



An Introduction to the Foundation

Background The Foundation is a North Carolina Corporation chartered in 1999. It is a public non-profit tax-exempt organization having obtained its 501(c)(3) status in 2000. The Foundation has raised over \$15,000,000 to implement projects addressing priority natural resource issues and building 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 and is managed by a two person staff with project managers added as needed.

Objectives The Foundation’s objectives focus on three major categorical priority areas: Building Conservation Capacity, Educating the Citizens, and Improving the Natural Environment

Current and Past Funding Partners

Corporate and Nonprofit Partners	State and Federal Partners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Altria Group ▪ AgCarolina Farm Credit ▪ BB&T ▪ Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina ▪ Cape Fear Farm Credit ▪ Carolina Farm Credit ▪ Caterpillar Foundation ▪ Cotton Incorporated ▪ Duke Energy ▪ Environmental Defense Fund ▪ Gregory Poole CAT ▪ NC Cattlemen’s Association ▪ NC Electric Cooperatives ▪ NC Farm Bureau Federation ▪ NC State Grange ▪ Philip Morris USA ▪ Progress Energy ▪ Environmental Enhancements Program ▪ Sloan Family Foundation ▪ Smithfield Foods ▪ Southern SARE ▪ Walmart Foundation ▪ Wells Fargo ▪ Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Golden LEAF Foundation ▪ NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – NC Forest Service ▪ NC Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund ▪ NC State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sentinel Landscapes Initiative - College of Natural Resources ○ College of Agriculture and Life Sciences – Department of Soil Science ○ NC Agriculture Foundation ▪ NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission ▪ The Rural Center ▪ Texas A & M University’s Institute for Renewable Natural Resources ▪ US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conservation Innovation Grants ○ National Water Quality Initiative ▪ US Department of Navy / Marine Corps