



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
July 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
1751 Varsity Drive
NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor
Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Monty Crump*

This electronic meeting is being streamed live for the public to attend and recorded as a public record. The recording of the meeting will be available at www.ncwildlife.org.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Kelly Davis*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner Wes Seegars*

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT – *Margo Minkler, Commission Liaison*

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY – North Carolina General Statute §138A-15 mandates that the Commission Chair shall remind all Commissioners of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Chapter, and that the chair also inquires as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict to notify the Chair of the same. – *Chairman Crump*

APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2022 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the April 14, 2022 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the June 9, 2022 Wildlife Resources Commission special meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT B)**

APPROVAL OF JUNE 28, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the June 28, 2022 Wildlife Resources Commission special meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT C)**

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – Receive Financial Status Report on the Wildlife Resources Commission General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Endowment Fund. – *Dr. DP Singla, Chief Financial Officer (EXHIBIT D)*

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

RECOGNITION OF 2022 NATIONAL FISHING AND BOATING WEEK LICENSE WINNERS – Recognize Elsa Vue as the winner of a Lifetime Unified Sportsman License donated by Neuse Sport Shop and Carson Gates as the winner of a Lifetime Comprehensive Inland Fishing License donated by the NC Council of Trout Unlimited. Both winners were drawn from fishing events held during the 2022 National Fishing and Boating Week – *Chairman Crump*

BREAK FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Executive Committee Report- July 13, 2022– *Monty Crump, Chair*

Land Acquisition and Property Committee Report – July 13, 2022 – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Education and Communication Committee Report – July 13, 2022 – *Kelly Davis, Chair*

Fisheries Committee Report – July 13, 2022 – *John Stone, Chair*

Big Game Committee Report – July 13, 2022– *David Hoyle, Chair*

Small Game and Wild Turkey Committee Report – July 13, 2022 –*Jim Ruffin, Chair*

Committee of the Whole Report – July 13, 2022 – *Monty Crump, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – 75 YEARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFF THE PAVEMENT–
Captain Jeremy Harrill

LAND ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MATTERS

Phase II Land Acquisition – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2, E-3)*

- Burkemont Tracts – Burke County **(E-1)**
- Beach Tract – Swain County **(E-2)**
- Green River Game Land Addition – Polk and Henderson County **(E-3)**

Other Property Matters – Consider approval of the following easement requests - *Ben Solomon (EXHIBIT F)*

- Smith Fish Farm Easement Request – Pender County **(F)**

OCTOBER 2022 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION LOCATION CHANGE – Consider a change of location for the October 2022 WRC meetings from in Raleigh to in Cherokee **(EXHIBIT G)** –
Director Cameron Ingram

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Crump*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Ingram*

ADJOURN

EXHIBIT A
July 14, 2022



MINUTES
April 14, 2022
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting
Raleigh, North Carolina

Chairman Monty Crump called the April 14, 2022, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at the agency's headquarters in Raleigh. Crump reminded everyone that the meeting is being audio streamed live and will be available at www.ncwildlife.org.

Commissioner Tom Haislip led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner John Alexander gave the invocation.

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY

Chairman Crump advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as mandated in NCGS §138A-15. Commissioner Landon Zimmer recused himself from discussion and action on Exhibits E-2 and E-3.

ROLL CALL

Margo Minkler, *Commission Liaison*, called the roll. David Hoyle, John Coley, and Hayden Rogers were absent.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Monty Crump	Tom Berry	Kelly Davis	John Alexander
Thomas Fonville	Brad Stanback	Steve Windham	Tom Haislip
Wes Seegars	Jim Ruffin	Landon Zimmer	J.C. Cole
Mark Craig	Ray Clifton	John Stone	Mike Alford

VISITORS

Lynn Quattro, Assistant Chief of Freshwater Fisheries, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022 MEETING

On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Wes Seegars, the Minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting were approved as presented in **EXHIBIT A**.

Exhibit A is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. DP Singla, *Chief Financial Officer*, presented a status report in **EXHIBIT B** on the Wildlife Resources Commission General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Endowment Fund.

ENDOWMENT FUND EXPENDABLE INCOME ALLOCATION – On a motion by Landon Zimmer and second by Steve Windham, the Commission approved the Calendar Year 2021 Expendable Investment Income Allocation presented by Dr. DP Singla (**EXHIBIT C**)

Exhibit B and C are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

2020 Sport Fish Restoration Award – *Lynn Quattro, President-Elect, American Fisheries, Fisheries Administration Section*, presented the 2020 Sport Fish Restoration Award for Research and Surveys to the Inland Fisheries Division for the project “Characterization of the Population Genetics and Phylogeography of North Carolina’s Brook Trout.”

2021 Governor’s Award for Excellence – *Cameron Ingram, Executive Director*, presented the 2021 Governor’s Award of Excellence for Safety and Heroism to Anthony “Tony” Wait, Conservation Technician, Land and Water Access Division.

2021 Richard Caswell Award – *Cameron Ingram* presented Gary Dail, Coastal Region Construction Supervisor, Engineering Services Division, with the Richard Caswell Award for 45 years of public service to the State of North Carolina.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Small Game and Wild Turkey Committee Report – April 7, 2022 – *Jim Ruffin, Chair*, reported the Small Game and Wild Turkey Committee held a meeting on April 7th to continue discussions relative to the development of a small game focal area on an existing WRC game land. Piedmont

Eco-Region Supervisor Chris Dawes gave a comprehensive and informative presentation focused on the ongoing management of the existing CURE areas on Caswell Game Land. This area presents an excellent opportunity to establish a small game focal area without significant impacts on other hunting constituencies. The early successional habitat maintained and developed will lead to benefits for both game and nongame species. After discussion, the committee unanimously endorsed moving forward with the plan to intensively manage this section of the Caswell Game Land to create early successional habitat and develop additional small game-focused hunting opportunities.

Motion from Small Game and Wild Turkey Committee – On a motion by Jim Ruffin and second by Steve Windham, the Commission charged Director Ingram to establish a Small Game Focal Area on Caswell Game Land and implement management plans necessary to create the high-quality, early successional habitat required for its success.

Committee of the Whole Report – April 7, 2022 – *Monty Crump, Chair*, reported the Committee of the Whole met April 7, 2022 and received two presentations on why becoming CWD positive matters and how we test deer for CWD. Staff presented recommendations for implementing our CWD Response Plan, beginning with delineation of the Surveillance Zones, the restrictions that need to be put into place for those zones to slow the spread of the disease, and the regulatory process for setting those restrictions. The Committee endorsed staff recommendations and asked to have temporary rules prepared for the April 14th Commission meeting.

Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee Report – April 13, 2022 – *Landon Zimmer, Chair*, reported the Finance Committee met on April 13, 2022. Internal Auditor Steve Chase presented four topics: WRC Internal Audit Charter, a Risk Assessment update, the current status of the Civil Rights review, and the two current investigations. Chief Financial Officer Dr. DP Singla presented a comparison of current Fiscal Year 22 and previous fiscal year's FY21 for periods ending February, showcasing both revenues and expenditures for the General and Capital Improvement funds. The Committee also reviewed the balances and Asset Allocation of the Endowment Fund as of February 2022. Staff was tasked to review the endowment fund portfolio as the board inquired about other investment options, including recommendations for a ratio of equity compared to bonds, and would like a report out at the next committee meeting. Dr. Singla presented the License Fee increase proposal based on CPI-U for escalation (Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers) and staff was directed to move forward with the rule-making process. Staff was tasked to explore a marketing campaign before the license fee increase is implemented to let constituents know about the forthcoming increase. The committee also tasked staff to evaluate where the NCWRC's licenses fees compare to surrounding states and see if some license fees are undervalued. This would be researched, and the information presented at a future Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Finally, the committee recommended to Approve the Expendable Income earned by the Endowment Fund in Calendar Year 2021 as presented in Exhibit C.

Rules Committee Report – April 13, 2022 – *Wes Seegars, Chair*, reported the Rules Committee met on April 13, 2022, to review proposed changes to the Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species lists and review the proposed temporary rules for Chronic Wasting Disease.

Changes to the listed species will be presented for notice of text at the July Commission meeting. Proposed temporary rules for CWD were discussed in detail and covered the items addressed in the CWD Emergency Response Plan. Those five rules will be presented for a vote to notice text on April 14, 2022.

Land Acquisition and Property Committee Report – April 13, 2022 – Tom Berry, Chair, met on April 13, 2022. The Committee reviewed and endorsed four Phase I, three Phase II land acquisition projects, as well as four easement requests. Following the Land Acquisition and Property Committee meeting, the Tuckertown Partner Recognition Luncheon was held. At the luncheon, Chairman Berry shared the history of the Alcoa acquisitions, and highlighted the excellent work by staff and our conservation partners in successfully completing the High and Tuckertown Acquisitions. The event showcased and celebrated the excellent conservation partnerships the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has in North Carolina. Without this strong network of conservation-oriented organizations, land acquisitions such as Tuckertown would not be possible. Chairman Berry noted the direction provided by the Land Strategy Ad hoc Committee in addressing the need to look for parcels in underserved regions of the State.

Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Committee Report – April 13, 2022 – Wes Seegars, Vice Chair, reported the Migratory Bird and Waterfowl Committee met on April 13, 2022. Migratory bird coordinator Doug Howell presented the migratory game bird proposed season dates, public comments regarding the season proposals, and staff recommendations for the seasons. The Committee asked for a modification to the hooded merganser proposed bag limit and signified our desire to stay with the 5 total merganser bag limit but only two of which can be hooded mergansers. The Committee approved all other staff recommendations and are presented for a vote later in the meeting. Doug gave a very informative presentation about the ongoing multi-state woodcock research projects, and Brad Howard showed the Commission the final image of the 40th Anniversary Duck Stamp Print. Painted by Ron Louque, it will make a great final edition for our NC State Duck Stamp series.

