# 2025 NCLWF Grant Awards

approved 10/1/2025; updated 8/11/26

| Summary of Funded Projects | Amount | Number |
|---|---|---|
| Acquisition (Military Buffer) | $4,258,873 | 6 |
| Acquisition (Non-military) | $33,983,234 | 29 |
| Restoration | $7,876,483 | 20 |
| Innovative Stormwater | $1,372,442 | 4 |
| Planning | $611,602 | 10 |
| Donation Mini-Grants* | $305,752 | 11 |
| **Total** | **$48,408,386** | **80** |

*** Up to $500,000 will be allocated for Donation Mini-Grants from available funds as applications are approved**

****Note: Provisional Awards are made pending revenue that may become available before July 1, 2026**

| Project Name | Award (Funded Projects) | Provisional Award ** | Award Order | County |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ACQUISITION PROJECTS** | | | | |
| 2025-013 - Conserving Carolina - River Stone - Mud Creek | $103,000 | | ACQ - 1 | Henderson |
| 2025-068 - Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy - Cane River Confluence | $1,934,795 | | ACQ - 2 | Yancey |
| 2025-040 - NC Coastal Federation - Turkey Creek Riparian Buffer | $112,615 | | ACQ - 3 | Onslow |
| 2025-080 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Neuse Islands Wilderness (Military) | $2,602,555 | | ACQ - 4 | Johnston |
| 2025-082 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Williamson Preserve - Neuse River Connections | $734,700 | | ACQ - 5 | Wake |
| 2025-077 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Fletcher Tract - Southview Preserve | $845,198 | | ACQ - 6 | Durham |
| 2025-023 - Town of Kill Devil Hills - Fresh Pond - Nags Head Woods | $1,570,735 | | ACQ - 7 | Dare |
| 2025-061 - NC Wildlife Resources Commission - Shutt Tract - Rocky Ford Branch (Military) | $187,100 | | ACQ - 8 | Richmond |
| 2025-034 - The Nature Conservancy - Saus Tract - Holly Shelter (Military) | $494,507 | | ACQ - 9 | Pender |
| 2025-033 - The Nature Conservancy - King Tract - Holly Shelter (Military) | $266,159 | | ACQ - 10 | Pender |
| 2025-038 - NC Coastal Federation - North River Headwaters (Military) | $638,998 | | ACQ - 11 | Carteret |
| 2025-078 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Kirkman Tract - White Pines Nature Preserve | $1,112,250 | | ACQ - 12 | Chatham |
| 2025-065 - Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. - Morris Tract - Pisgah Game Land | $4,000,000 | | ACQ - 13 | Transylvania |
| 2025-018 - Durham County - New Hope Bottomlands Forest Tract | $326,525 | | ACQ - 14 | Durham |

| Project Name | Award (Funded Projects) | Provisional Award ** | Award Order | County |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ACQUISITION PROJECTS (continued)** | | | | |
| 2025-001 - Alamance County Recreation & Parks - Alston Quarter Tract Phase 2 - Haw River | $4,000,000 | | ACQ - 15 | Alamance |
| 2025-021 - Foothills Conservancy of NC - Hickorynut Mountain Phase 2 | $4,000,000 | | ACQ - 16 | McDowell |
| 2025-043 - NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - Branson Coleman Tracts - Ridges Mountain | $2,492,525 | | ACQ - 17 | Randolph |
| 2025-062 - NC Wildlife Resources Commission - Washburn-Spears Tract - Shocco Creek | $235,000 | | ACQ - 18 | Franklin |
| 2025-064 - Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. - Little Snowbird Tract | $2,562,100 | | ACQ - 19 | Graham |
| 2025-020 - Foothills Conservancy of NC - Fort Defiance - Overmountain Victory Trail | $158,860 | | ACQ - 20 | Caldwell |
| 2025-048 - NC Division of Parks and Recreation - Mill Creek - Raven Rock State Park | $1,890,306 | ✓ | ACQ - 21 | Harnett |
| 2025-076 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Duck Head Bottomlands | $427,555 | ✓ | ACQ - 22 | Chatham |
| 2025-081 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Page Tract - Haw River | $938,237 | ✓ | ACQ - 23 | Chatham |
| 2025-028 - Mainspring Conservation Trust - Slickrock Tract | $1,321,475 | ✓ | ACQ - 24 | Cherokee |
| 2025-004 - The Conservation Fund - Low Tract - Cane River Game Land | $1,545,531 | ✓ | ACQ - 25 | Yancey |
| 2025-022 - Foothills Conservancy of NC - Moore Tract - Henry Fork River | $108,208 | ✓ | ACQ - 26 | Burke |
| 2025-049 - NC Division of Parks and Recreation - Chimney Rock State Park | $246,180 | ✓ | ACQ - 27 | Rutherford |
| 2025-011 - Conserving Carolina - Hightop Mountain | $514,717 | ✓ | ACQ - 28 | Henderson |
| 2025-050 - NC DA&CS Plant Conservation Program - Fleming Tract - Tater Hill Preserve | $998,700 | ✓ | ACQ - 29 | Watauga |
| 2025-052 - NC DA&CS Plant Conservation Program - Salvatori Tract - Tater Hill Preserve | $150,400 | ✓ | ACQ - 30 | Watauga |
| 2025-051 - NC DA&CS Plant Conservation Program - Hodson Tract - Paddy Mountain Plant Preserve | $106,100 | ✓ | ACQ - 31 | Ashe |
| 2025-036 - The Nature Conservancy - Thomas Tract - Horse Swamp (Military) | $69,554 | ✓ | ACQ - 32 | Onslow |
| 2025-009 - Conserving Carolina - Duck Branch - Rocky Broad River | $247,000 | ✓ | ACQ - 33 | Buncombe |

