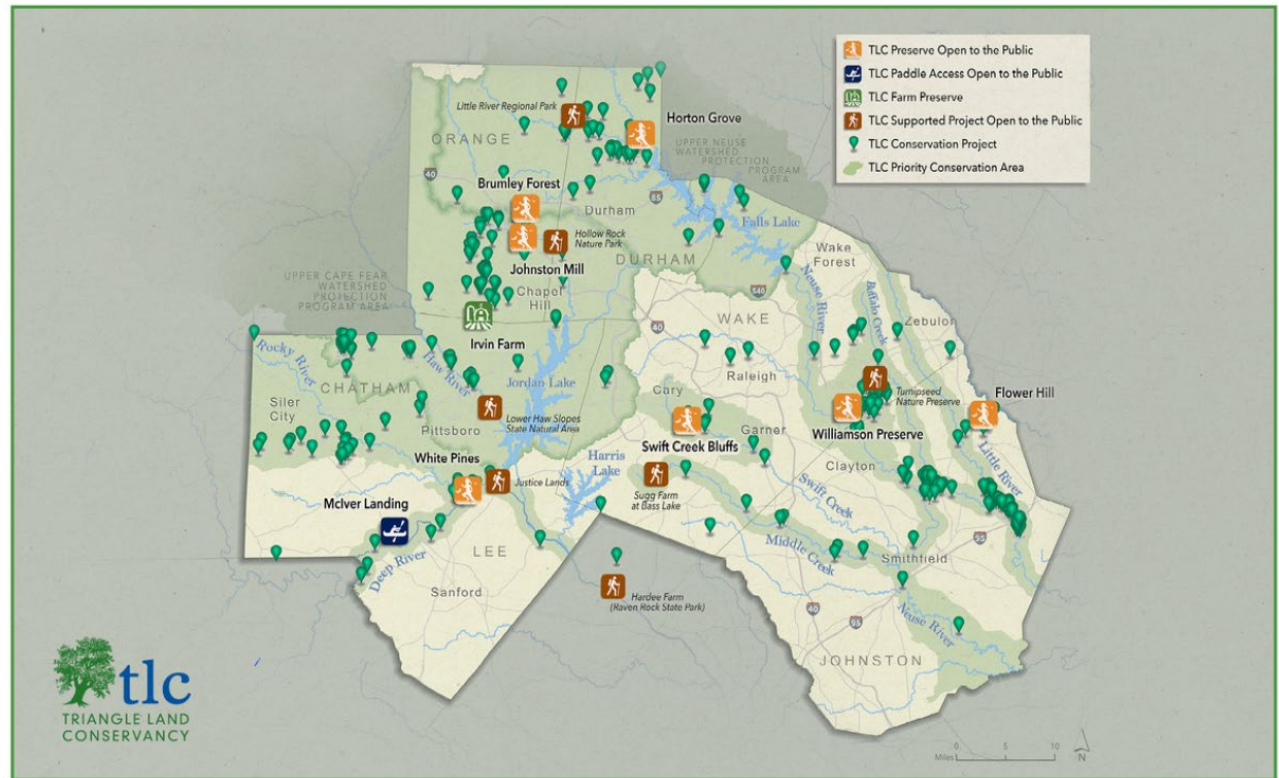


Chatham County Agricultural Preservation Nov. 2025 Update

Working
Lands
Manager,
Emma Childs



Preserving working lands for the future



TLC strives to create a healthier and more vibrant Triangle region by **safeguarding clean water, protecting natural habitats, supporting local farms and food, and connecting people with nature** through land protection and stewardship, catalyzing community action and collaboration.



