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We Collaborate.
We Build Community.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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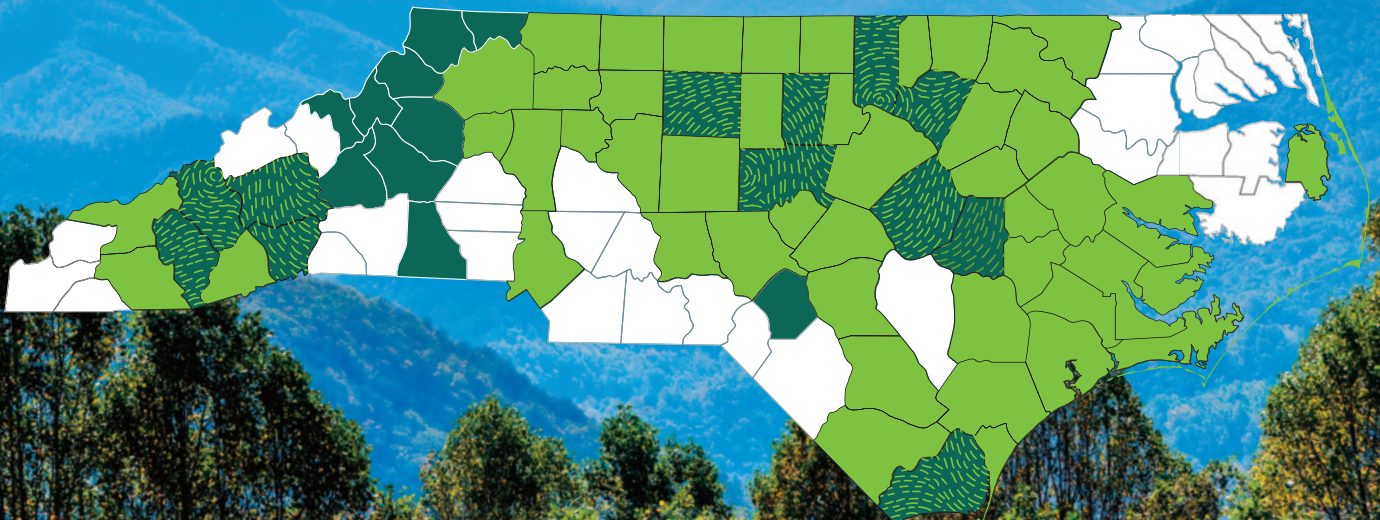
LAND WITH PURPOSE

JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

STATEWIDE Conservation Trust for North Carolina is a statewide organization with statewide impact, benefiting over 11 million people who call North Carolina home. In 2024-2025, we continued to advocate for public conservation funding and tax incentives for projects that protect public drinking water, expand our state and national parks, and preserve farm and forestlands. Our Resilience Corps NC service members served 60 counties, providing environmental education, volunteer coordination, support for grant applications, and other capacity support to local land trusts and community-led organizations.

