

2025 Legislative Session

TNC in North Carolina



Executive Summary

The North Carolina Government Relations team remains committed to the premise that the ties between people and nature are strong in North Carolina. As an organization that values collaboration, partnership and the pursuit of durable conservation policy, The Nature Conservancy is well positioned to succeed in making key funding and legislative gains with the North Carolina General Assembly.

Legislative Priorities

Funding for Land Protection

- Increase recurring funding for the three state conservation programs (NCLWF, PARTF, and Farmland Preservation) from \$61M recurring to \$67 recurring.
- Amend the conservation tax credit to increase the cap from \$5M to \$8M and extend the sunset by two years
- Amend NC present-use value statutes to reduce costs for land protection by NGOs by an estimated \$300,000 per year

Carbon Emissions Reduction

- Work with NC legislative leaders to ensure smooth pass-through of federal EPA CPR Grant (\$421M) to the state with \$200M to TNC in a subaward.
- Work with NC Governor's Administration to finalize contract agreement on CPR Grant and get administration of grant started (NC Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources is lead state entity on the entire grant).

Climate Adaptation

- \$10M for nature-based flood risk reduction projects in western NC.
- Increase legislative support for and provide subject matter expertise to NC DEQ on statewide flood blueprint decision-making tool

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