

AGENDA

North Carolina Land and Water Fund

Executive Committee Meeting

September 13, 2021, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, this meeting will only be available to the public by teleconference.

Please contact Sydney McDaniel at sydney.mcdaniel@ncdcr.gov or 919-707-9121 to request a teleconference meeting invitation/call-in.

Committee Members:

John Wilson (Chair), Ann Browning, Renee Kumor, Jason Walser

1) Call to Order (Chair)

- a) Welcome
- b) Compliance with General Statute § 138A-15
General Statute § 138A-15 mandates that the Chair inquire as to whether any Trustee knows of any conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to matters on the agenda. If any Trustee knows of a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, please state so at this time.
- c) Revisions, Additions, and Adoption of the Agenda

2) Public Comments (Chair)

The Public Is Invited to Make Comments to the Committee – (Three Minutes per Person)

3) Executive Director's Update (Will Summer)

4) Available Funds (Terri Murray)

Staff will present information about available funds.

5) 2021 Grant Cycle Demand (Nancy Guthrie/Steve Bevington)

Staff will recap current project demand for each program area.

6) Discussion on Funding Caps (Will Summer)

Staff will present information about award caps used in previous years.

7) Allocation (%) of Funding for 2021 Applications (Will Summer)

Trustees will discuss funding allocation and make a recommendation for the September meeting.

8) Adjourn

Information Item

Staff member(s): Terri Murray

Agenda Item 4) Current Available Funds Status

As of the writing of this agenda, a final budget has not been passed. However, there are some recurring appropriations, receipts, unencumbered and unawarded funds that are currently available and Senate and House budget bills that may provide bounds for the discussion.

Staff will present the current and potential funding availability as of the day of this committee meeting. Current estimates are attached. Updated figures will be provided on the day of the meeting.

Attachments: Funding availability summary

NCLWF Funding Availability - Expected as of 9-3-2021

Sources of Funding

	Current	Senate Budget	House Budget
<u>Appropriations (FY21-22)</u>			
Appropriations - Base Budget (recurring)	\$12,157,530	\$12,157,530	\$12,157,530
Appropriations - Military Buffers (recurring)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Appropriations - General Legislative Increase (non-recurring)	\$0	\$60,000,000	\$60,000,000
Appropriations - Floodplain and Wetlands Legislative Increase (non-recurring)	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000
Subtotal	\$13,157,530	\$73,157,530	\$93,157,530
<u>Receipts and Unencumbered Funds</u>			
License Plate Revenue (through August '21)	\$939,653	\$939,653	\$939,653
License Plate Revenue (estimated September)	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
State Property Sale Proceeds*	\$3,768,000	\$3,768,000	\$0
Unencumbered Funds (Acquisition)	\$1,981,826	\$1,981,826	\$1,981,826
Unencumbered Funds (Restoration)	\$301,202	\$301,202	\$301,202
Subtotal	\$7,440,681	\$7,440,681	\$3,672,681
Total	\$20,598,211	\$80,598,211	\$96,830,211

Amount for Allocation

Total Available for Acquisition (non-military)	\$1,981,826	\$1,981,826	\$1,981,826
Total Available for Acquisition (military)	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total Available for Restoration/ISW/Planning	\$301,202	\$301,202	\$301,202
Total Available for Floodplains and Wetlands	\$0	\$0	\$19,400,000
Total Available for Administration**	\$0	\$0	\$2,400,000
Total Remaining to be Allocated for September	\$13,547,183	\$73,547,183	\$71,747,183
Total	\$16,830,211	\$76,830,211	\$96,830,211

* A provision in the House bill may rescind this revenue stream. Staff advises that this not be spent at this time.

** Up to 3% of the non-recurring allocation in House budget may be used for administrative purposes.

Information Item**Staff member(s): Nancy Guthrie/Steve Bevington****Agenda Item 5) 2021 Grant Cycle Demand**

In February 2021, NCLWF received 108 applications, requesting \$76,595,676. The breakdown by program area is shown in the table below.