CTNC'S STATEWIDE IMPACT

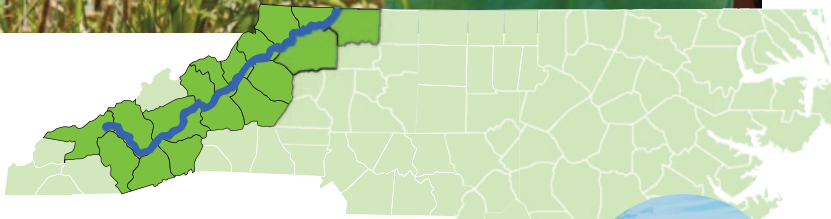
- Counties with **CTNC Protected Land**
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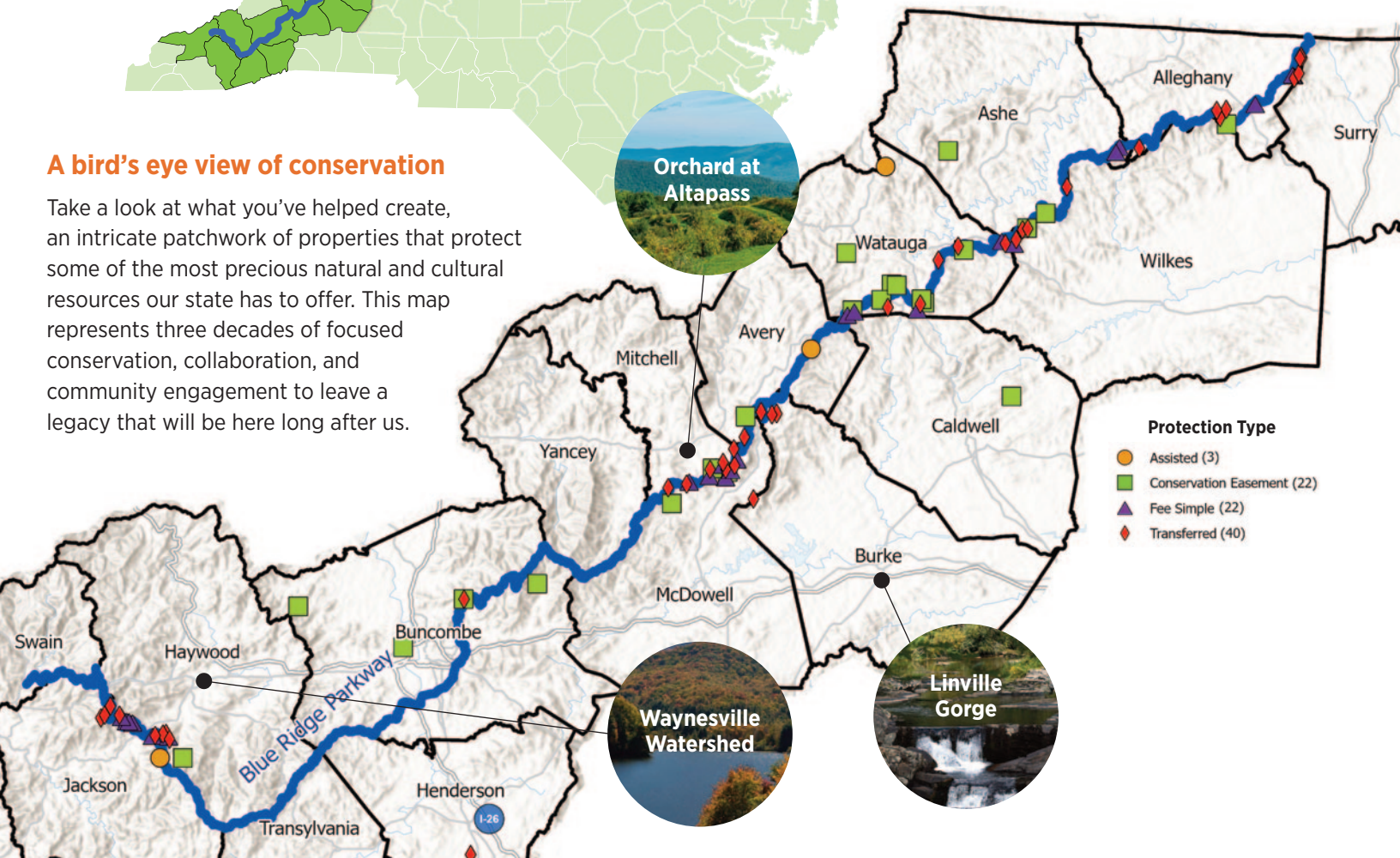
CONSERVE Over the 24-25 fiscal year, our land protection team conserved mature forests, untrammled wildlife habitat, and scenic views along both the Blue Ridge Parkway and the nearby Mountains-to-Sea Trail. CTNC also made more conservation wins possible by providing grants and short-term bridge funding to local NC land trusts in Western NC.

This year, we awarded over \$100,000 in grants and closed out over \$1.4 million in bridge funding to help Blue Ridge Conservancy, Conserving Carolina, Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, Mainspring Conservation Trust, and Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy protect an additional 6,370 acres of woodlands and wildlife corridors.



