust Fund Application Process, Agricultural Districts, Farmland Protection Plans, State and Federal Farmland Preservation Programs & Funding Sources, Conservation Easements & Agricultural Agreements, Farm Transition and Agricultural Development Programs

Please pass this information along to others who would be interested in attending. Please visit the NC ADFP Trust Fund's website -- www.ncadfp.org -- for more information regarding the workshops.

If you have additional questions, please contact Lindsay Ballance, Environmental Programs Office Manager at 919-733-7125 or email ncadfp@ncmail.net.

11/6 – Farmland Preservation Workshop** – 9am-Noon – Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Office –Fayetteville

11/7 – Farmland Preservation Workshop** – 9am–2pm – Mt. Olive College – Mt. Olive

11/8 – Farmland Preservation Registration Deadline for Concord & Burlington Workshops

11/19 – Farmland Preservation Workshop** – 9:30am-3pm – Cabarrus Arena & Event Center – Concord

11/20 – Farmland Preservation Workshop ** - 9am-Noon – Alamance County Cooperative Extension Office – Burlington

11/20 – Farmland Preservation Registration Deadline for Weldon & Elizabeth City Workshops

11/29 – Farmland Preservation Workshop ** - 9:30am-3pm – Halifax Community College – Weldon

11/30 – Farmland Preservation Workshop ** - 9am-Noon – Pasquotank Cooperative Extension Center – Elizabeth City

11/30 – Deadline for Eligibility Review of ADFP Trust Fund Applications

11/30 – Agricultural Advancement Consortium Meeting with Under Secretary Dorr –10am - Noon - NC Rural Economic Development Center, Raleigh

12/14- Due Date for ADFP Trust Fund Grant Applications

** Registration for farmland preservation workshops begins 30 prior to the start time. Workshop attendees are encouraged to arrive early.

Events

State Fair online ticket sales under way

RALEIGH –Discounted admission and ride tickets for the N.C. State Fair are on sale on the Fair's Web site, www.ncstatefair.org. Advance tickets will be available through Oct. 11. Fairgoers buying online tickets with a debit or credit card will save \$2 per adult admission ticket and \$8 per ride sheet. Advance admission tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$1 for children ages 6-12. Adult admission tickets for groups of 40 or more cost \$4.75. A coupon that can be redeemed at the State Fair for a sheet of ride tickets costs \$10 in advance.

10/14-16 – NC League of Municipalities Annual Conference – Crown Expo Center - Fayetteville
<http://www.nclm.org/>

Water & Energy Systems Management in a Changing Climate

Dr. Upmanu Lall, Columbia University

4:00 pm, Monday, October 15, 2007

Jane S. McKimmon Center, NC State University

Dr. Upmanu Lall is the Alan and Carol Silberstein Professor of Engineering associated with both the Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering and the Department of Civil Engineering & Engineering Mechanics, and is Senior Research Scientist of the International Research Institute for Climate Prediction at Columbia University. Abstract:

Capacity provision, design and expansion in engineering systems have always recognized that water and energy demands and source mix may change with time. Infrastructure siting, scheduling and operation models have been formulated to address this situation with considerations of reliability and stochastic water and energy demands as well as water/hydropower supply. As we consider climate change adaptation, we recognize that the stochastic models used may need change as we consider nonstationarity in the climate and its influence on both supply and demand. The nonstationarity arises from both inter-annual, decadal and longer natural climate variations and from anthropogenic factors. A modeling framework under which these factors can be considered for use in system design is discussed with some examples. This seminar is free and open to the public. WRRI will offer 1 Professional Development Hour (PDH) for engineers and surveyors. Hosted by WRRI and Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering, NC State University

<http://www.ncsu.edu/wrri/events/#ncwra>

2007 Rural Partners Forum -Lighting the Way Forward – October 24-25, 2007• North

Raleigh Hilton -Announcement of more than \$130 million in water and sewer and other rural development grants. Launch of exciting new training opportunities & information tools for rural leaders. Inspiring presentations on what it means to lead in demanding times and how rural leaders across the country are excelling in the face of adversity. "Front Porch Stories: Lessons in Leadership" - a panel of distinguished North Carolinians will share stories of courage, humor, compassion and quick thinking from their wide-ranging experiences. An evening of food and music highlighting North Carolina's agricultural bounty and rich cultural heritage. Celebration of the Rural Center's 20 years of service to rural people and communities, made possible by those who believed in us, invested in us, worked side-by-side with us and provided enlightened guidance over the last two decades. **Online Registration Deadline: October 15, 2007 Fees:** \$110.00/person for plenary session, reception and dinner on October 24
\$75.00/person for plenary session, breakfast and lunch on October 25
\$175.00/person for both events, October 24-25 **For more registration information, contact:** Cynthia Spencer at the Rural Center. Telephone (919) 250-4314. Fax (919) 250-4325. E-mail cspencer@ncruralcenter.org. <http://ncruralcenter.org/forum2007/>

