

**BASELINE DOCUMENTATION REPORT**

**FOR THE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **PROPERTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Landowner*

**INSERT PHOTO**

*Staff Photo*

**NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL LAND TRUST  
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA**

*DATE*

## • QUALIFICATIONS

Bio and Qualifications page of author Here's mine for example (no laughing)

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### **Education**

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources  
Johnson State College, 2001

Certificate of Forestry and Wildlife Conservation  
PCDI, GA

### **Land Trust and/or Ecology Training**

Conservation Easement Stewardship, Land Conservation Leadership Program, 2004  
Plant Identification Class Jon Stuckey, 200?  
Invasive Species Class, NCSU Extension Program 2006

Continuing Education includes numerous educational programs sponsored by the Land Trust Alliance

### **Licenses**

I don't have any, but forestry, commercial applicators, surveyor, etc

### **Professional Affiliations**

Member of Land Trust Alliance  
Member of Conservation Easement Defense Network

### **Experience and Current Status**

Not necessary if you ask me, but feel free- especially if the above categories don't do your experience justice- like 10 years of writing BDRs

## • INTRODUCTION

*Text/description of project* to the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust. This Baseline Documentation Report (Report) is an effort to establish the condition of the property at the time the conservation easement is granted. The text, photographs and maps herein document and reference the specific property conditions and features that are protected or affected by the easement terms. The Report serves as a summary and baseline documentation file for this conservation easement. As new material is included in the Report, it will be signed and dated to show its inclusion after the easement has been recorded.

## PURPOSE OF EASEMENT (reason for protection)

The purpose of the conservation easement is *conservation values and public benefit*.

## PROPERTY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**Dates of Easement Documentation Site Visit:**

**Total Acreage of the Property:** .

**Acreage of the Conservation Easement:** (*type CW, FL, donated*)

**General Location of the Property:** (see attached Map 1).

**USGS 7.5 Min. Quad:** (see attached Map 2).

**Specific Directions to Property:** .

**Landowner Information (primary contact):**

**Legal Description:** *survey title (Appendix A). Can add book and page of deed and/or Tax ID # (always helpful!)*

**Phase 1 Environmental Report:** *date, author, location*

## LOCATION AND PHYSICAL SETTING

The *property name* lies in the coastal plain physiographic province in North Carolina. The Coastal Plain Province includes all of North Carolina east and southeast of the fall line, which lies northeastward from Richmond County at the South Carolina border to Northampton County at the Virginia border. The fall line marks the boundary between the Piedmont and Coastal Plain provinces.

The coastal plain of North Carolina hosts 8 river basins: Pasquotank, Chowan, Roanoke, Tar-Pamlico, Neuse, White Oak, Cape Fear and Lumber. These rivers flow eastward into large and shallow sounds. The rivers that originate in the Piedmont or Mountain Regions, such as the Cape Fear River, carry large loads of sediments and are known as “brownwater” rivers. The rivers which begin in the coastal plain, and drain from swamps and carry dark organic material and thus are called “blackwater” rivers (Roe, 1992). Blackwater rivers are important and diverse aquatic habitats in the southeastern Coastal Plain. They generally flow through flat topography, mostly sandy soils and extensive and productive floodplain forests. (Hackney et al., 1992).

The *name* Property lies near the Town of *insert name* in *name* County. According to the *specific to property* River Basinwide Water Quality Management Plan, .....The population in *insert* County was .....The Town of *name* population was ...

## SCENIC AND OPEN SPACE VALUES

*Public may view from*

## HUMAN STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS

- *Bulleted list of improvements, describe them in detail with the photo*

Photos of all human improvements and other items of interest are included in this report as Appendix B. Map 4 shows the approximate location of the photopoints on an aerial photograph of the property.

### Archeological and/or Historical Features:

## PRIOR LAND USE AND EXISTING LAND USE

The Ahoskie Creek/Britton Property has been in the Britton family for over 60 years, with Mr. Pat Britton and his sister acquiring the property from his mother, Ms. Hazel E. Britton, in 1993. Since the Britton Family has owned it, the property has been used primarily for agriculture, forestry and passive recreation (hunting). The property presently consists of approximately 18.2 acres of agricultural fields that have been planted in tobacco, corn, soybeans, and peanuts on a rotational basis. The fields were not planted this year (2005). A portion of the woodlands were timbered approximately 20 years ago and left to reseed naturally. The owners lease out the property to one individual for hunting.

The current Forest Management Plan is attached to this report as Appendix C

## NATURAL FEATURES

### Water Courses, Water Quality

*River/Creek*

*Subbasin*

*Water Quality benefit of protection*

### Soils

The predominant soils on the \_\_\_\_\_Property are highlighted on Map 5. Descriptions of the soil types are found in the \_\_\_\_\_County Soil Survey (U.S. Department of Agriculture 1984).

### Vegetative Communities

Schafale and Weakley's Classification of Natural Communities of North Carolina, Third Approximation (1990),

### **Site Integrity:**

- **Vegetation type**
- **Max. canopy tree DBH**
- **Extent and type of disturbance**
- **Non native species observed.**

*Reference the FMP in place of this if possible, this is a CW requirement*

### **Wildlife**

A variety of wildlife species are likely to occur on the \_\_\_\_\_ Property. A thorough inventory of wildlife species is beyond the scope of this report. Animals likely to occur are:

Some of the likely bird inhabitants include

Some of the amphibian and reptile species likely to occur

## **RARE, THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES**

The following federally listed endangered or threatened species or federal species of concern are known to occur in \_\_\_\_\_ County (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2003).

Please make sure to use these if there are no species on the property

***There are no federally threatened and endangered species presently known to occur on the \_\_\_\_\_ Property.***

***There is no suitable habitat on the property for these endangered species.***

***There have been no systematic surveys conducted for federally listed or special concern species.***

## **NATURAL HERITAGE AREAS**

*If relevant to property*

## REFERENCES

# **APPENDIX A**

## Survey

**APPENDIX B**  
Photodocumentation

Please make sure that if you are using negatives and prints, that you mention on this page where the originals are stored.

Also include a description of the day (temperature, cloud cover, season)  
And a statement of authenticity stating the photographs are unaltered. Signed by the photographer.



**APPENDIX C**  
Forest Management Plan