

**Background** The NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation, Inc. is a North Carolina Corporation chartered on April 27, 1999. It is a public non-profit tax-exempt organization having obtained its 501(c)(3) status on February 22, 2000. It maintains its headquarters at 5171 Glenwood Avenue in Raleigh, NC. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised over \$12,000,000. It implements projects addressing high priority natural resource and natural environment issues and build conservation capacity.

**Purpose** The Foundation is organized to carry out the present and long term mission and purposes of the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Districts that locally address statewide conservation needs.

**Mission** The Foundation’s mission is to promote, protect and improve North Carolina soil and water resources for the enhancement of economic growth and stewardship of the natural environment.

**Structure** The Foundation is governed by a 20+ person board of directors representing all geographic regions of the State and exhibiting a wide diversity of professional backgrounds. It has a three person staff who handle the Foundation’s day to day operations with project managers added as needed.

**Objectives** The Foundation’s objectives focus on three major categorical priority areas:

1. Building Conservation Capacity
2. Educating the Citizens
3. Improving the Natural Environment

**Current and Past Project Funding Partners**

<b>Corporate and Nonprofit Partners</b>	<b>State and Federal Partners</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Altria Group</li> <li>▪ Caterpillar Foundation</li> <li>▪ Cotton Incorporated</li> <li>▪ Duke Energy Foundation</li> <li>▪ Environmental Defense Fund</li> <li>▪ Philip Morris USA</li> <li>▪ Progress Energy</li> <li>▪ Smithfield Foods Agreement with the NC Attorney General’s Office Agreement</li> <li>▪ Walmart Foundation</li> <li>▪ Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Golden LEAF Foundation</li> <li>▪ NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – NC Forest Service</li> <li>▪ NC Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund</li> <li>▪ NC State University               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sentinel Landscapes Initiative - College of Natural Resources</li> <li>○ College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – Department of Soil Science</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission</li> <li>▪ The Rural Center</li> <li>▪ Texas A &amp; M University’s Institute for Renewable Natural Resources</li> <li>▪ US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conservation Innovation Grants</li> <li>○ National Water Quality Initiative</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ US Department of Navy / Marine Corps</li> </ul>