

2025 NCLWF Grant Awards

approved 10/1/2025; updated 5/29/26



Summary of Funded Projects

Acquisition (Military Buffer)	
Acquisition (Non-military)	
Restoration	
Innovative Stormwater	
Planning	
Donation Mini-Grants*	
Total	

Amount	Number
\$4,189,319	5
\$31,180,512	23
\$7,506,888	19
\$1,372,442	4
\$611,602	10
\$216,277	9
\$45,077,040	70

*** 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**

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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

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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

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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	\$35,369,831	\$11,550,284		
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		

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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

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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	\$7,506,888	\$369,595		
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

Donation Mini-Grant Total	\$216,277	\$0		
All Programs Total	\$45,077,040	\$11,919,879		