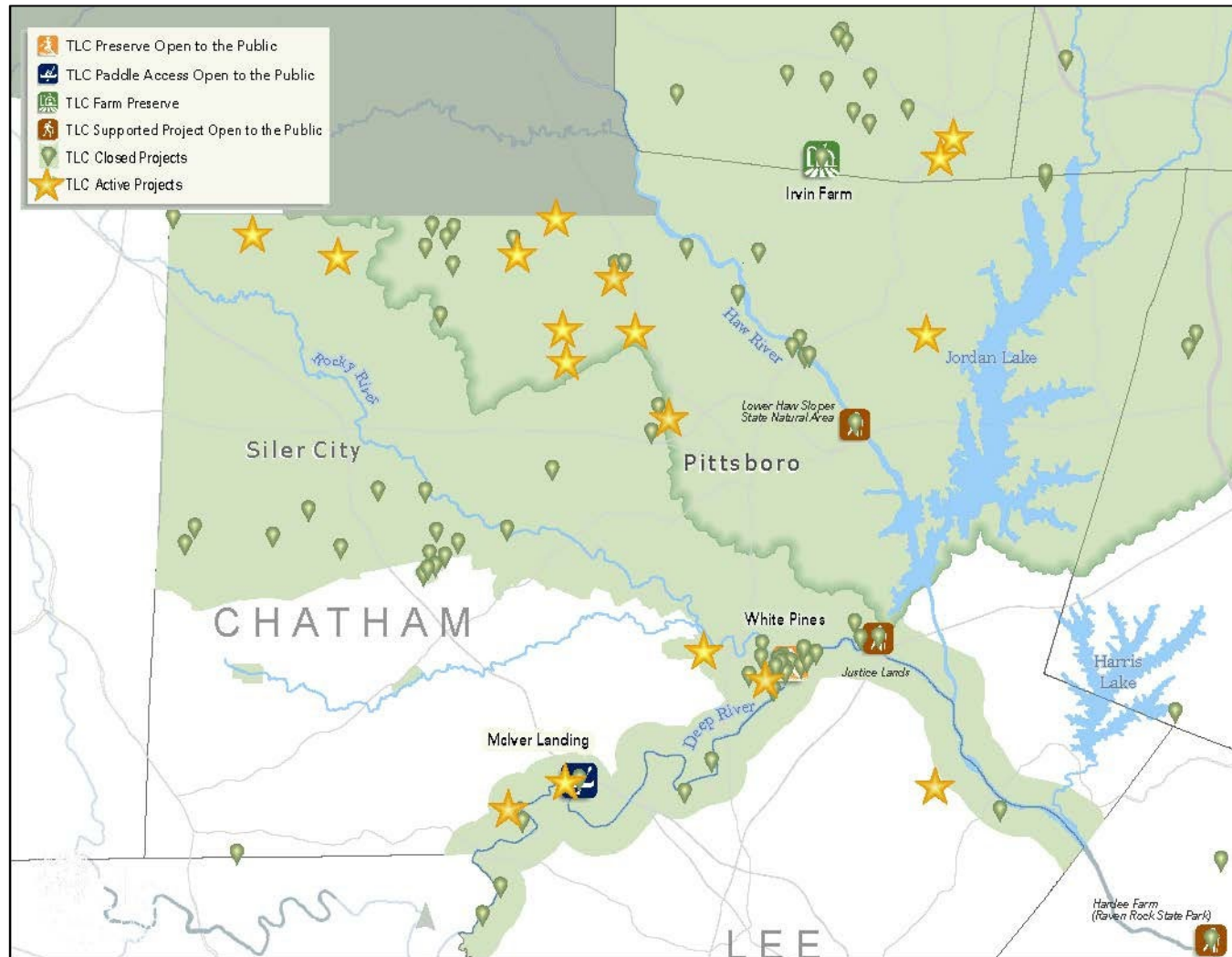
Supporting Local Farms and Food



- TLC works with willing landowners to acquire conservation easements on working farms and forests
 - Voluntary legal agreement that limits uses inconsistent with agricultural production and conservation values
 - Landowners **still own** the land and can use, sell or pass land on to heirs
 - Conservation easements do **not** allow public access
- TLC typically acquires conservation easements using some combination of federal, state, and local dollars plus landowner donation (a “bargain sale”)
- TLC staff monitor conservation easements annually to ensure they are followed and continue landowner relationships



Active TLC Chatham Projects



Bolton Leight Forest **UPDATE**



- **FULLY CLOSED!**
- 143-acre working forest with a Forest Management Plan in the Silk Hope region
- NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFP) funding
- **Leveraged Chatham County Organizational Support funds** for staff time to protect this property