	# of Apps	Requested \$	Total \$
Acquisition	73	\$68,545,676	\$174,792,299
Restoration	21	\$6,974,233	\$15,295,162
Innovative Stormwater	2	\$492,000	\$1,129,021
Planning	12	\$583,767	\$862,713
Total	108	\$76,595,676	\$192,079,195

After staff review and application updates, NCLWF has 86 applications, requesting \$61,686,763 to consider for grant funding. The breakdown by program area is shown in the table below.

	# of Apps	Requested \$	Total \$
Acquisition	52	\$54,398,600	\$144,591,250
Restoration	20	\$6,213,996	\$14,781,139
Innovative Stormwater	2	\$492,000	\$1,129,021
Planning	12	\$582,167	\$955,291
Total	86	\$61,686,763	\$161,456,701

Twenty-one acquisition applications were withdrawn primarily because they were funded from the 2020 provisional list, fully funded through other sources, or lacked the minimum requirement of a landowner letter of intent. One restoration project was withdrawn as it was fully funded off of the 2020 provisional list. All remaining applications have been scored and are eligible for funding.

Staff will discuss program demands and answer any questions on specific requests.

Attachments: current list of applications and requests by program area

2021 North Carolina Land and Water Fund Grant Applications

2021 NCLWF Grant List - Updated 8-18-2021



	# of Apps	Requested \$	Total \$
Acquisition	52	\$ 54,398,600	\$ 144,591,250
Restoration	20	\$ 6,213,996	\$ 14,781,139
Innovative Stormwater	2	\$ 492,000	\$ 1,129,021
Planning	12	\$ 582,167	\$ 955,291
Total	86	\$ 61,686,763	\$ 161,456,701

At or near the previous cap

Far above the cap

NCLWF ID	Application Name	Request	Total	County
Acquisition				
2021-001	American Battlefield Trust - Denning Tract - Bentonville BF	\$ 348,700	\$ 724,650	Johnston
2021-003	Blue Ridge Conservancy - Berry Tract - Grandfather Mtn SP	\$ 184,992	\$ 350,892	Watauga
2021-004	Conserving Carolina - Camp Woodson	\$ 414,933	\$ 2,431,003	Buncombe
2021-005	Conserving Carolina - Chestnut Hills - Face Rock Bearwallow	\$ 221,042	\$ 536,842	Henderson
2021-007	Conserving Carolina - Floodplain Addition - Mouth of Mud Cr	\$ 46,950	\$ 106,950	Henderson
2021-013	Charlotte Mecklenburg Stormwater Services - UT Long Cr Wetlands	\$ 525,000	\$ 1,084,900	Mecklenburg
2021-014	Foothills Conservancy of NC - Blowing Rock Tract - Johns R HW	\$ 704,000	\$ 2,013,850	Caldwell
2021-015	Foothills Conservancy of NC - Pinnacle Mtn West - Wilderness Gateway	\$ 1,203,486	\$ 3,849,986	McDowell
2021-017	Mainspring Conservation Trust - Pinnacle Park IV	\$ 166,275	\$ 413,885	Jackson
2021-019	NC Coastal Land Trust - Cashy Land and Timber - Hoggards Mill Run	\$ 250,000	\$ 935,000	Bertie
2021-020	NC Coastal Land Trust - Chowan River Initiative	\$ 314,800	\$ 1,629,400	Bertie
2021-022	NC Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources - Shallow Ford Tract - Yadkin R	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 2,871,825	Forsyth
2021-023	NC Division of Parks & Recreation - Crisp Tracts - Pineola SNA	\$ 11,075	\$ 48,075	Avery
2021-024	NC Division of Parks & Recreation - Lafayette Taylor - Carvers Cr SP	\$ 625,000	\$ 1,254,500	Cumberland
2021-026	NC Division of Parks & Recreation - Pisgah View Ph4	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 3,491,716	Buncombe
2021-027	NC Wildlife Resources Commission - White Springs - MOTSU	\$ 441,000	\$ 882,000	Brunswick
2021-029	Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy - Mt Pisgah - Pisgah Cr	\$ 824,415	\$ 1,709,765	Haywood
2021-030	Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy - Reems Cr Bowl	\$ 373,114	\$ 1,493,114	Buncombe
2021-031	The Conservation Fund - Bogue Town Park - Goose Cr	\$ 115,000	\$ 223,500	Carteret
2021-032	The Conservation Fund - Cabin Flats Tract - Balsam Gap Ph1	\$ 539,450	\$ 7,299,450	Jackson
2021-033	The Conservation Fund - Carolina Timberlands - Cape Fear Wetlands GL	\$ 100,000	\$ 312,500	Pender
2021-035	The Conservation Fund - Expansion Tract - Ridges Mountain SNA	\$ 617,776	\$ 1,085,526	Randolph
2021-037	The Conservation Fund - Johnson Farm - Hector Cr	\$ 3,636,230	\$ 9,299,830	Harnett