Agricultural Advancement Consortium Meeting with Under Secretary Dorr The Agricultural Advancement Consortium will be meeting on Friday November 30th 2007 10:00 am-noon at the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center. They are very fortunate to have Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr as their keynote speaker. According to the US Department of Agriculture, there is more than \$1.7 trillion in equity in farmland in the United States. Under Secretary Dorr's presentation will focus on what states need to do to create low-risk investment models that will allow land-owners access to the equity built up in their farmland. This would provide a market-based tool helping to alleviate the development pressures on land-owners who are cash poor, but asset rich. Please plan to attend and welcome him. Lunch will be provided following the meeting. Please RSVP. Please contact Billy Guillet if you have any questions – 919-250-4314.

Web Links of Interest

Land Trust Alliance

<http://www.lta.org/farmersand ranchers/index.html>

The Wilderness Society – New website called - Housing Sprawl in the Southeast - Our Vanishing Places. Watch the maps of the Southeast United States change colors from "green" to "red" between 1940 to 2030.

<http://www.tws.org/OurIssues/EasternForests/SprawlSE.cfm>

American Farmland Trust – PACE Survey

-The 2007 state and local PACE survey results are now available. To view the tables, please select from the links provided above. The tables track the progress of farm and ranch land protection programs in 21 states and 56 localities that have acquired funding and/or easements. The data in this survey is current as of January 2007, unless otherwise indicated. We have also attached a map illustrating nationwide PACE activity by state.

As of July 2007:

1. Thirty-two states have PACE activity at the state and/or local level;
 2. Twenty-seven states have state-level PACE activity; and
 3. Eighteen states have PACE activity at the local level.
- PACE tables are available in PDF format on the Farmland Information Center Web site, <http://www.farmlandinfo.org/>. Please feel free to copy and distribute these documents as necessary. These data are used by a variety of groups including: program managers, Natural Resources Conservation Service staff, elected officials, reporters and the general public.

News

Funding available for farmland preservation projects

RALEIGH – County governments and nonprofit groups pursuing farmland preservation projects can apply for funding assistance from the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler announced today.

Applications and guidelines for the 2008 funding cycle are available by logging on to www.ncadfp.org or calling (919) 733-7125. Applications are due Dec. 14. The trust fund's purpose is to support projects that encourage the preservation of qualifying agricultural, horticultural and forest lands to foster the growth, development and sustainability of family farms. Grants can be awarded for agricultural agreements that promote the active production of food and fiber on farm and forest lands; public and private enterprise programs that promote profitable and sustainable farm and forest lands; and the purchase of conservation easements on farm and forest lands. "The General Assembly appropriated \$8 million to the trust fund for the 2007-08 fiscal year, and we're excited about using this money to help communities stem the steep drop in farm and forest acreage across North Carolina," Troxler said.

<http://www.ncagr.com/paffairs/release/2007/10-07adfp.htm>

Tryon Daily Bulletin

Farmland preservation effort seeks funds from transfer tax October 3, 2007

Polk commissioners are considering designating \$200,000 for the county's farmland preservation program this year, even though the referendum on the land transfer tax that could provide that money has been delayed until 2008.

The vote to designate the funding for farmland preservation Monday night failed 3-2, with commissioners Tommy Melton, Harry Denton and Warren Watson opposing the motion only because the item wasn't on the agenda.

Dave Slater of the Polk County Farmland Preservation Board spoke during a discussion of the proposed land transfer tax and requested that 100 percent of the revenue from a land transfer tax be dedicated to farmland preservation.

NCDA&CS – Hay Alert

<http://www.ncagr.com/HayAlert/>

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is making this Web site available in an effort to bring together farmers in need of hay with those who have hay for sale. If farmers have hay for sale or need hay, NCDA&CS will list their names, addresses and other pertinent information. It will then be the responsibility of the buyers and sellers to negotiate sales. If you are interested in listing your name as a buyer or seller, you can submit your information online by filling in the "Submit Your Ad" form or by calling toll-free **1-866-506-6222** weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Winston-Salem Journal

Poll shows most in North Carolina oppose new land-transfer taxes

Many also support stem-cell research and ban on smoking
ELON

Most North Carolina residents oppose new land-transfer taxes that would generate money for local government, according to an Elon University poll released yesterday.