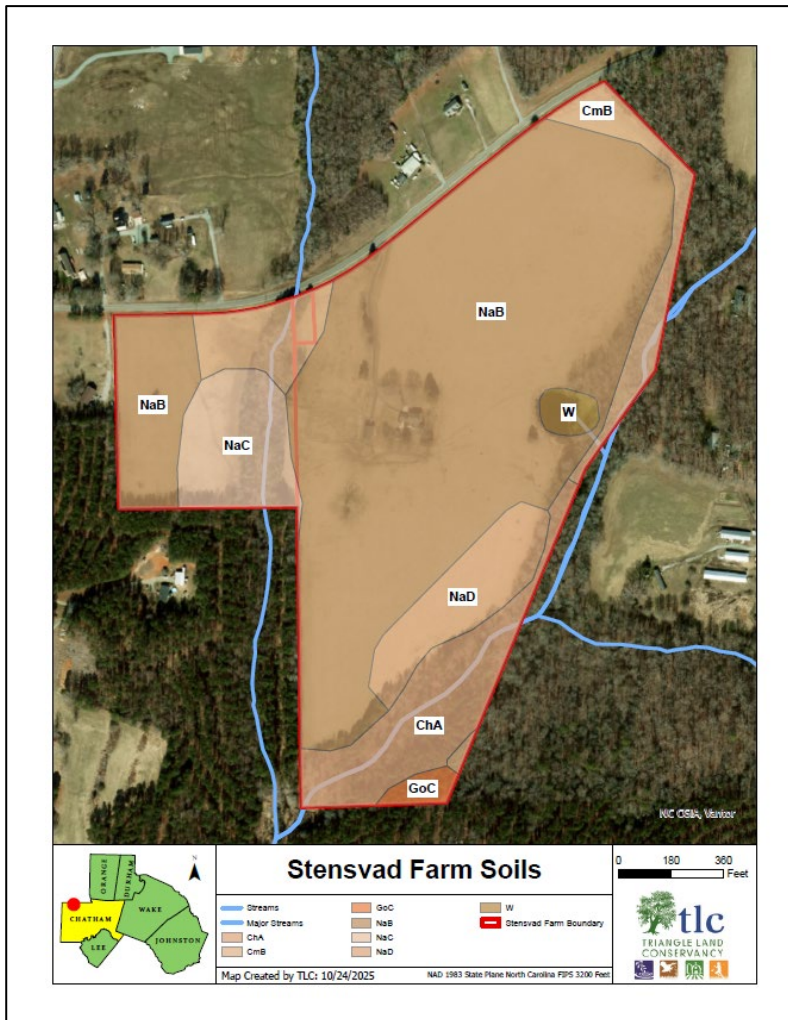
Loth Lorien Woods – also **CLOSED!**



- Donated conservation easement, **FULLY CLOSED**
- 28 forested acres, will have a Forest Stewardship Plan
- Important riparian area and beaver habitat, contributes to water quality of Terrells Creek and the Haw River
- **Leveraged Chatham County Organizational Support funds** for staff time to protect this property

