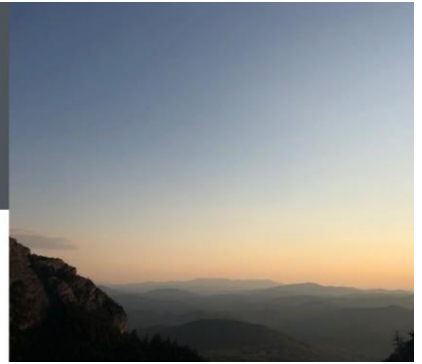


North Carolina Forever 2025 Legislative Agenda



NC Forever is a unique coalition of businesses and nonprofit organizations that share a commitment to the conservation of our state's land and water resources.



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

- a) Land and Water Fund: \$45 million recurring (\$55 million by 2027)
- b) Parks and Recreation Trust Fund: \$45 million recurring (\$55 million by 2027)
- c) Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund: \$15 million recurring

2) Coastal Issues:

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)

3) Targets of Conservation Opportunity

- a) Increase the Conservation Tax Credit cap to \$15 million and remove the sunset provision
- b) Increase funding to support conservation on private lands:
 - Ag Wrap: additional \$1 million recurring, \$215,000 for technical assistance
 - Ag Cost Share Program: additional \$4 million recurring, \$600,000 for technical assistance
 - CCAP: \$1.5 million recurring, \$225,000 for technical assistance

We support the Departments of Natural and Cultural Resources, Environmental Quality, and Agriculture as well as local communities in their asks related to needs resulting from Hurricane Helene including, but not limited to restoration of land and water resources such as streams, local and state parks, trails, and farmlands.

We support the aforementioned Departments' in their requests to increase state employee salaries for the purposes of recruitment and retention.

*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 organization's intent to supplant any existing funding.

The varied organizations that make up North Carolina Forever

