

North Carolinians Overwhelmingly Support Land and Water Conservation

In early March, Land for Tomorrow conducted a statewide poll to determine how voters feel about public funding for land and water conservation. * Here are the key findings:

- 73% of registered voters support restoring public funding to \$100 million for the state's three
 conservation trust funds to conserve forests, working farms, parks and historic sites, as well as
 preventing polluted runoff from contaminating rivers, lakes, creeks and groundwater.
- 95% of registered voters say protecting sources of drinking water is important
- 79% of registered voters say preserving working farms is important
- 78% of registered voters say protecting fish and wildlife is important
- 77% of registered voters say protecting forests is important
- 73% of registered voters say conserving beaches and coastal areas are important.
- 71% of registered voters say providing more opportunities for children to explore and learn about nature is important.
- 70% of registered voters say protecting wetlands that help weaken hurricanes before they reach land is important.
- 68% of registered voters say conserving natural areas next to military bases is important.

*Bipartisan polling team of Public Opinion Strategies (Republican) and FM3 (Democrat) conducted the phone poll March 3 – 5. The poll has a margin of error of 4%

ABOUT LAND FOR TOMORROW: Land for Tomorrow is a statewide coalition of community leaders, conservation and outdoors organizations, businesses, and local governments with a common goal: increasing land and water conservation in North Carolina. The coalition works to ensure that the state's conservation trust funds – Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) and the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFPTF) are well funded.