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2021-038	The Conservation Fund - Kings Cr - State Forest	\$ 696,200	\$ 1,126,700	Caldwell
2021-039	The Conservation Fund - Little Alligator R - Alligator R GL	\$ 105,500	\$ 152,500	Tyrrell
2021-040	The Conservation Fund - Long Bay - Piney Island Bombing Range	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 6,137,000	Carteret
2021-042	The Conservation Fund - Rocky R - Deep R State Trail	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 2,212,336	Chatham
2021-043	The Conservation Fund - Sharpe Tract - Alamance BG	\$ 50,526	\$ 61,526	Alamance
2021-044	The Conservation Fund - Amazing Gract Ph 1 - Soapstone Ridge	\$ 1,242,747	\$ 2,165,247	Jackson
2021-047	Triangle Land Conservancy - Fitch Tract - Big Woods Forest	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 5,127,425	Chatham
2021-048	Triangle Land Conservancy - Holler Tract - Cape Fear R	\$ 854,589	\$ 1,968,889	Lee
2021-049	Triangle Land Conservancy - Liles Tract - Swift Cr	\$ 784,518	\$ 2,754,518	Wake
2021-050	Triangle Land Conservancy - McLean Tract - Big Woods Forest	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 8,160,425	Chatham
2021-051	The Nature Conservancy - 421 Sand Ridge Ph2 - Corbett Ind	\$ 8,901,455	\$ 29,477,155	Pender
2021-053	The Nature Conservancy - Caddell and BLATCO - Sandhills GL	\$ 400,948	\$ 1,082,512	Richmond
2021-054	The Nature Conservancy - Corbett Tracts - Holly Shelter GL	\$ 1,174,795	\$ 2,370,445	Pender
2021-055	The Nature Conservancy - Horrell Tract - Black R	\$ 81,769	\$ 167,641	Bladen
2021-056	The Nature Conservancy - Matthews Tract - Horse Sw	\$ 67,086	\$ 257,488	Onslow
2021-057	The Nature Conservancy - Riverstone White Marsh - Waccamaw R	\$ 12,092,230	\$ 20,152,830	Columbus
2021-058	The Nature Conservancy - White Tracts - Roanoke R	\$ 1,257,519	\$ 2,492,124	Northampton
2021-059	Tar River Land Conservancy - Murray Tract - Tar R	\$ 177,563	\$ 473,463	Granville
2021-060	Three Rivers Land Trust - Alcoa Falls - Little Mtn Cr	\$ 355,865	\$ 680,865	Stanly
2021-061	Three Rivers Land Trust - Auman Farm - Drowning Cr	\$ 1,027,970	\$ 1,908,970	Moore
2021-063	Three Rivers Land Trust - Bennett Tracts - Little R	\$ 973,970	\$ 1,854,970	Montgomery
2021-064	Three Rivers Land Trust - Blake Tract - Jackson Cr	\$ 202,970	\$ 756,220	Moore
2021-065	Three Rivers Land Trust - Crisp Tract - McLendons Cr	\$ 356,148	\$ 676,148	Moore
2021-066	Three Rivers Land Trust - Deans North - Drowning Cr	\$ 352,520	\$ 782,720	Moore
2021-067	Three Rivers Land Trust - Deans South - Drowning Cr	\$ 591,220	\$ 1,600,220	Moore
2021-068	Three Rivers Land Trust - DeBerry Tract - Little R	\$ 166,470	\$ 264,970	Montgomery
2021-069	Three Rivers Land Trust - Evan Miller Tract - Yadkin R	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 3,331,000	Davidson
2021-070	Three Rivers Land Trust - Jordan Tract - Panther Br	\$ 158,434	\$ 259,434	Montgomery
2021-071	Three Rivers Land Trust - Price Tract - Rocky R	\$ 1,062,350	\$ 2,086,350	Cabarrus
Restoration				
2021-401	Apex - Town of - UT to Beaver Creek	\$ 409,658	\$ 686,408	Wake
2021-402	Blue Ridge RC&D - Bakersville Creekwalk - Cane Creek	\$ 152,728	\$ 463,758	Mitchell
2021-403	Blue Ridge RC&D - Mayland CC Campus - Holley Branch	\$ 162,000	\$ 365,800	Avery
2021-404	Carteret County - Carrot Island Living Shoreline	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,156,750	Carteret
2021-405	Conserving Carolina - Pleasant Grove Floodplain - French Broad River	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,211,500	Henderson
2021-406	Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association - Strayhorn Branch	\$ 170,000	\$ 767,958	Durham
2021-407	Town of Gamewell - Gamewell Park - Abington Creek	\$ 475,000	\$ 578,707	Caldwell
2021-408	Haywood Waterways Association - Chestnut Park - Hominy Creek	\$ 177,910	\$ 301,605	Haywood
2021-409	Laurel Park - Town of - Laurel Green Creek	\$ 187,963	\$ 389,599	Henderson
2021-410	Mainspring Conservation Trust - Aquatic Organism Passage - Big Laurel Creek	\$ 75,000	\$ 257,000	Swain
2021-411	Morganton - City of - Bethel Park - East Prong Hunting Creek	\$ 488,694	\$ 1,164,698	Burke
2021-412	NC Div Soil & Water Conservation - CREP 2021	\$ 343,523	\$ 984,897	Vance

