

Presentation to the Joint House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Natural and Economic Resources
Lisa Riegel, Executive Director
(919) 707-8638
March 5, 2013

NHTF MISSION

Protect Natural & Cultural Heritage Lands

- Recreation, scientific, education, cultural and aesthetic purposes
- Additions to state parks, trails, forests, wildlife areas
- Historic properties program
- Other beneficial use and enjoyment by the public



GRANT PROCESS

- Rules – Use Statute
- Grant Application
- 2 Cycles/year – Fall and Spring
- Trustee Site Visits
- Board Meeting
 - Review and Award grants





How Board Sets Priorities

- Based on Statute
 - Natural and/or Cultural Significance
 - Agency Priority
 - DENR (Environment and Natural Resources)
 - Agriculture
 - Wildlife Resources
 - Cultural Resources
- Economic Impact
- Urgency (threat) and Readiness
- Matching Funds



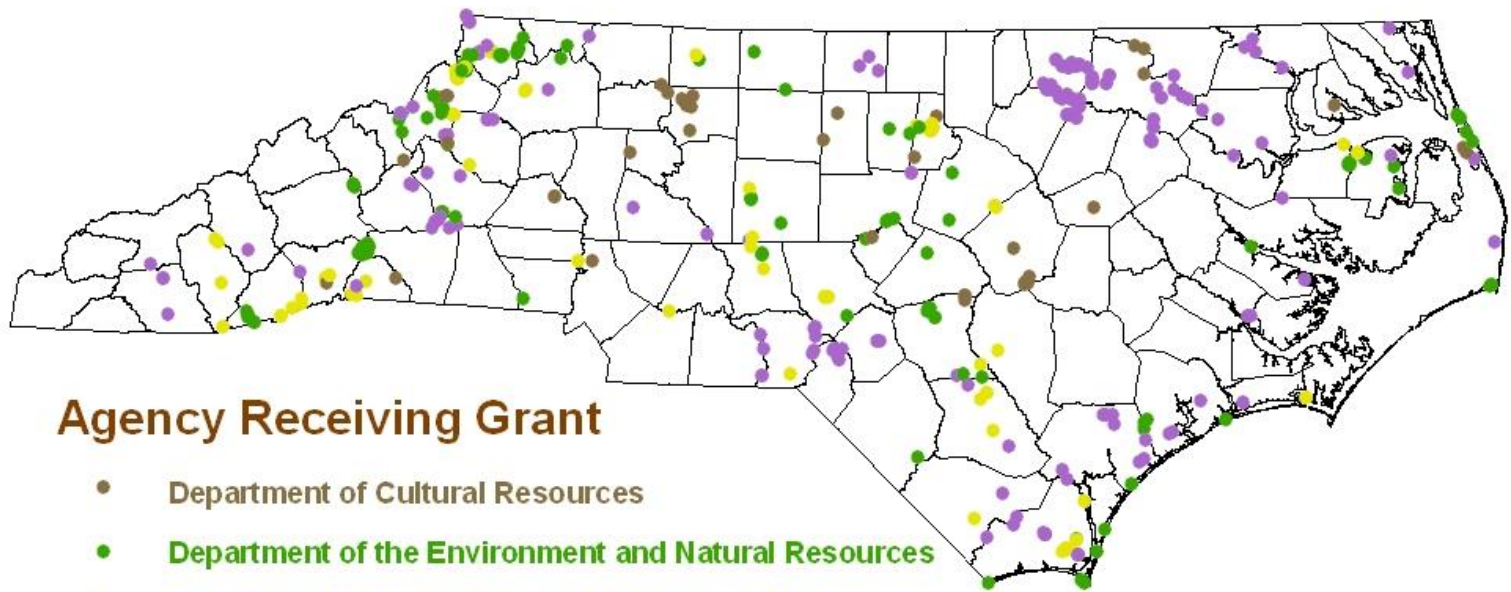
Dispersement of Funds

- NHTF can disperse funds as soon as:
 - Contract prepared
 - Concurrently, Title Opinion, Legislative (Governmental Operations) & Council of State approval of acquisition

Grant Monitoring Process

- Status Reports
- Dedication Process
- State Property Office Database
- State Agency – Long Term Management