Fisheries Committee Report – April 13, 2022 – John Stone, Chair, reported the Fisheries Committee met on April 13, 2022. Jeremy McCargo, *Anadromous Research Coordinator*, provided a thorough summary of the management options and staff recommendations for Amendment 2 to the NC Estuarine Striped Bass Fisheries Management Plan. The Fisheries Committee concurred with staff recommendations, and the preferred management options will be presented for full Commission consideration in Exhibit H. Christian Waters, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, reviewed the proposed rule text to prohibit fishing from March 1 – May 31 in three sloughs created for muskellunge spawning on the French Broad River and Mud Creek.

Committee of the Whole Report – April 13, 2022 – Monty Crump, Chair, reported the Committee of the Whole met April 13, 2022. Staff presented rules for adoption and notice of text on inland fishing regulations, wildlife control technicians, importation of wild animals and birds, replacement costs of wildlife, fisheries spawning areas, general inland fisheries and wildlife management rules, and water safety rules. The Committee also received informational exhibits on no-wake zone establishment on the Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway, the Wildlife Action Plan

release of Addendum 2, plant species of greatest conservation need, for public comment April 20th - May 23rd, and an update on the CWD rule-making process, including a public meeting in Yadkinville scheduled for May 2nd.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – LAND AND WATER ACCESS – *Chris Jordan, WRC’s Game Land and Forest Resources Manager* presented a spotlight on NCWRC’s prescribed fire program which described the program at the agency’s inception, how effectiveness and acreage have increased, and current challenges. Afterward, *Brady Beck, WRC’s Southern Piedmont Management Biologist* presented a spotlight on NCWRC’s Red-cockaded Woodpecker management. Populations of this Federally Endangered species have increased on Sandhills, Holly Shelter, and Alligator River Game Lands over the last 20 years. Population increases can be attributed to use of artificial cavities and increased use of prescribed fire.

LAND ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MATTERS

Phase II Land Acquisitions – On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Brad Stanback, the Commission approved the acquisition of the following property presented by *Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager* (**EXHIBITS D-1, D-2, D-3**)

- Bridgewater Recreational Lands – Burke County (**EXHIBIT D-1**)
- TCI Timber Tract – Bladen Counties (**EXHIBIT D-2**)
- Crawford Tract – Gates County (**EXHIBIT D-3**)

Other Property Matters – On a motion by Tom Berry and second by John Alexander, the Commission approved the easement requests of the following presented by *Ben Solomon* (**EXHIBITS E-1, E-4**)

- Request for Right of Way Easement – Consider a request from the landowner for a prescriptive ROW easement at R.Wayne Bailey Game Land. In return, the landowners have granted NCWRC staff deeded administrative access across their parcel (**EXHIBIT E-1**)
- Request for Easements – Verizon Wireless requests an Access and Utility Easement at Sandhills Game Land (**EXHIBIT E-4**)

With Commissioner Landon Zimmer recused, and on a motion by Tom Berry and second by Brad Stanback, the Commission approved the easement requests of the following presented by *Ben Solomon* (**EXHIBITS E-2, E-3**)

- Request for Easements – NC DOT requests a Permanent Right of Way Easement, Permanent Drainage Easement, and Temporary Construction Easement as part of a bridge replacement on Juniper Creek Game Land (**EXHIBIT E-2**)

- Request for Easements – NC DOT requests a Permanent Right of Way Easement, Permanent Utility Easement, and Temporary Construction Easement as part of a bridge replacement on the Falkland Boating Access Area (**EXHIBIT E-3**)

Exhibits D-1, D-2, D-3, E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

On a motion by Jim Ruffin and second by John Alexander, the Commission approved the following staff recommendations in (**EXHIBITS F-3b, F-4, G**)

Adoption of 2022-2023 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons – The Commission reviewed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service frameworks (**EXHIBIT F-1**), public comments (**EXHIBIT F-2**), and the Commission approved staff recommendations for the 2022-2023 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons (**EXHIBITS F-3b, F-4**) presented by *Dr. Sara Schweitzer, Wildlife Management Division Assistant Chief*

Adoption of Season for Take of Migrant Peregrine Falcons for Use in Falconry – The Commission approved the staff recommendation to allow the take of up to five migrant peregrine falcons from the wild for use in falconry in 2022 presented by *Dr. Sara Schweitzer (EXHIBIT G)*

Exhibits F-1, F-2, F-3b, F-4, G are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan – On a motion by John Stone and second by Steve Windham, the Commission approved preferred management options for Amendment 2 to the North Carolina Estuarine Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan presented by *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBIT H)*

RULEMAKING

Adoption – Inland Fishing Regulations– The Commission reviewed public comments (**EXHIBIT I-1**) and, on a motion by John Stone and second by Kelly Davis, the Commission adopted, readopted, and amended various 10C .0100, .0300, .0400, .0700, and .0800 rules for inland, joint, and coastal fishing waters to provide clarity on inland game fish regulations (**EXHIBIT I-2b**) presented by *Christian Waters*

Exhibits I-1, I-2b are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

On a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Tom Berry, the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text and Fiscal Notes in the following (**EXHIBITS J-1, J-2, K, L-1, L-2, M-1, M-2, N, O**)

Notice of Text – 10H .1510 Wildlife Control Technician Certification and Eligibility Requirements –The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an

open comment period and a public hearing for proposed changes to 10H .1510 and fiscal note for proposed rule (**EXHIBITS J-1, J-2**) presented by *Ashley Pekarul, Regulatory Analyst*

Notice of Text – 10B .0101 Importation of Wild Animals and Birds – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed changes to 10B .0101 (**EXHIBIT K**) presented by *Ashley Pekarul*

Notice of Text – 10A .1502 Replacement Costs of Wildlife– The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed changes to 10A .1502 and fiscal note for proposed rule (**EXHIBITS L-1, L-2**) presented by *Ashley Pekarul*

Notice of Text – 10C .0208 Spawning Areas – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed changes to 10C .0208 and fiscal notes for proposed rule (**EXHIBITS M-1, M-2**) presented by *Ashley Pekarul*

Notice of Text – 10B Wildlife Management – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed readoption of various 10B Wildlife Management rules (**EXHIBIT N**) presented by *Ashley Pekarul*

Notice of Text – 10C Inland Fishing – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed readoption of various 10C Inland Fishing rules (**EXHIBIT O**) presented by *Ashley Pekarul*

Exhibits J-1, J-2, K, L-1, L-2, M-1, M-2, N, O are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

On a motion by Steve Windham and second by Landon Zimmer, the Commission approved the following water safety rules in (**EXHIBITS P-2, Q-1, Q-2**)

Adoption – Water Safety Rules – The Commission reviewed public comments (**EXHIBIT P-1**) and adopted proposed changes to 15A NCAC 10F .0312 Henderson County (repeal); 10F .0317 Stanly County; 10F .0318 Warren County (repeal); 10F .0323 Burke County; 10F .0327 Montgomery County; 10F .0333 Mecklenburg and Gaston counties; 10F .0336 Northampton and Warren counties; 10F .0354 Pitt County; 10F .0378 Halifax County (**EXHIBIT P-2**) presented by *Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rules Coordinator*

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0310 Dare County – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0310 and fiscal notes for proposed rule changes (**EXHIBITS Q-1, Q-2**) presented by *Betsy Haywood*

Exhibits P-1, P-2, Q-1, Q-2 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Notice of Text 15A NCAC 10B .0500 Wildlife Disease Management – On a motion by Wes Seegars and a second by Kelly Davis, the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed temporary rules to address Chronic Wasting Disease (**EXHIBIT R**) presented by *Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator*

Exhibit R is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN – Chairman Crump expressed, on behalf of the Commission, their appreciation for the hard work and commitment staff has shown in response to detecting Chronic Wasting Disease in NC.

COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Executive Director Cameron Ingram explained, that although the detection of Chronic Wasting Disease is bad news, the NCWRC has been preparing for the possibility for decades. The agency will continue to follow the CWD Response Plan in collaboration with NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, and the agency’s next steps will be shared with the public through multiple communication channels. In conclusion, he recognized staff who have work diligently in response to CWD detection and the board for their support and guidance during this process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the WRC webinar meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.

Monty Crump, Chairman

Date

Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

Date

EXHIBIT B
July 14, 2022



MINUTES
June 9, 2022
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Webinar Meeting
Raleigh, North Carolina

Chairman Monty Crump called the June 9, 2022, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at the agency's headquarters in Raleigh. Crump reminded everyone that the meeting is being audio streamed live and will be available at www.ncwildlife.org.

ROLL CALL

Margo Minkler, *Commission Liaison*, called the roll. David Hoyle, John Coley, Mark Craig, Brad Stanback, Ray Clifton, Landon Zimmer, and Hayden Rogers were absent.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Monty Crump	Tom Berry	Kelly Davis	Tom Haislip
Thomas Fonville	John Stone	Steve Windham	J.C. Cole
Wes Seegars	Jim Ruffin	Mike Alford	John Alexander

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY

Chairman Crump advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as mandated in NCGS §138A-15.

RULEMAKING

Adoption – 15A NCAC 10B .0500 Wildlife Disease Management – The Commission reviewed public comments (**EXHIBIT A-1**) and, on a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Steve Windham, the Commission adopted proposed temporary rules 15A NCAC 10B .0500 to address Chronic Wasting Disease presented in (**EXHIBIT A-2b**) by *Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator*

Exhibits A-1, A-2b are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10D .0240 Jordan Game Land in Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake Counties – On a motion by Steve Windham and second by Tom Berry, the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed temporary rules presented in **(EXHIBIT B)** by *Carrie Ruhlman*

Exhibit B is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10C .0300, .0400, .0700 Inland Fishing – On a motion by John Stone and second by Steve Windham, the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed temporary rules to address adoptions and amendments to various 15A NCAC 10C .0310, .0400, and .0700 inland fishing rules presented in **(EXHIBIT C)** by *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

Exhibit C is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN – Chairman Crump

Chairman Crump shared his appreciation to the board for attending the Special Commission Meeting and thanked staff for their preparations.

COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Executive Director Cameron Ingram

Director Ingram noted his appreciation as well to the board for attending the Special Commission Meeting and thanked staff for their preparations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the WRC webinar meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.

Monty Crump, Chairman

Date

Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

Date

EXHIBIT C
July 14, 2022



MINUTES
June 28, 2022
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Webinar Meeting
Raleigh, North Carolina

Chairman Monty Crump called the June 28, 2022, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at the agency's headquarters in Raleigh. Crump reminded everyone that the meeting is being audio streamed live and will be available at www.ncwildlife.org.

ROLL CALL

Margo Minkler, *Commission Liaison*, called the roll. David Hoyle, Ray Clifton, Steve Windham, John Stone, John Alexander, J.C. Cole, and Hayden Rogers were absent.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Monty Crump	Tom Berry	Kelly Davis	Tom Haislip
Thomas Fonville	Landon Zimmer	Brad Stanback	Mark Craig
Wes Seegars	Jim Ruffin	Mike Alford	John Coley

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY

Chairman Crump advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as mandated in NCGS §138A-15.

RULEMAKING

Adoption – 15A NCAC 03Q .0100 General Regulations: Joint – On a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Tom Berry, the Commission concurred with the North Carolina Marine Fisheries

Commission's 15A NCAC 03Q .0100 joint rules presented in **(EXHIBIT A)** by *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

Exhibit A is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Brunswick County – On a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Landon Zimmer, the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed temporary no wake zone at Sunset Beach South Jinks Creek in Brunswick County presented in **(EXHIBIT B)** by *Betsy Haywood, No-Wake Zone Rulemaking Coordinator*

Exhibit B is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN – Chairman Crump

Chairman Crump shared his appreciation to the board for attending the Special Commission Meeting and thanked staff for their preparations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the WRC webinar meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.

Monty Crump, Chairman

Date

Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

Date

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
CAFR 52G - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES and CHANGES in FUND BALANCES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
AS OF MAY 31, 2022

	FY 2022 General Fund	FY 2022 Capital Improvement Fund
REVENUES		
Federal funds	\$ 30,452,476.88	\$ 5,523,881.04
Local funds	\$ 2,582.54	\$ -
Investment earnings	\$ 23,238.75	\$ -
Sales and services	\$ 8,349,415.01	\$ -
Rental and lease of property	\$ 61,174.45	\$ -
Fees, licenses and fines	\$ 33,741,484.49	\$ -
Contributions, gifts and grants	\$ 2,280,728.04	\$ 4,893,827.06
Miscellaneous	\$ 821,089.88	\$ 234.38
Unclassified/invalid accounts	\$ -	\$ -
Other Financing Sources - Sale of capital assets	\$ 559,077.62	\$ -
Other Financing Sources - Insurance recoveries	\$ 366,642.43	\$ -
Other Financing Sources - Transfers in	\$ 6,611,638.32	\$ 5,948,411.50
Other Financing Sources - Appropriations	\$ 11,861,940.00	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 95,131,488.41	\$ 16,366,353.98
EXPENDITURES		
Personal services	\$ 34,284,051.56	\$ -
Employee benefits	\$ 17,056,004.07	\$ -
Contracted personal services	\$ 11,494,312.92	\$ 466,676.48
Supplies and materials	\$ 8,598,652.51	\$ -
Travel	\$ 387,060.44	\$ -
Communication	\$ 845,674.78	\$ -
Utilities	\$ 641,926.34	\$ -
Data processing services	\$ 1,014,034.72	\$ -
Other services	\$ 4,238,277.30	\$ -
Claims and benefits	\$ 1,344,041.53	\$ -
Other fixed charges	\$ 247,156.89	\$ 400.00
Capital outlay	\$ 6,169,843.18	\$ 14,837,592.58
Grants, state aid and subsidies	\$ 1,759,875.93	\$ -
Insurance and bonding	\$ 247,458.26	\$ -
Other expenditures	\$ 2,246,643.20	\$ -
Reimbursements	\$ (944,066.54)	\$ -
Unclassified/invalid accounts	\$ 57,802.15	\$ -
Other Financing (Uses) - Transfers out	\$ 6,908,601.50	\$ 47,519.72
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 96,597,350.74	\$ 15,352,188.78
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (1,465,862.33)	\$ 1,014,165.20
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2021	\$ 20,789,069.62	\$ 2,306,519.38
FUND BALANCE - MAY 31, 2022	\$ 19,323,207.29	\$ 3,320,684.58

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION ENDOWMENT PORTFOLIO

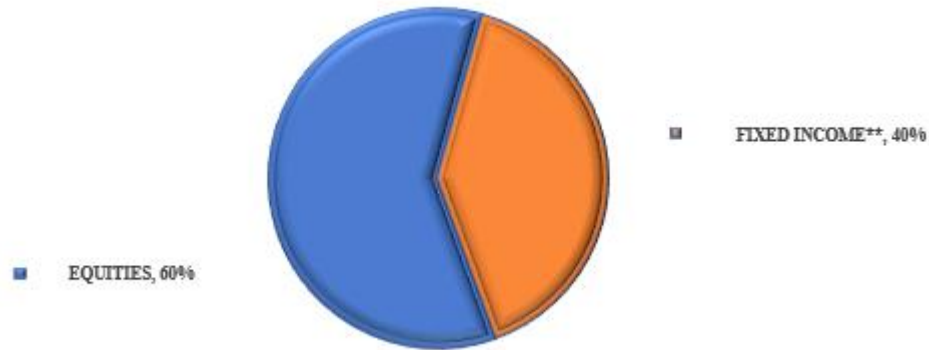
Fund Balance*: May 2022 \$155,330,236.19

* Based On Financial Institutions' Data And Does Not Include Time-Lag Entries.

§ 143-250.1. Wildlife Endowment Fund

- (d) (3). No expenditure or disbursement shall be made from the principal of the Wildlife Endowment Fund except as otherwise provided by law.
- (d) (4). The income received and accruing from the investments of the Wildlife Endowment Fund must be spent only in furthering the conservation of wildlife resources and the efficient operation of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in accomplishing the purposes of the agency as set forth in G.S. 143-239.
- (g) The Wildlife Endowment Fund and the investment income therefrom shall not take the place of State appropriations or Agency receipts placed in the Wildlife Resources Fund, or any part thereof, but any portion of the income of the Wildlife Endowment Fund available for the purpose set out in subdivision (4) of subsection (d) shall be used to supplement other income of and appropriations to the Wildlife Resources Commission to the end that the Commission may improve and increase its services and become more useful to a greater number of people.

ASSET ALLOCATION



** Fixed Income Includes Short-Term And Long-Term Fixed Income Instruments

Fund	Principal	Non-Expendable	Expendable	Total***
Adult Lifetime Licenses	\$ 71,791,120.90		\$ 48,069,290.00	\$ 119,860,410.90
Magazine Subs Lifetime	\$ 1,573,477.50		\$ 1,021,270.76	\$ 2,594,748.26
Contributions	\$ 743,986.24		\$ 2,272,407.81	\$ 3,016,394.05
Diversity	\$ 53,809.29		\$ 5,921.34	\$ 59,730.63
Infant Lifetime Licenses	\$ 19,750,492.00	\$ 6,989,708.58		\$ 26,740,200.58
Youth Lifetime Licenses	\$ 2,704,871.00	\$ 402,949.27		\$ 3,107,820.27
Total	\$ 96,617,756.93	\$ 7,392,657.85	\$ 51,368,889.91	\$ 155,379,304.69

*** Include Deposit/s In Transit

Exhibit E-1

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

Tract Name: Burkemont Tracts

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): N/A

Acquisition Plan (specify total project costs AND sources of funding):

Donation from 130 of Chatham

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale? Yes No N/A

If Yes, Explain Details:

Total Cost Based on Appraisal? Yes No N/A

If Yes, Describe in Table:

Requested By	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office? Yes No N/A

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Five-Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projections (worksheet attached):

Total Stewardship Expenditures	\$ 7,320
Total Projected Revenue	\$ N/A

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form

Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: Burkemont Tracts

Estimated Stewardship Costs				
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment	5,856	Ft.	\$7,320	\$7,320
TOTAL				\$7,320

Estimated Revenue Projections				
Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
TOTAL				

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form
– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –

WRC Staff Contact:	Paul Thompson
Date First Presented to Commission:	July 13, 2022
Tract Name:	Burkemont Lands, 130 of Chatham (PINs 2700123890, 2700022437)
County:	Burke
Acreage:	(+/-) 68 total acres (53 ac, 15 ac)
Tax Value:	N/A
Property Owner/Representative:	130 of Chatham
Phone:	
Email Address:	
Address:	

Primary Purpose:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Protection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Management
<input type="checkbox"/>	User Access
<input type="checkbox"/>	WRC Facility

Program Potential:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Game Land
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife Conservation Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	None

Type of Acquisition:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lease
<input type="checkbox"/>	Easement

Type of Parcel:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tract
<input type="checkbox"/>	Riparian Corridor

Grant Potential:

<input type="checkbox"/>	CWMTF
<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal Aid (PR, WB, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Owner Interest:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Tax Value:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Year Assessed
<input type="checkbox"/>	PUV?

Stewardship Considerations:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Source:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Match:

Funding Considerations:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bargain Sale
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partner Contribution

Reviewed Appraisal & Purchase Requirements?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Recommendation:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do Not Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defer

Additional Comments:

130 of Chatham currently owns these two tracts and would like to donate them to WRC. Both tracts adjoin current South Mountains Game Land in the Burkemont Mountain area.