| Project Name | Award (Funded Projects) | Provisional Award ** | Award Order | County |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ACQUISITION PROJECTS (continued)** | | | | |
| 2025-012 - Conserving Carolina - Hogback Mountain Phase 5 - Big Falls Creek | $402,543 | ✓ | ACQ - 34 | Polk |
| 2025-069 - Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy - Harris Cove - Spring Creek Headwaters | $897,979 | ✓ | ACQ - 35 | Madison |
| 2025-007 - Conservation Trust for North Carolina - Fork Ridge | | $535,300 | ACQ - 36 | Jackson |
| 2025-070 - Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy - Scott Tract - Chestnut Mountain | | $206,578 | ACQ - 37 | Haywood |
| 2025-047 - NC Division of Parks and Recreation - Pisgah View State Park | | $380,370 | ACQ - 38 | Buncombe |
| 2025-046 - NC Division of Parks and Recreation - Mount Jefferson State Natural Area | | $357,000 | ACQ - 39 | Ashe |
| 2025-024 - Town of Leland - Silver Timber Tract - Nature Park | | $1,272,125 | ACQ - 40 | Brunswick |
| 2025-026 - Mainspring Conservation Trust - Pinnacle Park Phase 5 | | $93,825 | ACQ - 41 | Jackson |
| 2025-057 - NC Wildlife Resources Commission - Janiszewski Tract - South Mountains Game Land | | $283,850 | ACQ - 42 | McDowell |
| 2025-055 - NC Wildlife Resources Commission - Green Tract - Cold Mountain Game Land | | $151,100 | ACQ - 43 | Haywood |
| 2025-041 - NC Coastal Land Trust - Powells Point - Albemarle Sound | | $1,063,395 | ACQ - 44 | Currituck |
| 2025-089 - Unique Places to Save - St. James - Boiling Spring Lakes Wetland Complex | | $3,484,090 | ACQ - 45 | Brunswick |
| 2025-075 - Triangle Land Conservancy - Chicken Bridge Forest Tract - Haw River UT | | $850,375 | ACQ - 46 | Chatham |
| **Acquisition Total** | **$38,242,107** | **$8,678,008** | | |
| | | | | |
| **INNOVATIVE STORMWATER PROJECTS** | | | | |
| 2025-1002 - NC State University- Sponsored Programs - Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance Robot Development | $234,241 | | ISW - 1 | Onslow |
| 2025-1004 - Sound Rivers Inc - Constructed Stormwater Wetland for Education and Maintenance | $243,200 | | ISW - 2 | Craven |
| 2025-1003 - Town of Smithfield - College Pond Retrofit | $783,351 | | ISW - 3 | Johnston |
| 2025-1005 - Town of Trenton - Comprehensive Stormwater Management - Pilot Project | $111,650 | | ISW - 4 | Jones |
| **Innovative Stormwater Total** | **$1,372,442** | **$0** | | |