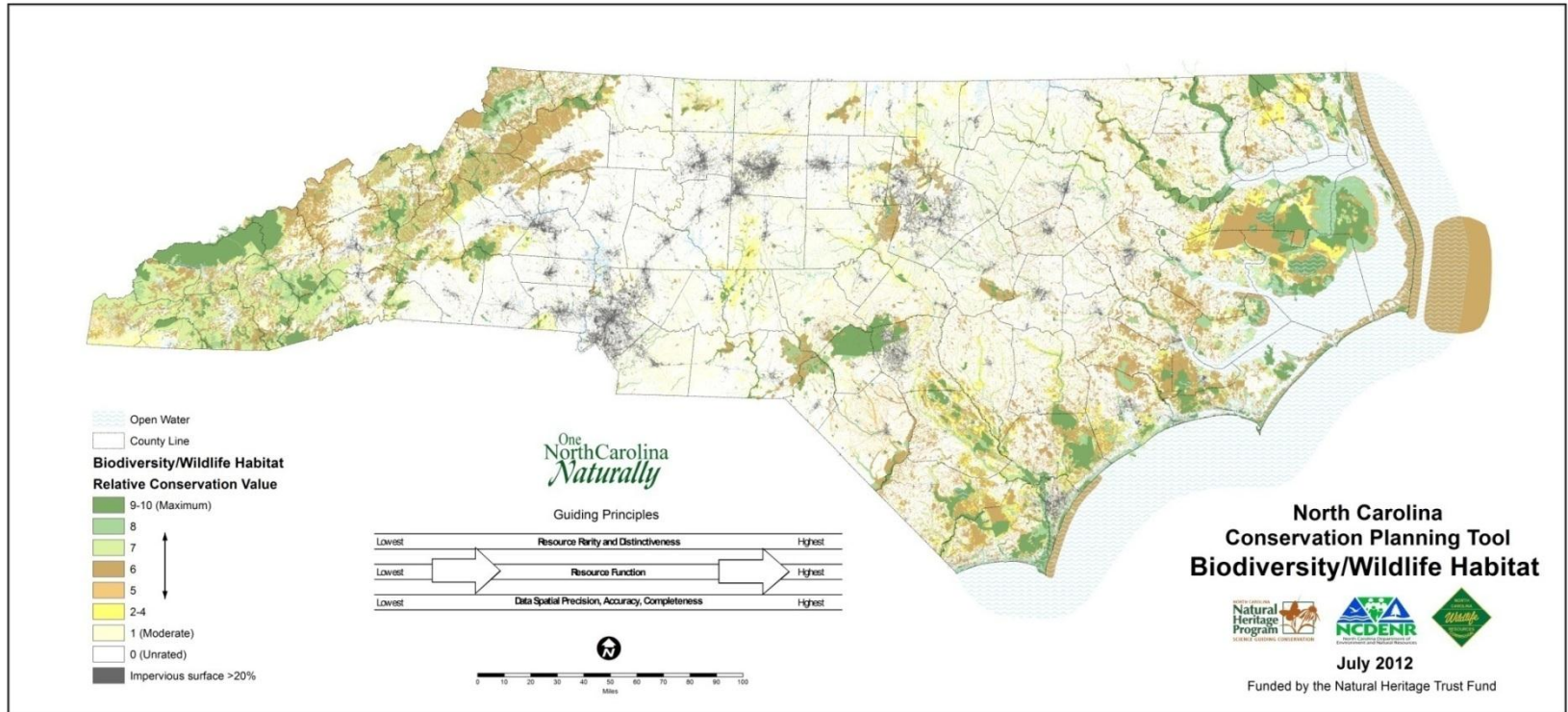
Natural Heritage Trust Fund
Project Awards
1988- Spring 2013



Agency Receiving Grant

- Department of Cultural Resources
- Department of the Environment and Natural Resources
- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Science
- Wildlife Resources Commission