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2021-413	NC Div Soil & Water Conservation - UT Jonathans Creek Dairy Decommission	\$ 445,233	\$ 757,193	Haywood
2021-414	NC Coastal Federation - Fort Macon Living Shoreline	\$ 514,391	\$ 994,990	Carteret
2021-415	NC Coastal Federation - Living Shorelines Ph2	\$ 410,140	\$ 755,648	Carteret
2021-416	New Bern - City of - Urban Stream Restoration	\$ 150,000	\$ 300,000	Craven
2021-417	New River Conservancy - Green Valley Park - South Fork New River	\$ 43,000	\$ 123,100	Watauga
2021-419	Resource Institute - EQUIP Restoration - Boylston Creek	\$ 262,000	\$ 712,000	Henderson
2021-420	Resource Institute - EQUIP Restoration - Line Creek	\$ 446,756	\$ 642,328	Henderson
2021-421	Resource Institute - UT to Cape Fear River Ph2	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,167,200	Cumberland
Innovative Stormwater				
2021-1001	Durham County SWCD - Riverside HS Innovation	\$ 392,000	\$ 672,148	Durham
2021-1002	NC State University - Monitoring Flow-through Wetlands	\$ 100,000	\$ 456,873	Wilson
Planning				
2021-801	Albemarle Commission - Albemarle Water Management Plan Ph2	\$ 71,110	\$ 101,985	Chowan
2021-802	Cape Fear Resource Conservation & Development - Pages Creek Watershed Restoration Plan	\$ 75,000	\$ 105,000	New Hanover
2021-803	Cary - Town of - White Oak Creek Restoration Plan	\$ 40,000	\$ 80,000	Wake
2021-804	Town of Cerro Gordo - Cerro Gordo Stormwater Assessment	\$ 49,600	\$ 54,600	Columbus
2021-805	Currituck County Soil & Water Conservation District - Currituck County Watershed Protection Plan	\$ 39,600	\$ 50,186	Currituck
2021-806	Carolina Wetlands Association - Stony Run Watershed Restoration Plan	\$ 70,000	\$ 102,900	Harnett
2021-807	Dan River Basin Association - Dan River Recreation and Stewardship Plan	\$ 51,500	\$ 64,500	Rockingham
2021-808	City of Hendersonville - Restoration Assessment - Upper Mud Creek	\$ 24,620	\$ 51,620	Henderson
2021-809	Mountain True - Restoration Plan - Hominy Creek	\$ 12,500	\$ 111,003	Buncombe
2021-810	NC Coastal Federation - Newport River Estuary Plan	\$ 74,737	\$ 93,597	Carteret
2021-811	Sound Rivers - Jacks Creek Watershed Plan	\$ 43,500	\$ 84,900	Beaufort
2021-812	Statesville - City of - Free Nancy Branch Restoration Plan	\$ 30,000	\$ 55,000	Iredell