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Land Acquisition Investigation Form
– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –

Tract Name:	Burkemont Lands, 130 of Chatham
County:	Burke

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

Acquisition of these tracts will solidify WRC ownership in that portion of the South Mtn Game Land just south of Morganton. Access to these tracts will be through current game land via Burkemont Rd. These tracts will provide additional protection to the Henry Fork River drainage. About 90% of the timber on the 53 acre tract has been recently harvested, and roughly 30% harvested on the 15 acre tract. Management objectives will include restoring or maintaining the oak and cove forest priority wildlife habitats that were located on these tracts. Common wildlife species found on the tracts include wild turkey, white-tailed deer, raccoon, and gray squirrel. Priority species likely found on the tract as either permanent residents or transients include: Whip-poor-will (*Caprimulgus vociferous*), Eastern box turtle (*Terapene carolina*), Eastern wood-peewee (*Contopus virens*), and hooded warbler (*Setophaga citrina*).

Public recreational opportunities will include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study.

Tract Name	Burkemont Lands
Date	June 1, 2022
Staff Completing Form	Paul Thompson

Species	0.222
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	2
SGCN Species	2
Game Species	2
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	0
SGCN Species	0
Game Species	0
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	0
SGCN Species	0
Game Species	0

Comments
The tract has moderate diversity for terrestrial species but lacks any wetland or aquatic habitat.

Habitat	0.611
Size	0
Quality	2
Diversity	2
Rare/Important	1
Connectivity	3
Buffer	3

Comments
The tracts will adjoin current South Mtns GL. They will create a good buffer to adjoining lands.

Public Access	0.222
Hunting/Viewing	2
Fishing	0
Boating	0

Comments
Access for hunting/viewing are good but there are no fishing or boating opportunities.

Wildlife Uses	0.467
Hunting	3
Viewing	3
Fishing	0
Boating	0
Education	1

Comments
Hunting/viewing opportunities are great but there are no fishing or boating opportunities.

Other Values	0.444
Timber Harvest	2
Local Economy	1
Quality of Life	1

Comments
Timber harvests have occurred within the past 10 years and has potential to produce and manage timber. There are some opportunities to provide benefit to local economy or quality of life.

Feasibility & Logistics	0.800
Existing Infrastructure	1
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	3
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	3
Inholding/Corridor	2
Proximity to Users	3

Comments
Multiple logging roads exist on the property. There is no issue with multiple use and adjoining landowners. The tract is in close proximity to Morganton.

Restoration/Mitigation Potential	0.333
Species Restoration	2
Habitat Restoration	2
Access Improvement	0
Threat Mitigation	0

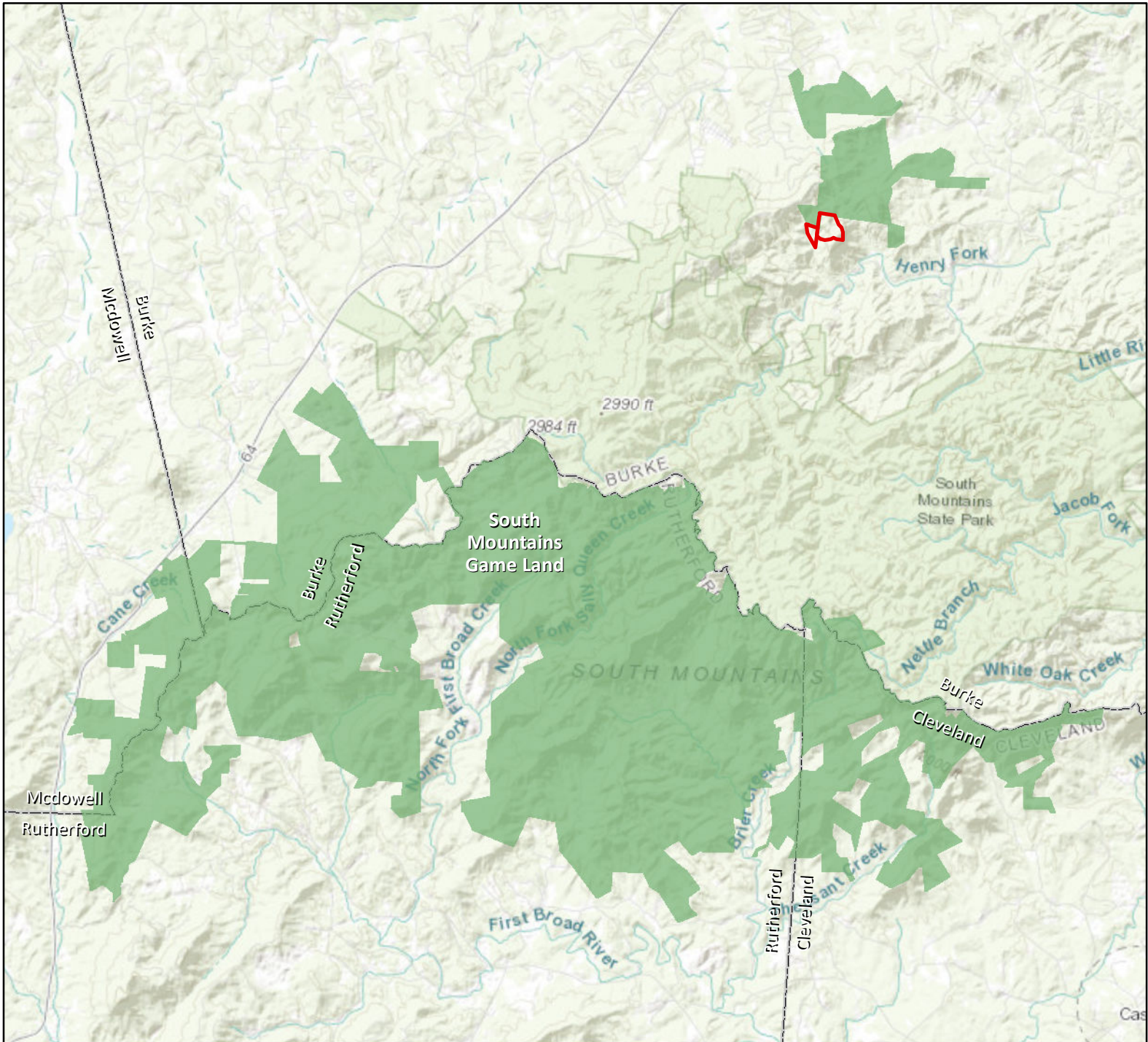
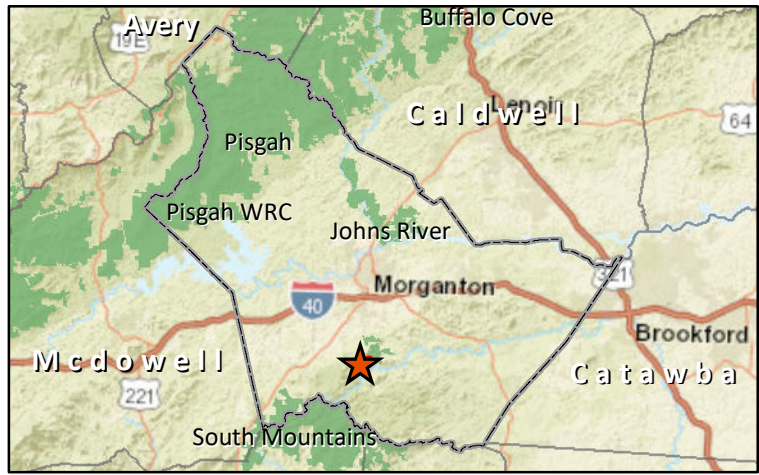
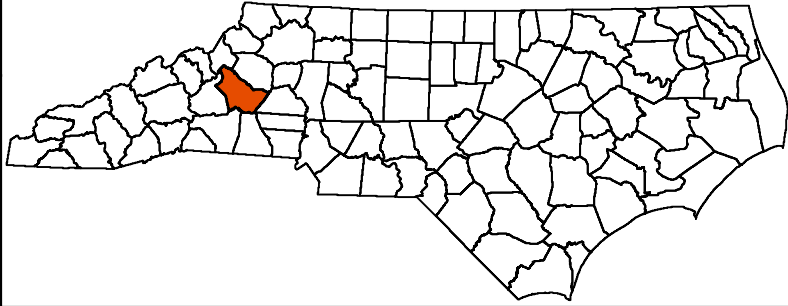
Comments
The tracts may have some habitat restoration potential, but do not improve access.

Threats	0.000
Number	0
Severity	0
Imminence	0
Manageability	0
Management Cost	0

Comments
No known threats.

