# North Carolina Forever 2023 Legislative Agenda

1) A Recurring Theme: Increase recurring dollars for the 3 conservation trust funds

   a) Land and Water Fund: increase annual recurring funding to $45 million per year, and in addition to traditional projects increase support by the fund for projects that support not only conservation, but also military readiness

   b) Parks and Recreation Trust Fund: increase annual recurring funding to $45 million per year

   c) Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund: increase annual recurring funding to $15 million per year

2) Coastal Issues:

   a) Support the NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) request for positions and operating costs to establish a Coastal Habitat Assessment Program (CHAP) under the Coastal Habitat Protection Plan (CHPP) Program within the Habitat and Enhancement Section to fill gaps in coastal habitats mapping and assessment (i.e., SAV, salt marsh and other wetlands, oysters) to support restoration and protection that enhances community and ecological resilience

   b) Secure recurring funding for FerryMon (Pamlico Sound) and ModMon (Neuse River)
      - FerryMon: $175,000 per year (direct cost)
      - ModMon: $185,000 per year (direct cost)

   c) Secure recurring funding for the Jean Preston Oyster Sanctuary
      - $850,000 recurring; $650,000 non-recurring

3) Targets of Conservation Opportunity

   a) Support the creation of the Tar River State Forest

   b) Re-establish the Conservation Tax Credit

   c) Support Ag Wrap
      - $3 million recurring

It is the philosophy of NC Forever that all funding asks are made in addition to current funding of land and water projects and it is not the organizations intent to supplant any existing funding.