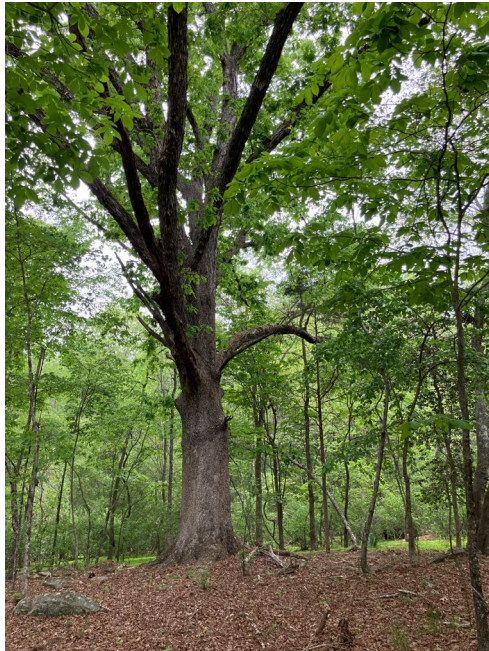


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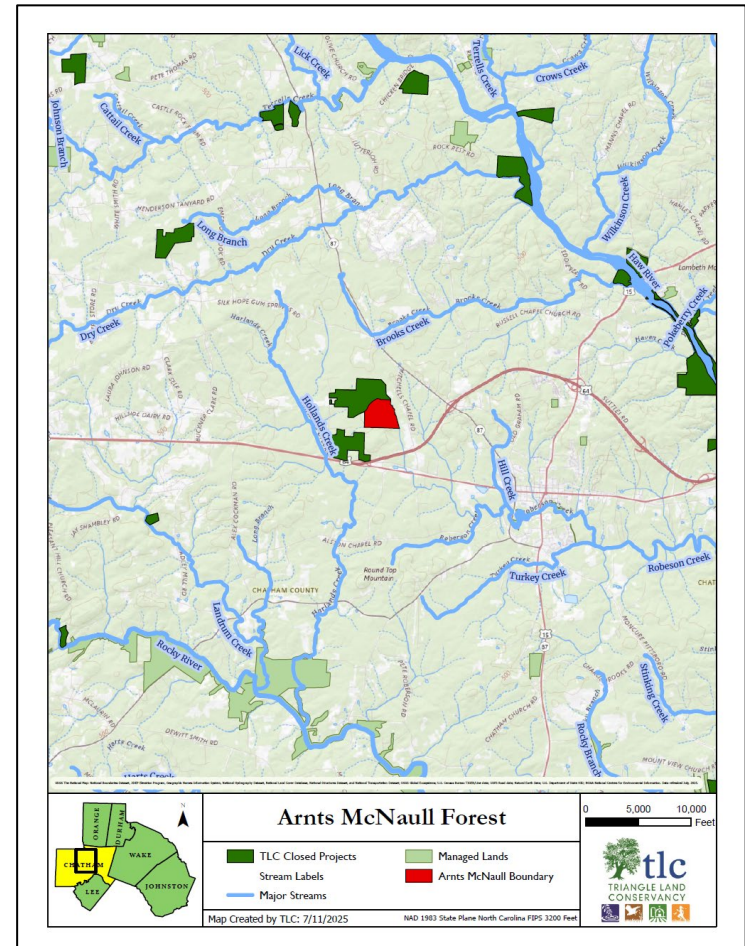


- **Anticipated Nov. 2025 Closing!!!**
- Donated 58-acre easement
- Produce high quality grass-fed beef
- **Leveraging Chatham County Organizational Support funds for staff time and also using Chatham Transaction Cost Mini-Grant funds**

Mitchells Chapel Forest



- **Anticipated Dec. 2025 closing!**
- 165-acre working forest with NCADFP funding
- Contributes to nearly 600 acres of protected land north of US-64
- **Leveraging Chatham County Organizational Support funds** for staff time

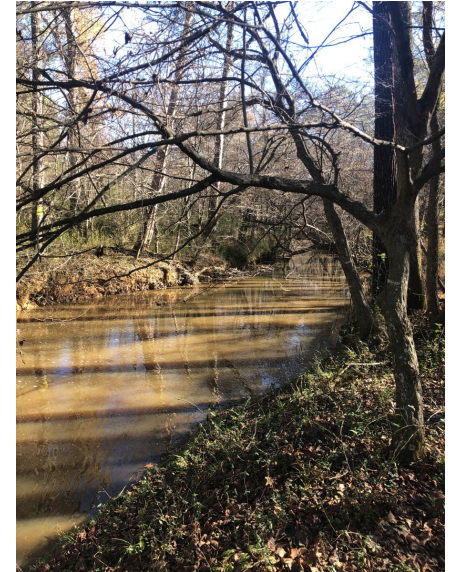


Ongoing TLC-CAPD Collaboration



- Summer 2025 Farmland Transition workshops
-Featured on Chapelboro Radio and TLC blog, social media
- Chatham Agriculture Advisory Board meetings
- NC Agricultural Development and Preservation Trust Fund (ADFP) conservation easement in progress for a 221-acre cattle farm
- Oct. 2025 Piedmont Forest Landowners' Summit
- Supported farmland preservation during Climate Action Plan draft review session
- **Upcoming:**
 - December 2025 – complete ADFP application
 - January 2026 Farms Forever Day
 - March 2026 Chatham AgFest





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Thank You!

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