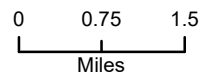
Overall Score	3.100
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**Burkemont Lands
Burke County
~67 Acres**

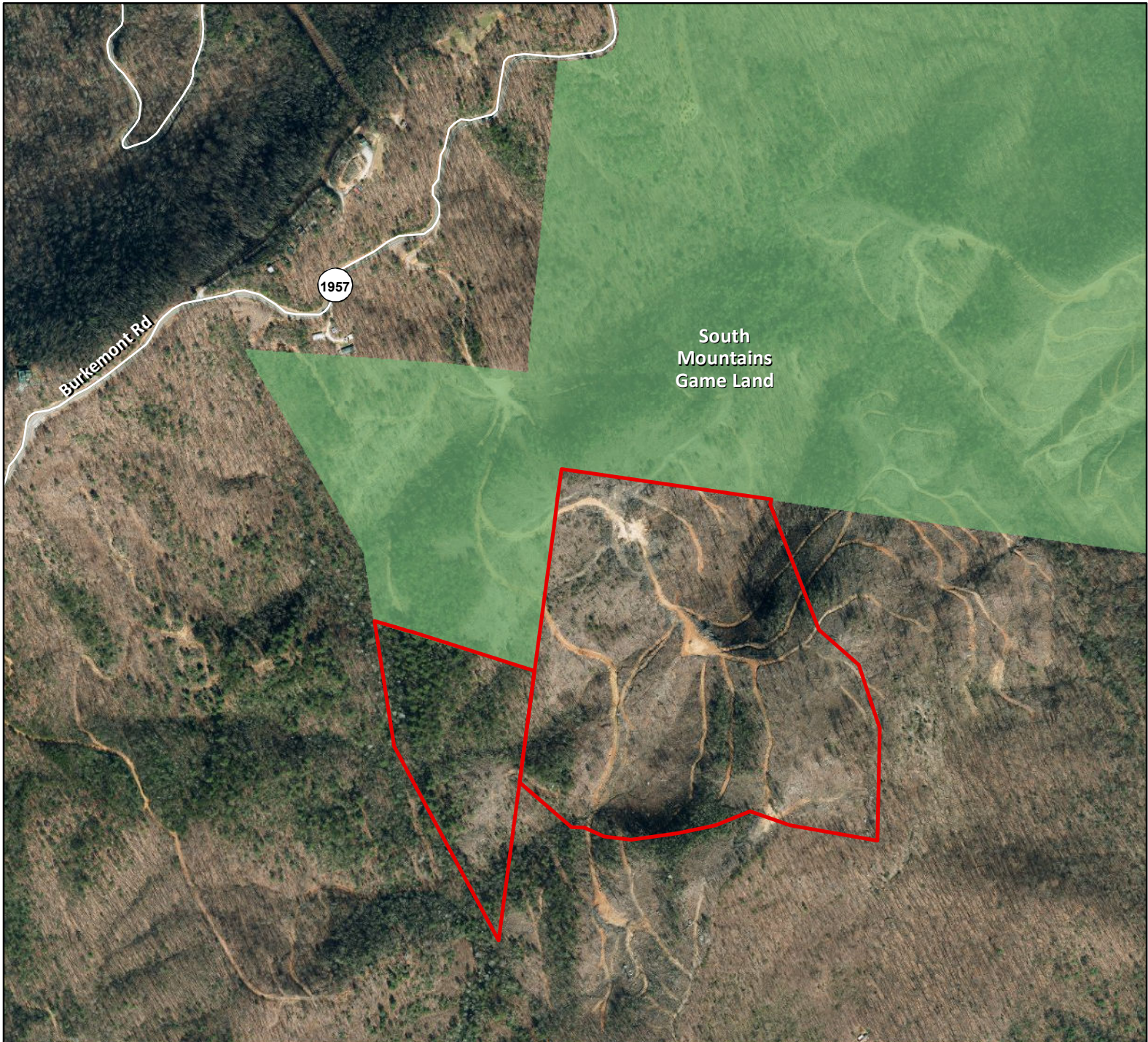
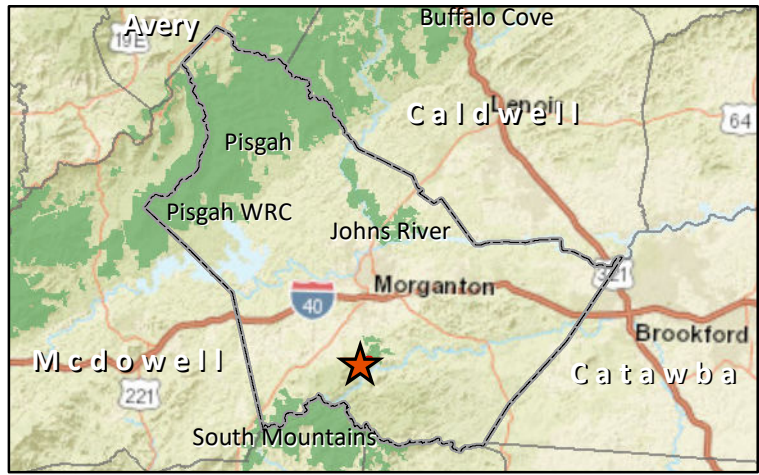
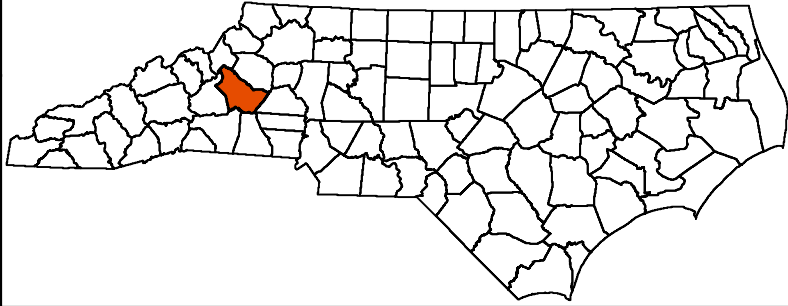


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- Burkemont Tracts, 130 of Chatham
- Game Land



**Burkemont Lands
Burke County
~67 Acres**



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-  Burkemont Tracts, 130 of Chatham
-  Game Land

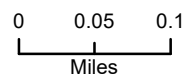


Exhibit E-2

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

Tract Name: Beach Tract

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): N/A

Acquisition Plan (specify total project costs AND sources of funding):

Acquisition from Mainspring Land Trust

<u>Agency Funds</u>	\$10,000
TOTAL COST	\$10,000

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale? Yes No N/A

If Yes, Explain Details:

Total Cost Based on Appraisal? Yes No N/A

If Yes, Describe in Table:

Requested By	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
<i>Mainspring Land Trust</i>	<i>Mike Moser</i>	<i>March 10th, 2022</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office? Yes No N/A

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman- Robertson) – 75% federal: 25% state

Five-Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projections (worksheet attached):

Total Stewardship Expenditures	\$ 400
Total Projected Revenue	\$ N/A

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form

Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: Beach Tract

Estimated Stewardship Costs				
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment	0.26	Miles	\$400	\$400
TOTAL				\$400

Estimated Revenue Projections				
Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
TOTAL				

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form
– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –

WRC Staff Contact:	David Stewart/Nick Shaver
Date First Presented to Commission:	October 27, 2021
Tract Name:	Beach Tract
County:	Swain
Acreage:	8
Tax Value:	
Property Owner/Representative:	Kristin Beach
Phone:	
Email Address:	
Address:	

Primary Purpose:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Protection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Management
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User Access
<input type="checkbox"/>	WRC Facility

Program Potential:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Game Land
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife Conservation Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	None

Type of Acquisition:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lease
<input type="checkbox"/>	Easement

Type of Parcel:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tract
<input type="checkbox"/>	Riparian Corridor

Grant Potential:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CWMTF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Federal Aid (PR, WB, etc.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Endowment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation

Owner Interest:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Tax Value:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Year Assessed
<input type="checkbox"/>	PUV?

Stewardship Considerations:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Source:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Match:

Funding Considerations:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bargain Sale
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partner Contribution

Recommendation:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do Not Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defer

Additional Comments:

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October 27, 2021

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– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –

County:

Beach Tract - Needmore Game Land
Swain County

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

The Beach tract contains approximately 8 acres in two separate tracts. These Tracts have been identified as priority tracts in the Needmore Game Land Management Plan. The property is Located adjacent to Needmore Game Land at Horseshoe Bend and is accessed from Fred Breedlove Road. Acquisition of this property is significant as part of the total management project being carried out in the mountain Eco region, particularly Needmore Game Land. WRC ownership of the Beach Tract will increase conservation ownership of properties in the immediate area such as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Nantahala National Forests, Cherokee Indian Reservation, Mainspring Conservation Trust Lands, and other Conservancy lands and various private holdings that are in conservation ownership or have conservation easements that are located in the vicinity. In a broader sense, WRC ownership of the tracts will help ensure ecosystem integrity at the landscape level by increasing connectivity of lands in conservation ownership. Ecosystem integrity is especially important due to the fact that the tracts border the Little Tennessee River. Habitats on the Beach Tract are typical of the area. Management objectives will include restoring or maintaining the river buffer areas as well as protecting/restoring the upland areas. These areas act as a high value watershed for the protection of native fish and other aquatic species populations in the Little Tennessee River. Other management objectives may include development or maintenance of early successional habitats on the upland areas. Public recreational opportunities may include hunting, fishing, bird watching, wildlife photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained. Common wildlife species found on the tract include wild turkey, white-tailed deer, and gray squirrel, as well as various songbirds, salamanders, and small mammals.

Tract Name	Beach Tract - Needmore Game Land
Date	October 14, 2021
Staff Completing Form	David Stewart

Species	0.667
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	2
SGCN Species	2
Game Species	2
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	1
SGCN Species	1
Game Species	1
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	3
SGCN Species	3
Game Species	3

Comments
Good species biodiversity.

Habitat	0.667
Size	0
Quality	2
Diversity	2
Rare/Important	3
Connectivity	2
Buffer	3

Comments
The quality of the habitat on the tract is good, as is diversity. The properties provide good connectivity and buffer to Needmore GL and the Little Tennessee River.

Public Access	0.667
Hunting/Viewing	2
Fishing	2
Boating	2

Comments
The best public access to this tract is from the river or from across the swinging bridge from the Sawmill section of Needmore GL.

Wildlife Uses	0.600
Hunting	2
Viewing	2
Fishing	2
Boating	2
Education	1

Comments
Recreational uses would be moderate.

Other Values	0.444
Timber Harvest	0
Local Economy	2
Quality of Life	2

Comments
The tract will provide some benefit to the local economy and provide some quality of life benefits to local residents.