A bird's eye view of conservation

Take a look at what you've helped create, an intricate patchwork of properties that protect some of the most precious natural and cultural resources our state has to offer. This map represents three decades of focused conservation, collaboration, and community engagement to leave a legacy that will be here long after us.





“IF YOU DON’T PROTECT WHAT’S OUT THERE, ALL THE THINGS THAT GROW AND ALL THE LITTLE CRITTERS THAT SCURRY AROUND OR FLY AREN’T GOING TO HAVE THE KIND OF PLACES THEY NEED. UNLESS WE KEEP THAT IN MIND, CHILDREN AREN’T GOING TO LEARN MUCH ABOUT NATURE BY BEING IN NATURE.” Jim Pick, longtime CTNC supporter and conservation champion

COLLABORATE CTNC leads the Land for Tomorrow Coalition. Locking arms with 30 other land trusts and partner organizations, the coalition lobbies the NC General Assembly to strengthen public funding and policies that support the conservation of our state’s precious streams, rivers, forests, and working farms. This year, we worked with legislators to incentivize the conservation of sensitive natural areas and farmland by renewing a tax credit available to private landowners in exchange for permanently retiring development rights.

CTNC also collaborates to restore vital wildlife habitats. We were proud to partner with MountainTrue, American Rivers, KCI Engineering, the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and the National Park Service to remove a dam at Cranberry Creek Preserve in Ashe County. By removing the dam, we took the first step toward regenerating the natural ecosystem to create a healthier habitat for native brook trout. In the future, CTNC will work with Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail to reroute a portion of the beloved trail through the preserve, providing a safer and more enjoyable experience for thru-hikers.

BUILD COMMUNITY While bittersweet, we saw our final cohort of AmeriCorps service members complete the program this fiscal year. CTNC’s Resilience Corps NC was impacted by federal funding changes, leading to the difficult decision to retire the program that served North Carolinians across our state. Running the AmeriCorps program for the last decade has been an amazing experience, and we have worked with some extraordinary people along the way. Their work was wide-ranging, effective and filled with purpose.

In the last year alone, 20 Resilience Corps NC members strengthened communities in 60 counties statewide, mobilizing 1,100+ volunteers, engaging 5,900 community members, and planting 112 trees.

We, along with our partners at Freedom Org, also celebrated the completion of the Princeville Community Garden with the help of Resilience Corps NC member Anyah Brown. The project represents the culmination of our multi-year collaboration with the Town of Princeville to build greater resilience to flooding along the Tar River. We are grateful to the Princeville community, our funders, and all of the partners who helped this project flourish.

We look forward to carrying our learnings forward as we find new ways to build resilience and strengthen North Carolina.



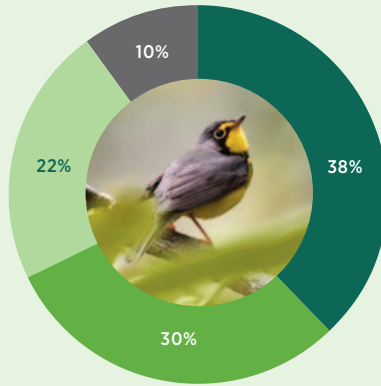
Standing on strong footing, thanks to you.

We are deeply grateful for all of our donors who made gifts between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you to strengthen CTNC's capacity to do even more for our beloved state.

Total Operating & Program Revenue

Excluding land transactions

\$2,270,205

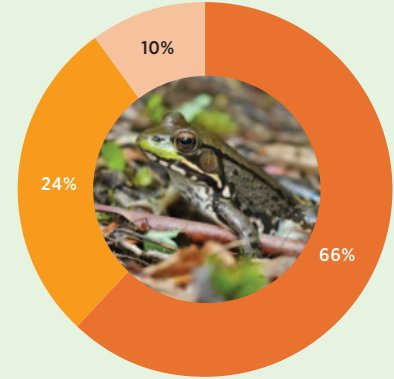


● Individual Contributions	38%
● Government Grants	30%
● Foundation and Corporate Support	10%
● Program Revenue	22%

Total Operating & Program Expenses

Excluding land transactions

\$1,818,166



● Program Services	66%
● General & Administrative	24%
● Fundraising	10%

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