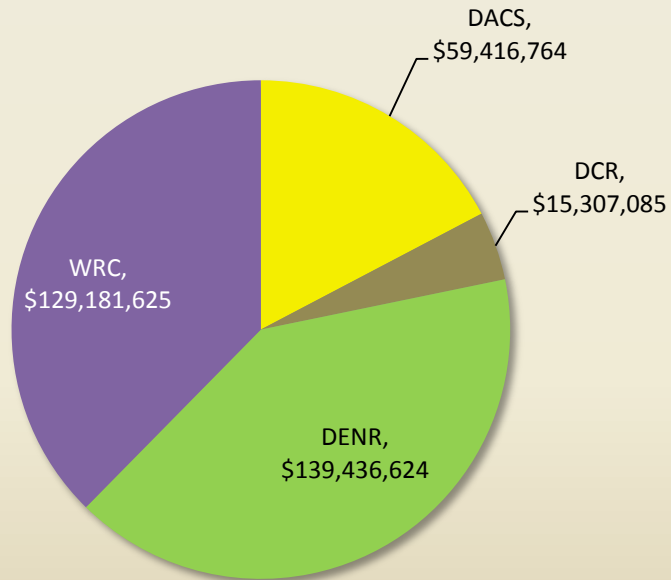
One NC Naturally Conservation Planning Tool



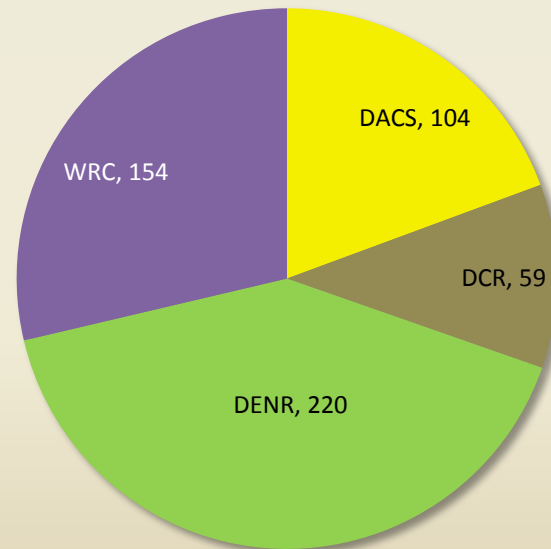
Biodiversity / Wildlife Habitat Assessment

DISTRIBUTION BY AGENCY

**Dollar Amount of Grants by Agency
1988-2012**



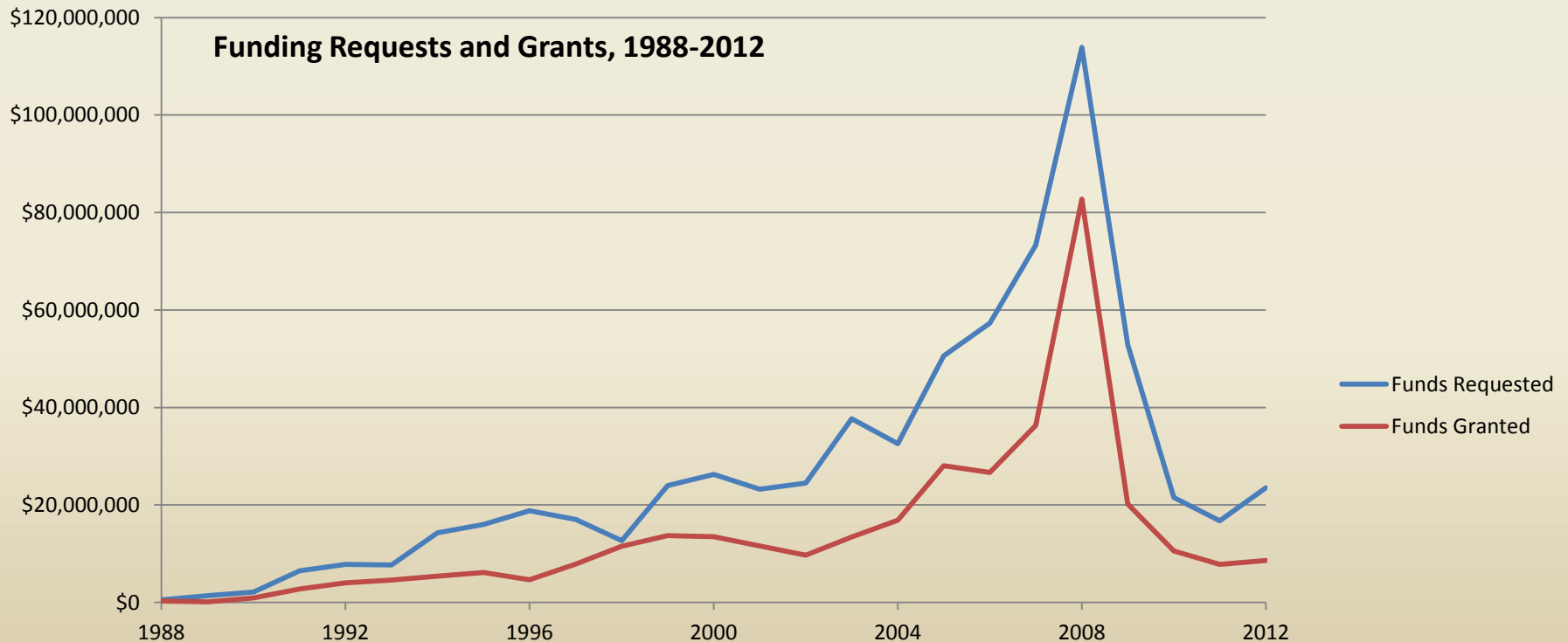
**Number of Grants per Agency
1988-2012**