Feasibility & Logistics	0.533
Existing Infrastructure	0
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	2
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	2
Inholding/Corridor	2
Proximity to Users	2

Comments
Conflicts among game land users and ad joiners should be minimal. The tract is in good proximity to GL users.

Restoration/Mitigation Potential	0.500
Species Restoration	2
Habitat Restoration	2
Access Improvement	0
Threat Mitigation	2

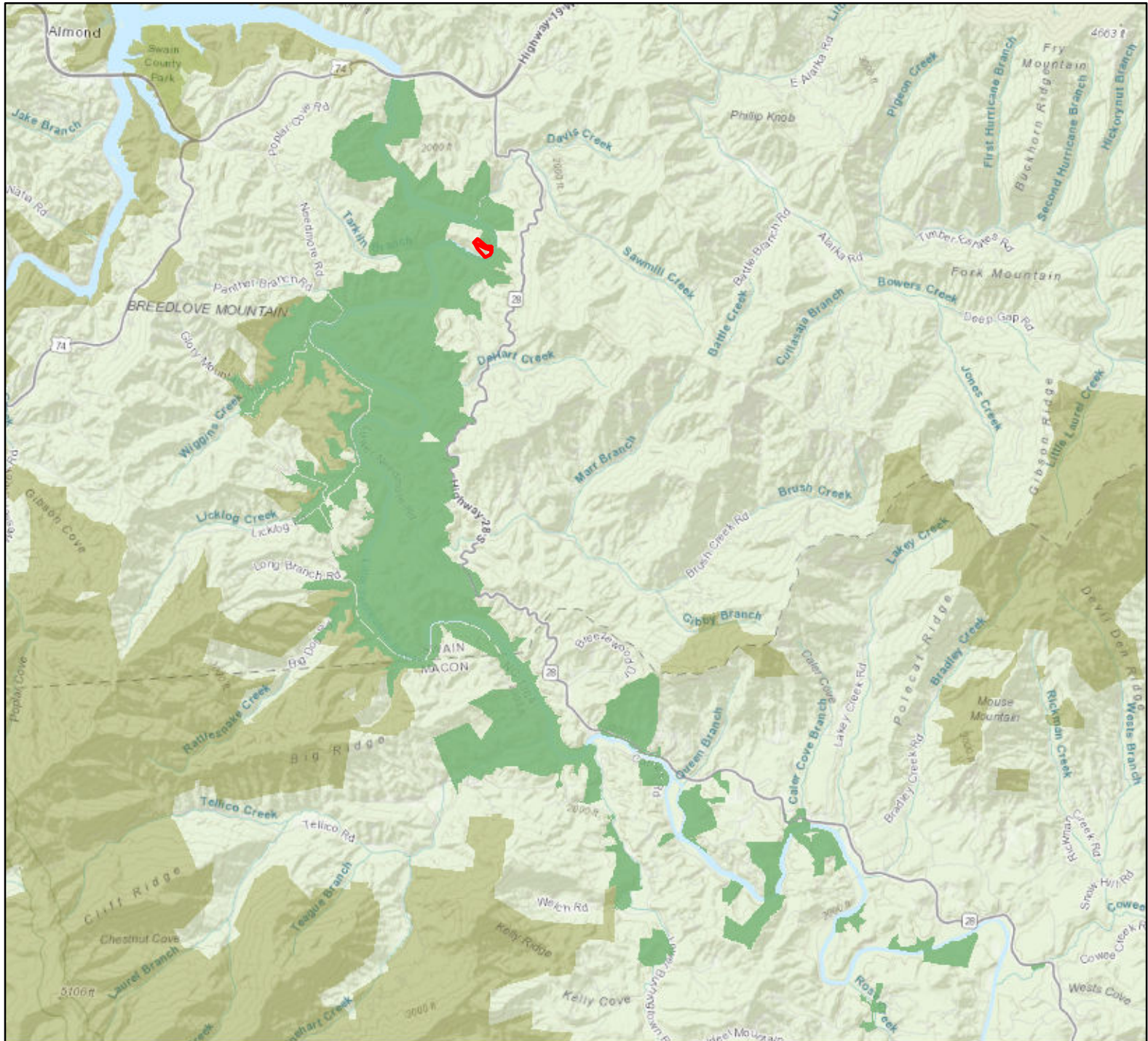
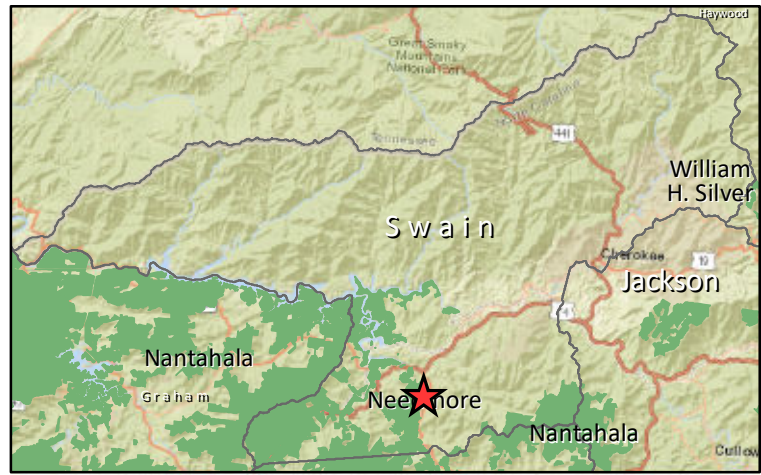
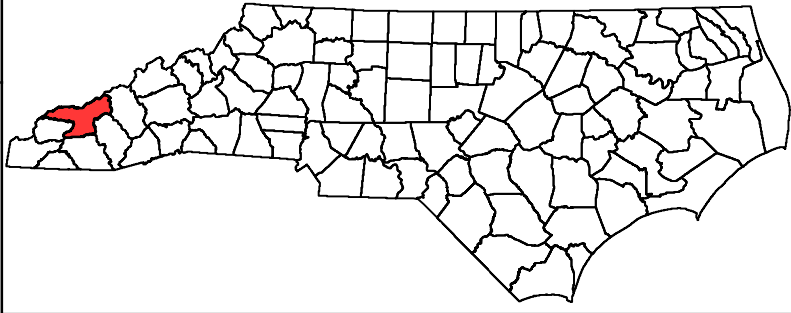
Comments
Restoration and habitat management potential on the tract is good. Acquisition of the tract would mitigate any potential threats from the tract location.

Threats	0.333
Number	1
Severity	2
Imminence	2
Manageability	0
Management Cost	0

Comments
The biggest threats in this area is loss of habitat due to residential development and sedimentation into the river due to development. Acquisition of the property would stop that threat on this site.

Overall Score	3.744
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Beach Tract Swain County 8 Acres



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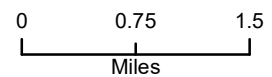
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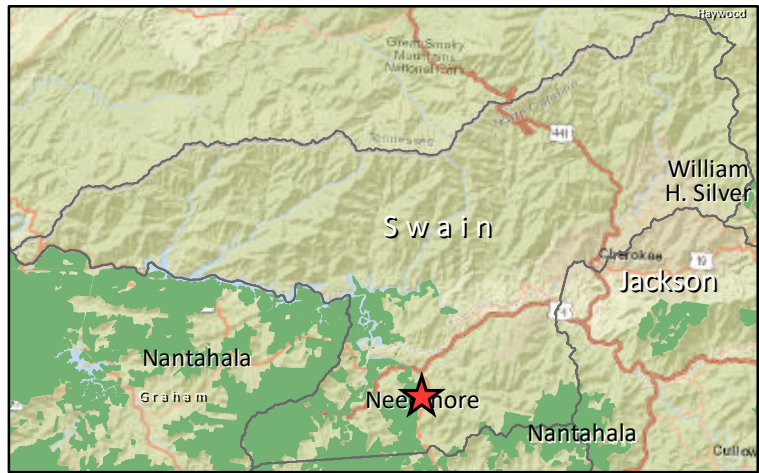
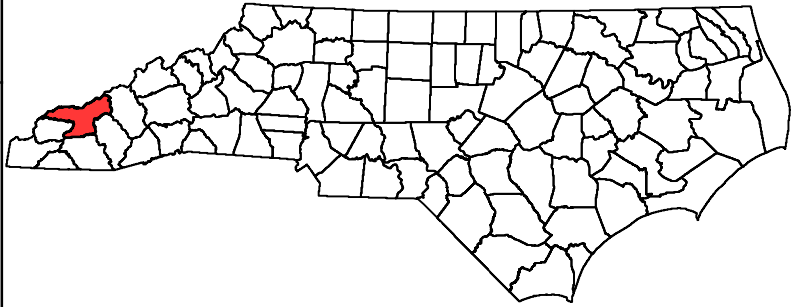
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Nantahala NF Game Land



**Beach Tract
Swain County
8 Acres**



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-  Beach Tract
-  Game Land

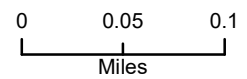


Exhibit E-3

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

Phase II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS

Tract Name: Conserving Carolina - Green River Game Land Addition

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): N/A

Acquisition Plan (specify total project costs AND sources of funding):

Donation from Conserving Carolina

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale? Yes No N/A

If Yes, Explain Details:

Total Cost Based on Appraisal? Yes No N/A

If Yes, Describe in Table:

Requested By	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office? Yes No N/A

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Five-Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projections (worksheet attached):

Total Stewardship Expenditures	\$ 13,000
Total Projected Revenue	\$

Exhibit E-3

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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form

Phase II: COSTS AND REVENUE WORKSHEET

Estimated Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections: CC Green River Game Land Addition

Estimated Stewardship Costs				
Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Boundary Establishment	13,000	Feet	\$1.00	\$13,000
TOTAL				\$13,000

Estimated Revenue Projections				
Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
TOTAL				

July 13, 2022
North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form
– PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION –

WRC Staff Contact:	Paul Thompson
Date First Presented to Commission:	July 13, 2022
Tract Name:	CC Green River Game Land Addition
County:	Polk, Henderson
Acreage:	Approximately 175 acres
Tax Value:	\$603,384 combined
Property Owner/Representative:	Conserving Carolina
Phone:	
Email Address:	
Address:	

Primary Purpose:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Protection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resource Management
<input type="checkbox"/>	User Access
<input type="checkbox"/>	WRC Facility

Program Potential:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Game Land
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife Conservation Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Access Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	None

Type of Acquisition:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lease
<input type="checkbox"/>	Easement

Type of Parcel:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tract
<input type="checkbox"/>	Riparian Corridor

Grant Potential:

<input type="checkbox"/>	CWMTF
<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal Aid (PR, WB, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Owner Interest:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Tax Value:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Year Assessed
<input type="checkbox"/>	PUV?

