

2025 BUDGET PRIORITIES

North Carolina's **natural places** and **working farms** are an important part of our way of life. They provide us with clean water and habitat for fish and wildlife. They are also economic engines that drive job creation, tourism, and local business growth.

Over 20 million people enjoy our NC State Parks annually. In Western North Carolina alone, the **Made X Mountains Partnership** reported that outdoor recreation generated **\$4.9 billion in economic impact**, supported **48,000 full-time jobs**, and contributed **\$197.5 million in local tax revenue** across 25 counties prior to Hurricane Helene.

Conserving our land is not just about preserving nature for future generations—it's about **protecting investments, supporting rural economies, and preserving North Carolina's way of life**. Land for Tomorrow recommends strategic investments to safeguard our working farms, natural areas, and outdoor spaces—ensuring we're ready to meet the current and future needs of our growing population.



TRUST FUND INCREASES

Strengthening Conservation Trust Funds:

- Additional \$2 million (recurring) for NC Land and Water Fund (NCLWF)
- Additional \$2 million (recurring) for Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)
- Additional \$10 million (recurring) for Farmland Preservation (ADFPTF)



HURRICANE HELENE

Long-Term Recovery and Resilience:

- \$25 million (non-recurring) for local parks and greenway restoration and rebuilding (PARTF)
- \$25 million (non-recurring) for flood resilience grants (NCLWF)
- \$12.5 million (non-recurring) for farmland and working forest easements (ADFPTF)



CONSERVATION POLICIES

Strengthening Conservation Through Policy:

- Enhancing the Conservation Tax Credit
- Supporting Farmland Preservation through Present-Use Value (PUV)



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