WRC = Wildlife Resources Commission
DENR = Environment and Natural Resources
DACs = Agriculture and Consumer Services
DCR = Cultural Resources

PENT UP DEMAND

*Immediate response to availability of funds shows pent up demand.
Historically only 50% of requests are funded as Applicants only submit top projects
and know level of funding available.
\$673 million requested vs. \$343 million awarded*

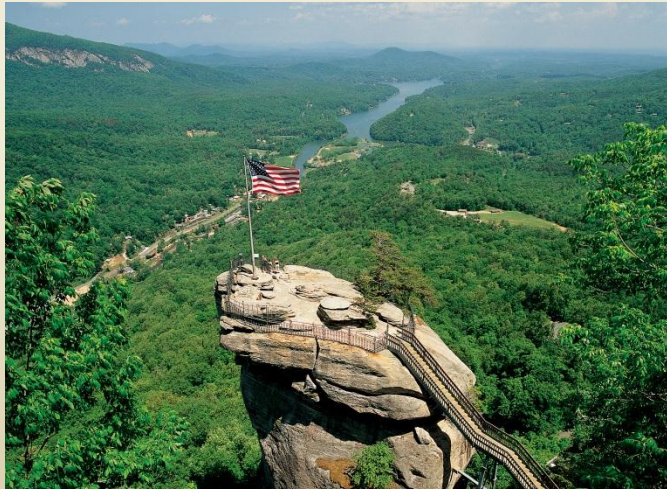


ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Tourism
- Military Buffer
- Health Benefits
- Quality of Life - Attracts Businesses
- \$4:\$1 return on investment