Stewardship Considerations:

<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	Source:
<input type="checkbox"/>	State	Match:

Funding Considerations:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bargain Sale
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partner Contribution

Reviewed Appraisal & Purchase Requirements?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

Recommendation:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do Not Pursue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defer

Additional Comments:

Conserving Carolina currently owns 50.85 acres along the Henderson and Polk county line. They have a LWF grant contract (#2019-014) to purchase an adjoining tract, bringing the total donated acreage to +/- 175 acres. These tracts adjoin Green River Game Land and will help solidifying WRC ownership and resource protection.

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Tract Name:	CC Green River Game Land Addition
County:	Henderson, Polk

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

These tracts have both perennial and intermittent streams that will provide additional protection to the Green River drainage. The tracts adjoin approximately 75 acres with existing conservation easements. Dry Heath Chestnut Oak, Montane Oak-Hickory, and Canada Hemlock are the predominant forest types. Most of the property is steep and rugged, so active management would be minimal. Management objectives may include maintenance of existing Canada Hemlock forests. Common wildlife species found on the tract include wild turkey, white-tailed deer, raccoon, and gray squirrel. Species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) likely found on the tract as either permanent residents or transients include: Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*), Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*), Eastern Mole (*Scalopus aquaticus*).

Tract Name	CC Green River Game Land Addition
Date	June 22,2022
Staff Completing Form	Paul Thompson

Species	0.259
	Terrestrial
Overall Biodiversity	2
SGCN Species	2
Game Species	2
	Wetland
Overall Biodiversity	0
SGCN Species	0
Game Species	0
	Aquatic
Overall Biodiversity	1
SGCN Species	0
Game Species	0

Comments
Moderate terrestrial biodiversity is based on a diversity of forest cover types. Low aquatic diversity based on relatively few streams on the property. Wetland habitat is not found on the property.

Habitat	0.611
Size	1
Quality	2
Diversity	2
Rare/Important	2
Connectivity	2
Buffer	2

Comments
The quality of the habitat on the tract is good, as is diversity. The property provides connectivity to existing gameland. It will provide additional buffer between current developmenst and the Green River. Canada Hemlock forest types are located on the property.

Public Access	0.111
Hunting/Viewing	1
Fishing	0
Boating	0

Comments
Access to this area is limited, thus the rank is low.

Wildlife Uses	0.200
Hunting	2
Viewing	1
Fishing	0
Boating	0
Education	0

Comments
Will provide additional opportunity for hunting and viewing, but no additional opportunities for fishing or boating.

Other Values	0.333
Timber Harvest	1
Local Economy	1
Quality of Life	1

Comments
Most of the property is steep and rugged, so timber harvest would be very limited. It will provide little improvement to the local economy and quality of life.

Feasibility & Logistics	0.600
Existing Infrastructure	0
Compatibility of Multiple Uses on Tract	2
Compatibility with Adjoining Land	2
Inholding/Corridor	2
Proximity to Users	3

Comments
No infrastructure exists on the property. Conflict with game land users and adjoiner will be minimal. The property and uses will be compatible with surrounding landowners.

Restoration/Mitigation Potential	0.500
Species Restoration	2
Habitat Restoration	2
Access Improvement	0
Threat Mitigation	2

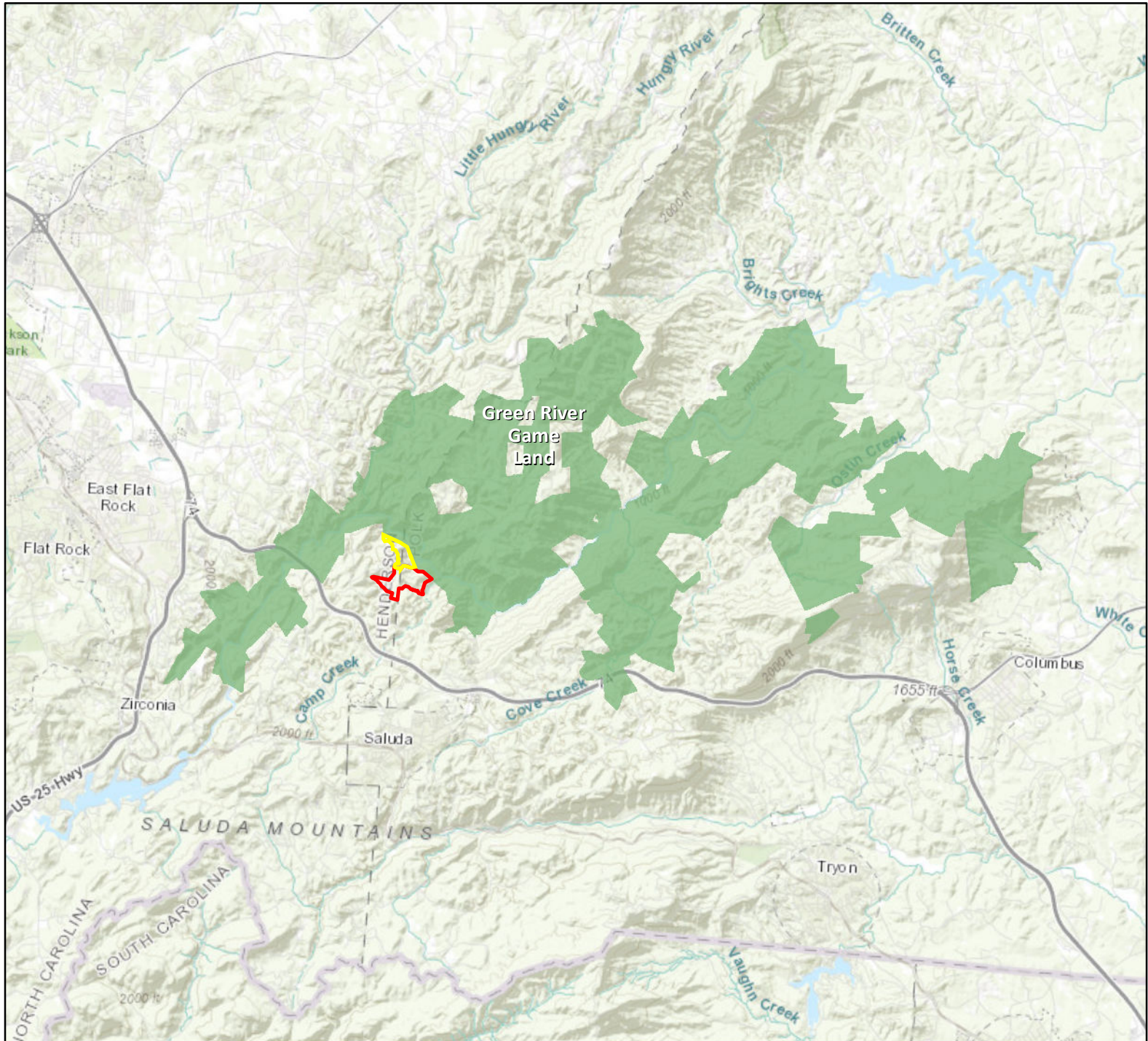
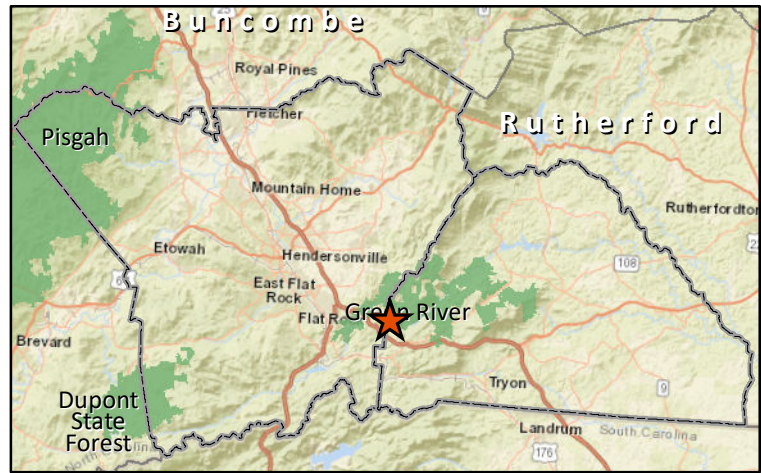
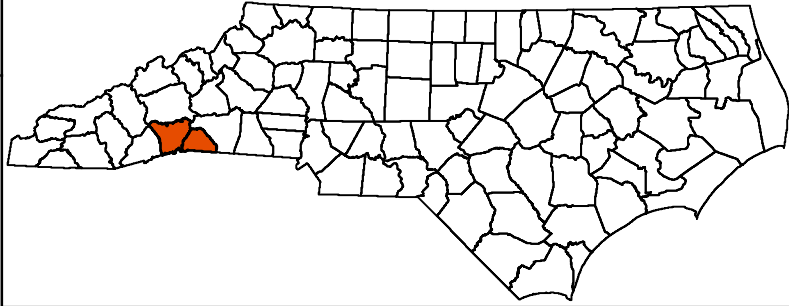
Comments
Restoration potential is good and there are few threats.

