



LANDOWNER WELCOME

Rapid growth in North Carolina has led to increased development which threatens the state's private farm and forest land sector and interferes with military training. Your community has a new opportunity to assist certain landowners in protecting their land through an innovative program identified as the Market Based Conservation Initiative (MBCI).

This program is unique to 18 counties: **Beaufort, Bertie, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Sampson, and Wake.** The MBCI offers an array of assistance to private landowners. Participating landowners under a military flight path can receive annual payments for maintaining property as agricultural, wildlife, or other open space land uses.



Local soil and water conservation districts have partnered with the North Carolina Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation, the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts and other groups in the conservation partnership to bring years of experience with collaborative natural resource protection and conservation to this private land effort. Private landowners participating in the MBCI program will have an opportunity to enroll in a conservation contract and receive the annual payments.

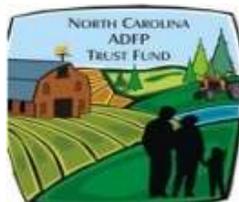
For more information on how this program can benefit your land, please contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District office. Check for your district web site at:

www.ncagr.gov/SWC/findyourdistrict.html. Ask them how to sign up for a Landowner Workshop.

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FACTS AND SPECIFICATIONS

- The MBCI Program's purpose is to protect rural lands from development under an existing military flight path.
- Located within 18 counties: **Beaufort, Bertie, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Sampson, and Wake.**
- North Carolina Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation (Foundation) will enter into voluntary 10, 20, or 30 year contracts with private landowners under a military flight path in order to protect farms and forests from development.
- To qualify for the program there are four basic requirements:
 - Land should be located under the military flight path;
 - Land should be in agricultural, wildlife, or forestry working lands or other open space land uses;
 - Land will need to be enrolled in a deferred tax program for agriculture, wildlife, forestry, or other open space land use;
 - Landowner is required to maintain an active land management plan for conservation, agriculture, wildlife, forestry, or other open space land use.
- Landowners will offer bids that they are willing to accept to keep their land in agriculture and rural land uses.
- There will be two or more separate opportunities to bid.
- Landowners will agree to keep the land enrolled in compatible uses, build no tall structures over 100 feet above ground level, and refrain from upward shining light projections.
- Annual payments to participants for awarded contracts will be made by the Foundation.
- Voluntary MBCI participants will receive technical and program assistance through their local soil and water conservation district.



Equal Opportunity Statement: *The MBCI program prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, sex, color, religion, race, national origin, citizenship, veteran status, current or future military status, sexual orientation, gender identification, marital or familial status, physical or mental disability, legal source of income or any other status protected by law.*