Hunting in state gameland



Chimney Rock

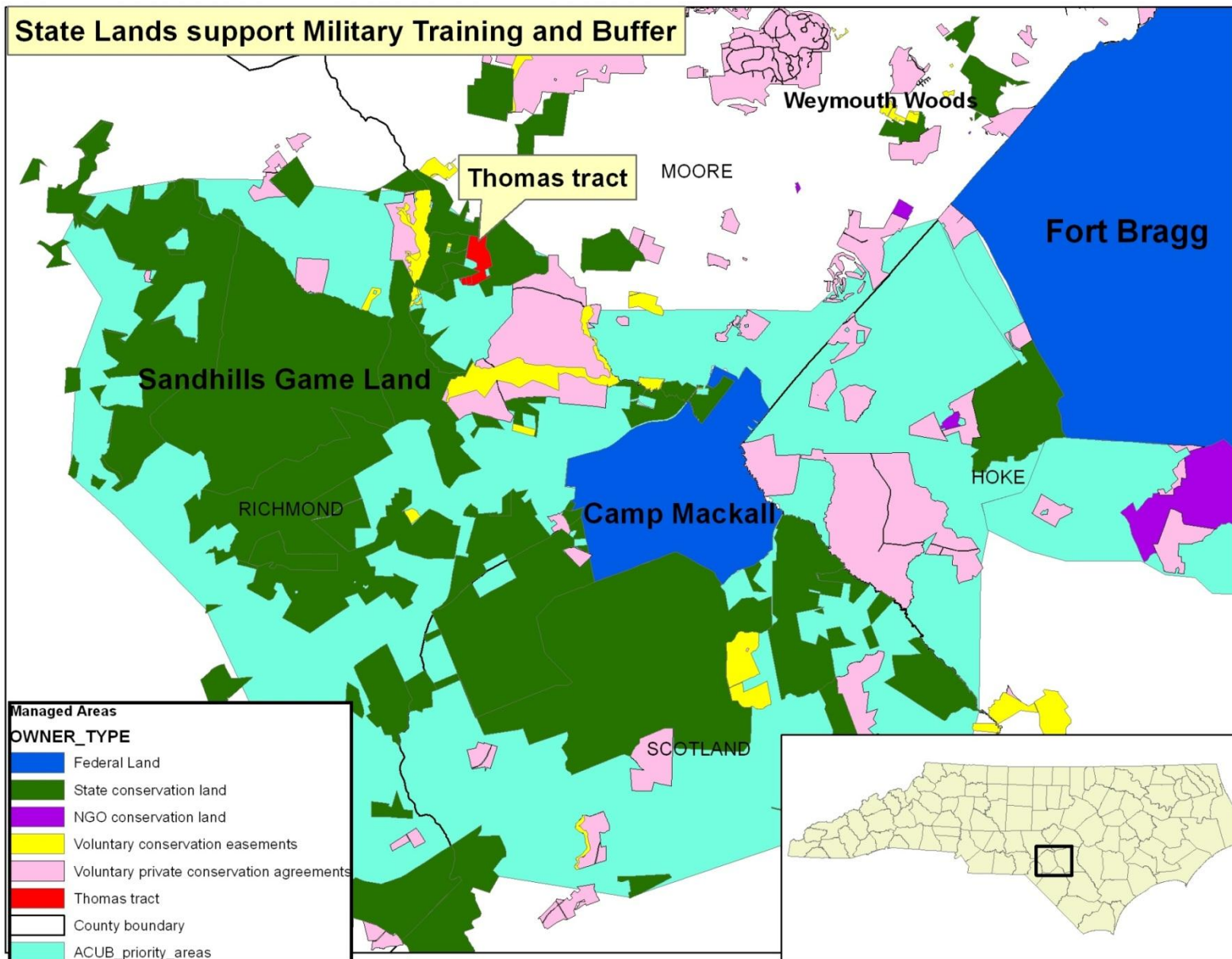


Jockey's Ridge

MILITARY TRAINING GAME LANDS



State Lands support Military Training and Buffer



RARE SPECIES



Current foraging habitat & future nesting habitat for Red Cockaded Woodpecker



Juvenile southern hognose snake found on property



Bachman's sparrow found on property



Michaux's sumac on adjacent Game Lands

LONGLEAF WOODLAND



**40% - The Nature Conservancy/Fort Bragg
\$472,000**

60% - NHTF \$708,000

Total: \$1,180,000 (\$4,500/acre for 262 acres)



WRC GAME LANDS ECONOMIC IMPACT

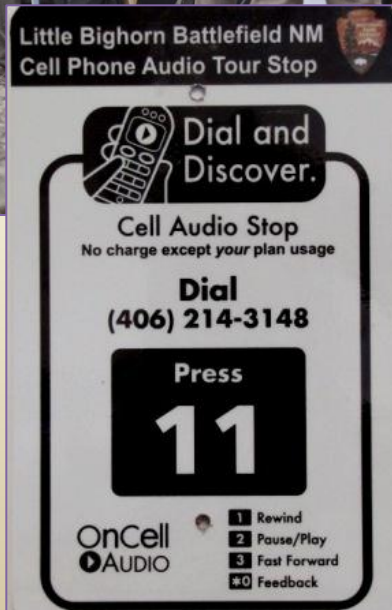
- **\$2.4 billion – Fishing and Hunting**
 - 335,000 Hunters
 - 1,525,000 Anglers
- **\$930,000 million – Wildlife Watching**
 - 2.4 million Wildlife watchers

*Source: USFWS National Survey of Fishing,
Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation
in 2011*

