



# 2023 BUDGET PRIORITIES

North Carolinians love the outdoors. Visitation to NC State Parks increased to 22,800,000 in 2021 – 3,000,000 more than in 2020. Visitation to state forests, game lands, trails and local parks continues to increase.

The Land for Tomorrow Coalition greatly appreciates the strong support of the Conservation Trust Funds and looks forward to working with the Governor and the General Assembly to build upon our success.

## NC Land and Water Fund

Increase recurring funds to:

- \$30 million recurring in FY23-24
- \$20,000,000 in non-recurring funds

The Land for Tomorrow Coalition strongly supports NC Land and Water Fund's recently developed nature-based flood resilience grant program.

- \$15,000,000 to continue NCLWF's flood risk reduction program

## Parks and Recreation Trust Fund

Increase recurring funds to:

- \$30 million recurring in FY23-24
- \$20,000,000 in non-recurring funds

## Agricultural Development & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund

Support NC Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services' request to increase recurring funding to \$15,000,000.

## Funding North Carolina's Trails

The Land for Tomorrow Coalition supports requests from the Great Trails State Coalition for appropriations to establish the Great Trails State Fund.

## Dedicated Funding and Conservation Tax Credit

The Land for Tomorrow Coalition supports restoring dedicated funding from state deed excise stamp tax revenues to the Land & Water Fund and Parks & Recreation Trust Fund and restoring the 25% conservation tax credit.

## Support Job Expansion and Additional Staffing

The Land for Tomorrow Coalition strongly supports requests by the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources, NC Wildlife Resources Commission and Department of Agriculture requests for staff to manage the conservation trust funds and to manage new state parks, historic sites, game lands and state forests.

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