Information Item**Staff member(s): Will Summer**

Agenda Item 6) Discussion on Funding Caps

Beginning in the 2011 grant cycle, the board chose to cap the award amounts at the funding meeting in order to make funding available to more projects around the state. That has continued to be the practice in years since. The most recent caps were set at \$1,200,000 for acquisition, \$400,000 for restoration, and \$100,000 for innovative stormwater at the 2020 funding meeting. While no caps have been officially set for 2021, and staff directs applicants to request the full funding that they need for a project, many applicants assumed that a cap would be established and made their request accordingly. Depending on where the final budget is when the board meets in September, the committees may choose not to set a cap this year. As members of both committees are present, this will be the only opportunity to discuss this issue together before the funding meeting.

Action Item**Staff member(s): Will Summer****Agenda Item 7) Allocation (%) of Funding for 2021 Applications****Background information**

For the past seven years, the NCLWF Board has allocated 75% of funds to Acquisition applications and the remaining 25% to Stream Restoration and Innovative Stormwater. Prior to 2018, the Board further allocated 20% to Restoration and up to 5% to Innovative Stormwater. Planning was funded from the committee that most aligned with the purpose of the plan. Beginning in 2018, the Board employed a simplification of the allocation process in which the Restoration, Innovative Stormwater and Planning Committee would determine the funding between their three program areas at the board meeting based on the merit of the applications.

As of the writing of this agenda item, there is still some uncertainty about the budget, but the breakdown of the 2021 applications between the programs is as follows:

	# of apps	% by number	requested \$	\$ by amount requested	requested (with 2020 cap applied)	% by amount (with 2020 cap applied)
Acquisition	52	60%	\$ 54,398,600	88%	\$ 32,064,933	83%
Restoration	20	23%	\$ 6,213,996	10%	\$ 5,724,124	15%
Innovative Stormwater	2	2%	\$ 492,000	1%	\$ 200,000	1%
Planning	12	14%	\$ 582,167	1%	\$ 582,167	2%
Total	86		\$ 61,686,763		\$ 38,571,224	

Staff recommendation based on previous allocations

The committee recommends for the 2021 grant cycle that all new revenue be allocated as follows: ___% of funds to the Acquisition Committee, ___% of funds to the Restoration, Innovative Stormwater, and Planning Committee. The Acquisition Committee will be charged with allocating funding for the Donated Minigrant Program. The Restoration, Innovative Stormwater and Planning Committee will be charged with allocating funding for each of their three program areas based on the merit of the applications during project review. All unspent funds from previous grants will revert to their respective programs, excluding wastewater, which will be treated as new revenue and assigned to each program according to the aforementioned allocation percentages.

Committee action needed

Make a recommendation for the funding committees and board to consider for the September funding meeting.