Bentonville Civil War Battlefield

Four Oaks, Johnston County

37,326
visitors in 2011



Cell phone tour under development

REDLAIR FARM & FOREST

Total Size: 737 acres

Adjacent Conserved Land:
450 acres

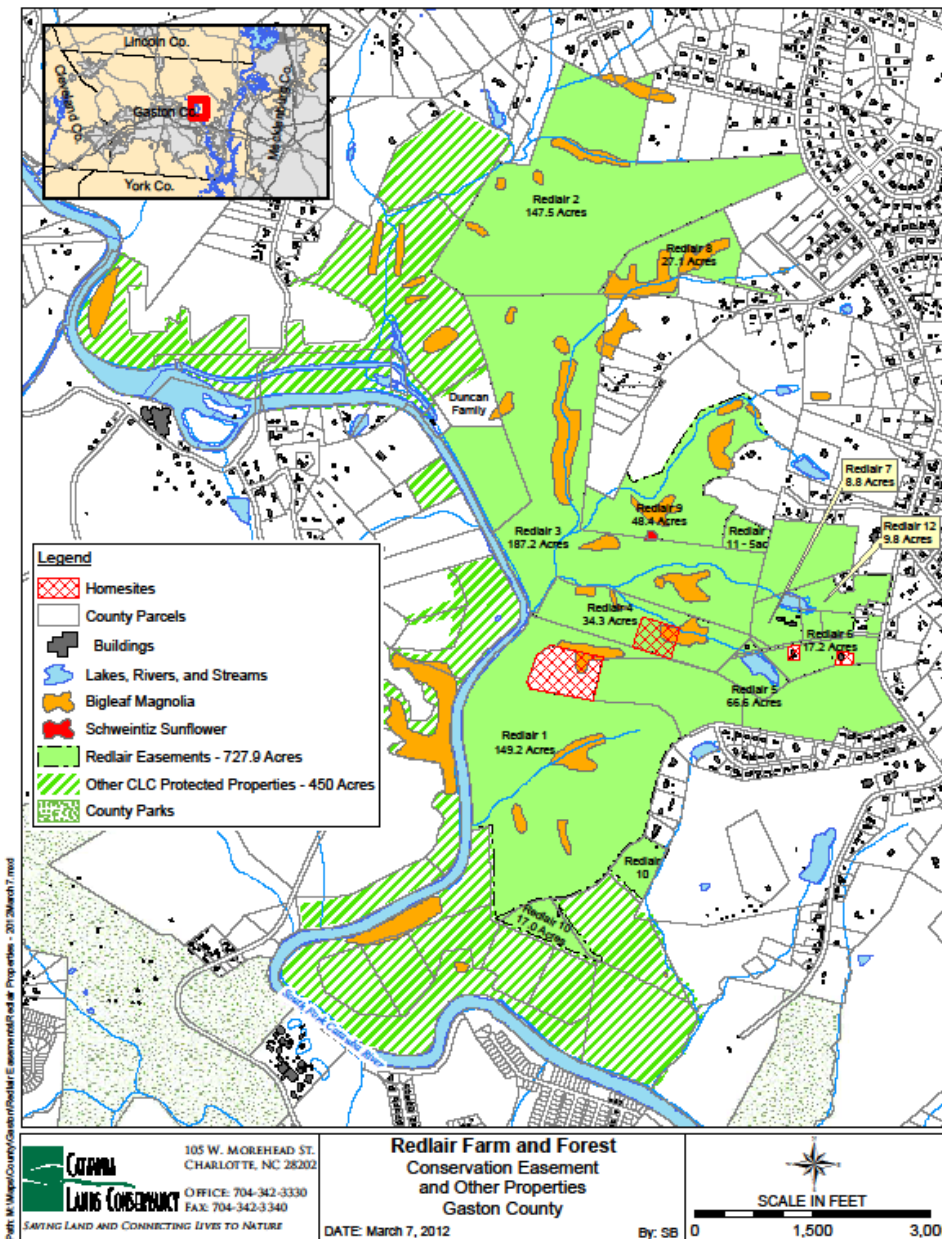
NHTF: \$1.4 million

Private : \$810,000

Bargain Sale: \$2,084,010

Previous Easement: \$2,397,500

Total: Proceeds going to
Stewardship Foundation



REDLAIR FARM & FOREST

(*Magnolia macrophylla* – Big Leaf Magnolia)





**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

Lisa Riegel

Lisa.riegel@ncdenr.gov
(919) 707-8638