Threats	0.067
Number	1
Severity	0
Imminence	0
Manageability	0
Management Cost	0

Comments
Conserving Carolina currently owns a portion of the 175 acres, and will be acquiring the remainder, so threats are minimal.

Overall Score	2.548
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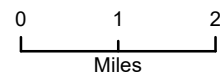
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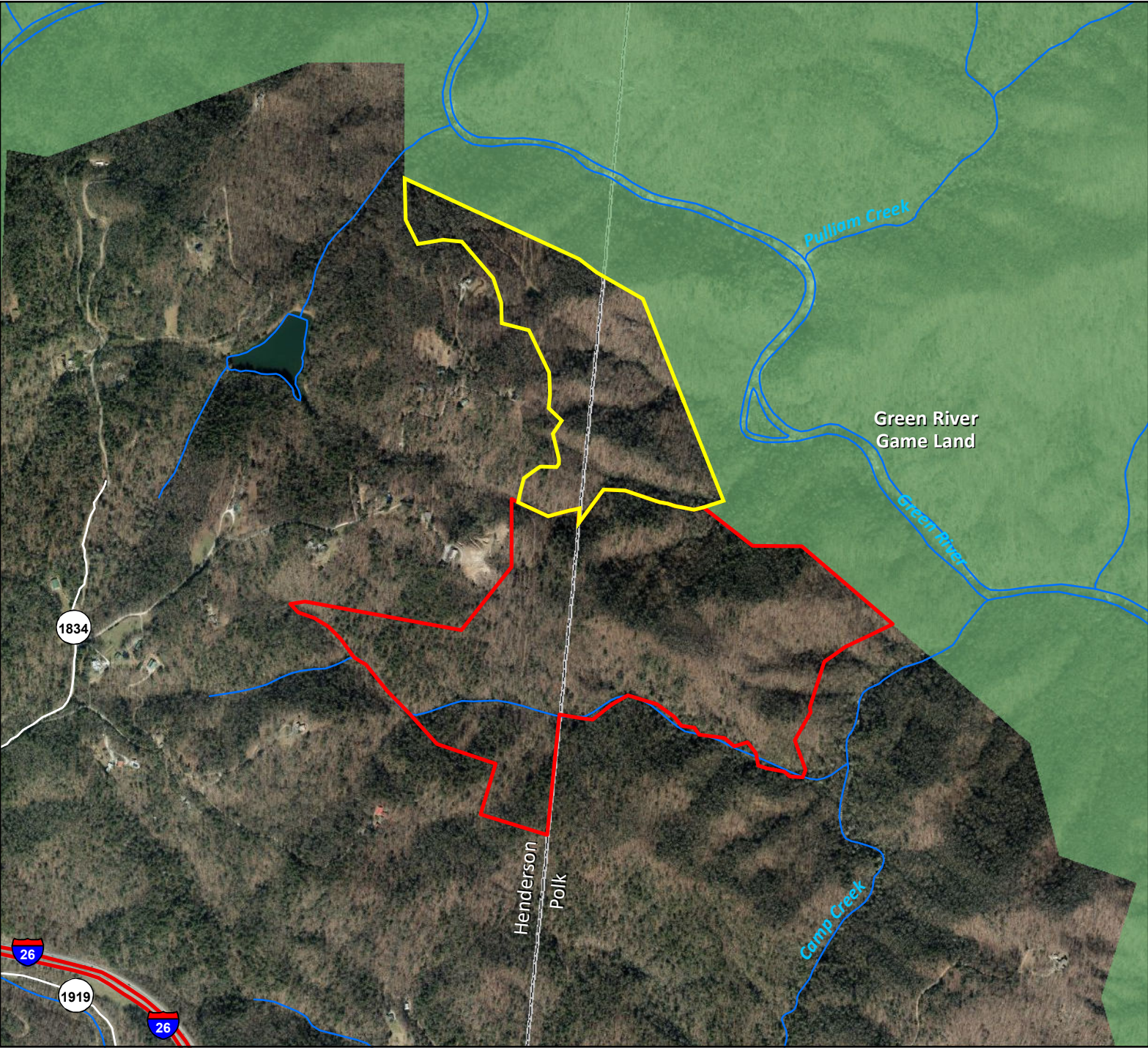
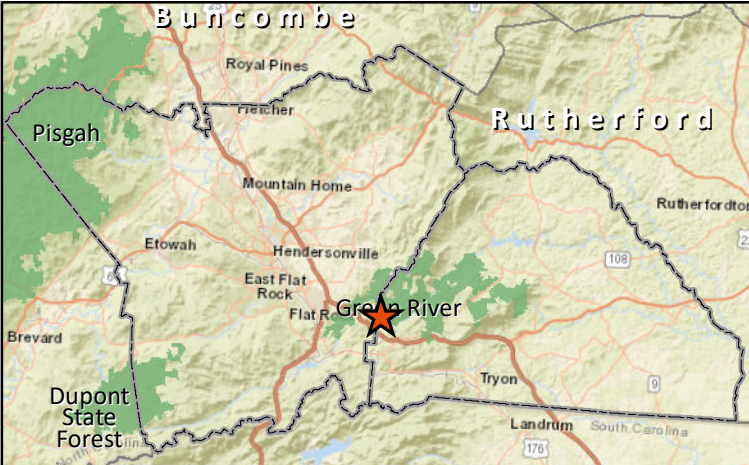
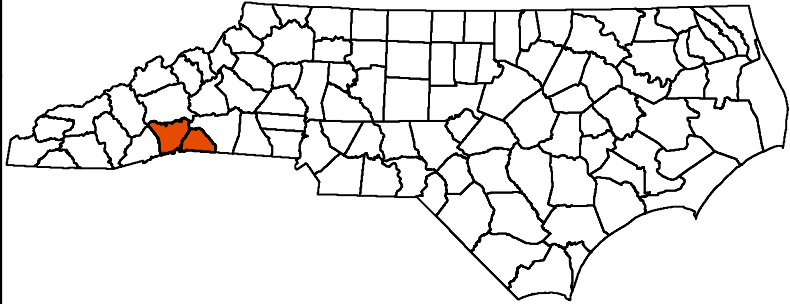
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- McHugh Tract ~125 acres
- Conserving Carolina Tracts ~50 acres

Game Land



Conserving Carolina Tracts Henderson and Polk Counties ~175 Acres





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McHugh Tract ~125 acres

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Game Land

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Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

July 14, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: Daron Barnes, Division Chief
Land and Water Access

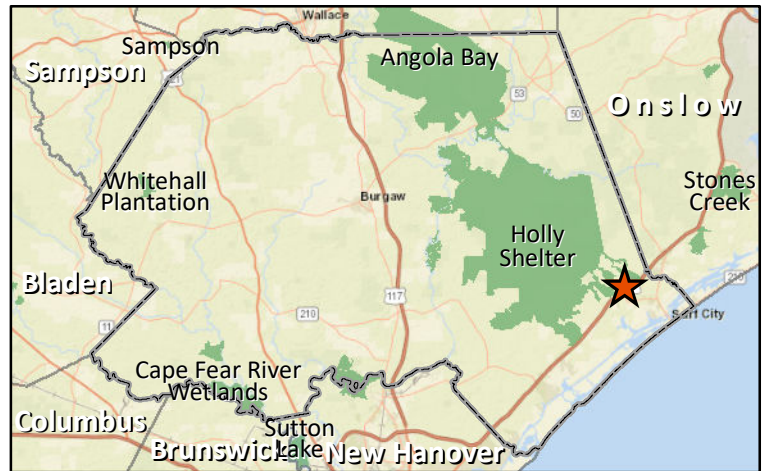
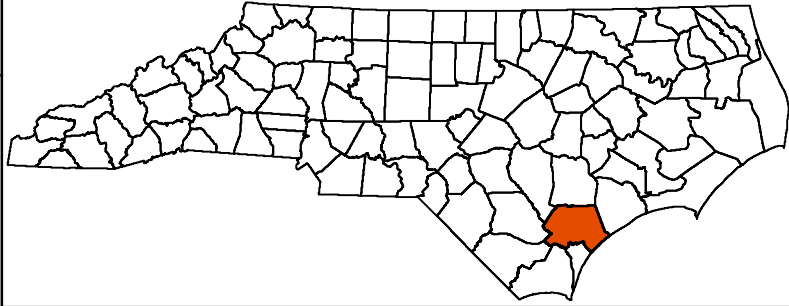
FROM: Melissa Kennedy, Land and Water Access Specialist
Land and Water Access

SUBJECT: Ward and Smith, P.A. Easement Amendment Request at Holly Shelter Game Land

Justin Lewis, Attorney at Ward and Smith P.A., is requesting to modify an existing access easement on Stag Drive at Holly Shelter Game Land. There is a 60 ft ingress and egress easement over two game land parcels which provides access to a 56 acre parcel (on map in orange). Mr. Lewis is requesting the easement be modified to explicitly include the adjacent 48 acre parcel (on map in gray) as well. The two parcels are owned by the same landowner.

Staff do not recommend Commission approval to modify the easement. Stag Dr. is a sand road that cannot withstand heavy traffic, and most of the maintenance falls to NCWRC staff at this time.

Smithfish Farm Easement Request Holly Shelter Game Land Pender County



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Game Land Easement ~2.7 ac./0.4 mi.



Entire 60'-wide Easement



Smithfish Farm Parcel 1



Smithfish Farm Parcel 2

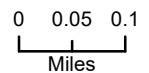


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CHANGES TO
2022 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETINGS
AS ADOPTED OCTOBER 28, 2021

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022 (Cherokee, North Carolina)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022