| Project Name | Award (Funded Projects) | Provisional Award ** | Award Order | County |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **PLANNING PROJECTS** | | | | |
| 2025-801 - American Rivers - Haw River Watershed - Dam Removal Plan | $65,000 | | PLAN - 1 | Alamance |
| 2025-809 - New River Conservancy - North Fork of the New River - Watershed Plan | $40,000 | | PLAN - 2 | Ashe |
| 2025-810 - RiverLink, Inc. - Middle Swannanoa River - 9 Element Watershed Action Plan | $80,000 | | PLAN - 3 | Buncombe |
| 2025-803 - Conserving Carolina - Upper Mud Creek - Watershed Plan | $90,000 | | PLAN - 4 | Henderson |
| 2025-808 - New Hanover County - Pages Creek - Feasibility Plan | $75,000 | | PLAN - 5 | New Hanover |
| 2025-802 - Conserving Carolina - Green and North Pacolet Rivers - Watershed Plan | $75,000 | | PLAN - 6 | Polk |
| 2025-812 - Sound Rivers Inc - Southwest Prong Slocum Creek - Watershed Plan | $28,570 | | PLAN - 7 | Craven |
| 2025-805 - NC Coastal Federation - Ocean City Jazz Festival Park - Stormwater Plan | $42,032 | | PLAN - 8 | Onslow |
| 2025-806 - NC Coastal Federation - Oyster Blueprint for Action - Restoration and Protection Plan Update | $75,000 | | PLAN - 9 | Carteret |
| 2025-804 - Mountain Valleys RC&D Inc. - Ivy River Aquatic Passage - Feasibility Study | $41,000 | | PLAN - 10 | Madison |
| **Planning Total** | **$611,602** | **$0** | | |
| | | | | |
| **RESTORATION PROJECTS** | | | | |
| 2025-413 - Mainspring Conservation Trust - Little Tennessee River Mile 106 & Klatt - Wetland Restoration | $69,210 | | REST - 1 | Macon |
| 2025-401 - American Rivers - Lockville Dam Removal | $598,965 | | REST - 2 | Chatham |
| 2025-411 - Haywood Waterways Association - Flood Resiliency - Pigeon River at Clyde | $210,500 | | REST - 3 | Haywood |
| 2025-416 - NC Coastal Federation - Jockey's Ridge - Living Shoreline Phase 2 | $319,603 | | REST - 4 | Dare |
| 2025-418 - New River Conservancy - Mouth of Winkler Creek - Stream Restoration | $578,000 | | REST - 5 | Watauga |
| 2025-409 - City of Durham - South Ellerbe - Stream and Wetland Restoration | $800,000 | | REST - 6 | Durham |
| 2025-414 - Mainspring Conservation Trust - Little Tennessee Shade Your Stream - Riparian Buffer Planting | $14,750 | | REST - 7 | Macon |
| 2025-403 - Blue Ridge RC&D - MCHP Campus - Grassy Creek - Stream and Wetland Restoration | $356,000 | | REST - 8 | Mitchell |
| 2025-402 - Blue Ridge RC&D - Bakersville Creekwalk Extension - Phase 3 Restoration | $371,400 | | REST - 9 | Mitchell |

| Project Name | Award (Funded Projects) | Provisional Award ** | Award Order | County |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **RESTORATION PROJECTS (continued)** | | | | |
| 2025-417 - NC Coastal Federation - Living Shoreline Cost S | $540,542 | | REST - 10 | Carteret |
| 2025-415 - Mecklenburg County - McDowell Creek at Beatties Ford Rd - Stream Restoration | $800,000 | | REST - 11 | Mecklenburg |
| 2025-431 - Wilkes Soil & Water Conservation District - Double Creek Phase 4 - Stream Restoration | $283,375 | | REST - 12 | Wilkes |
| 2025-410 - Foothills Conservancy of NC - Canoe Creek Phase 2 - Stream Restoration | $359,743 | | REST - 13 | Burke |
| 2025-408 - Carolina Wetlands Association - Stony Run - Corridor Riparian Restoration | $270,500 | | REST - 14 | Harnett |
| 2025-412 - Haywood Waterways Association - Lake Logan - Stream Restoration | $320,000 | ✓ | REST - 15 | Haywood |
| 2025-427 - Southwestern NC RC&D - Walker Family Trust Pigeon River - Stream Restoration | $335,000 | ✓ | REST - 16 | Haywood |
| 2025-423 - Resource Institute - Newfound Creek - Stream Restoration | $310,500 | ✓ | REST - 17 | Buncombe |
| 2025-428 - Resource Institute - West Fork French Broad - Stream Restoration | $468,800 | ✓ | REST - 18 | Transylvania |
| 2025-430 - Town of Siler City - Loves Creek Tributary - Stream Restoration | $500,000 | ✓ | REST - 19 | Chatham |
| 2025-404 - Conserving Carolina - Light Center - Stream Restoration | $369,595 | ✓ | REST - 20 | Buncombe |
| **Restoration Total** | **$7,876,483** | **$0** | | |
| | | | | |
| **DONATION MINI-GRANT PROJECTS** | | | | |
| 2026D-001 - Foothills Conservancy of NC - Carey Tract - Curtis Creek | $28,100 | | | McDowell |
| 2026D-002 - NC Wildlife Resources Commission - Staples Property - North River Game Land | $10,032 | | | Camden |
| 2026D-003 - NC Plant Conservation Program - Baugess Tract | $3,250 | | | Brunswick |
| 2026D-004 - Piedmont Land Conservancy - Crouch Tract | $22,358 | | | Stokes |
| 2026D-005 - Piedmont Land Conservancy - New Salem Easement | $21,488 | | | Randolph |
| 2026D-006 - Piedmont Land Conservancy - Presnell Tract - Kings Creek | $23,000 | | | Randolph |
| 2026D-007 - Piedmont Land Conservancy - Weaver Riparian Easement | $16,049 | | | Surry |
| 2026D-008 - Tar River Land Conservancy - Belvin Tracts - Ledge Creek | $42,000 | | | Granville |
| 2026D-009 - Tar River Land Conservancy - Pugh Tract - South Hyco Creek | $50,000 | | | Person |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2026D-010 - Tar River Land Conservancy - North Tracts - Lake Rogers | $46,500 | | | Granville |
| 2026D-011 - Tar River Land Conservancy - Winborne Tract - Tar River | $42,975 | | | Granville |
| **Donation Mini-Grant Total** | **$305,752** | **$0** | | |
| **All Programs Total** | **$48,408,386** | **$8,678,008** | | |