The telephone survey of 664 adults conducted last week comes as more than 10 counties have put referenda on the ballot this fall asking voters to support a higher tax on land transactions. Only 22 percent polled supported raising the transfer tax.

http://www.journalnow.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=WSJ%2FMGArticle%2FWSJ_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173352975295&path=%21localnews&s=1037645509099

Elizabeth City Daily Advance

Pasquotank delays vote on OLF opposition

Pasquotank's Board of Commissioners delayed voting whether to adopt a resolution that opposes northeastern North Carolina as a site for the U.

S. Navy's proposed outlying landing field, Monday night. The board agreed to delay action on the proposal after a recommendation by Commissioner Bill Trueblood, who supports the anti-OLF resolution. "I made the motion we hold off until we found out what Camden commissioners had done at their meeting," Trueblood said. "Had I known Camden voted to support it, then we would have voted to support it."

Camden's Board of Commissioners voted Monday morning to oppose the OLF, and Monday night Currituck's Board of Commissioners declined to adopt a resolution to oppose the OLF. Trueblood said Pasquotank commissioners weren't aware of Camden's morning vote until after their meeting Monday night. ...

<http://www.dailyadvance.com/news/content/news/stories/2007/10/03/1003PasquotankOLF.html>

For more information regarding the NC Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund, please visit www.ncadfp.org or contact us at ncadfp@ncmail.net or 919-733-7125.

WRAL

Apex Approves 9,000-Acre Expansion Plan

Apex leaders voted unanimously Tuesday for an expansion plan that could position the town to nearly double in size in the next 10 years.

The expansion will be the largest extra-territorial jurisdiction move ever in Wake County, Apex Mayor Keith Weatherly said. Nearly 9,000 acres of land would become part of the town's growth area.

Extra-territorial jurisdiction gives a municipality the right to control planning and zoning in unincorporated areas.

"It allows for orderly planning on the area adjacent to our city limits," Weatherly said. "It provides protection from a neighbor, from the intrusion of something that could be built next door." <http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/1885924/>

Hendersonville Times News

Duke donates trucks to aid N.C. farmers

RALEIGH -- Duke Energy Corp. and West Brothers Transportation Services Inc. are donating trucking services to help North Carolina cattle farmers cope with a massive hay shortage, said N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. The companies volunteered to haul loads of baled cornstalks from eastern North Carolina farms to western counties over the next four to five weeks. They will haul up to three loads a week, and each load will contain 34 to 40 bales. The bales will be sold to farmers on a first-come, first-served basis. Agents with N.C. Cooperative Extension are coordinating the hay sales. To find or offer hay transportation services, visit www.ncagr.com/HayAlert. Farmers also can call (866) 506-6222 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. [http://www.hendersonvillenews.com/article/20070928/NEWS/709280318/1042/NEWS/NEWS/Duke donates trucks to aid N C farmers](http://www.hendersonvillenews.com/article/20070928/NEWS/709280318/1042/NEWS/NEWS/Duke%20donates%20trucks%20to%20aid%20N%20C%20farmers)

Virginian-Pilot

6 North Carolina sites may advance to next step in OLF process

CURRITUCK - At least some of the six new outlying landing field sites proposed in North Carolina could move toward the next step of approval, state policy analyst Steve Wall told members of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners at a meeting Thursday. Navy Cmdr. Richard Catoire and Wall added some details to the announcement last week that six new sites could be added to the five already named in North Carolina. Navy and state officials also plan to hold meetings with commissioners in Pasquotank and Camden counties this week and next. The state says it will study the new sites and make recommendations to the Navy by Oct. 31. The Navy plans to announce whether any new sites will get further study by Nov. 15.

<http://home.hamptonroads.com/stories/print.cfm?story=133465&ran=220893>

News & Observer

Local approval needed for Navy landing field, Dole insists

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole has cautioned Navy officials that the site they choose for a landing field must have the approval of the local community. In a letter to the Navy, Dole, a Republican from North Carolina, said she was dismayed that the Navy did not consult the communities near six alternative sites it is considering for a practice airfield, according to a news release from her office. The airfield would allow pilots to practice landings but would not be home to a naval base. Plans to put the airfield in Washington and Beaufort counties stalled due to opposition from residents and environmentalists over the noise and potential harm to migratory birds. ...

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/story/718957.html>