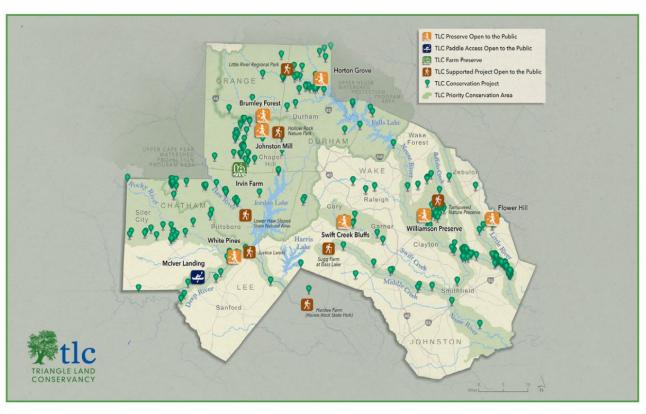
# Chatham County Agricultural Preservation Nov. 2025 Update













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

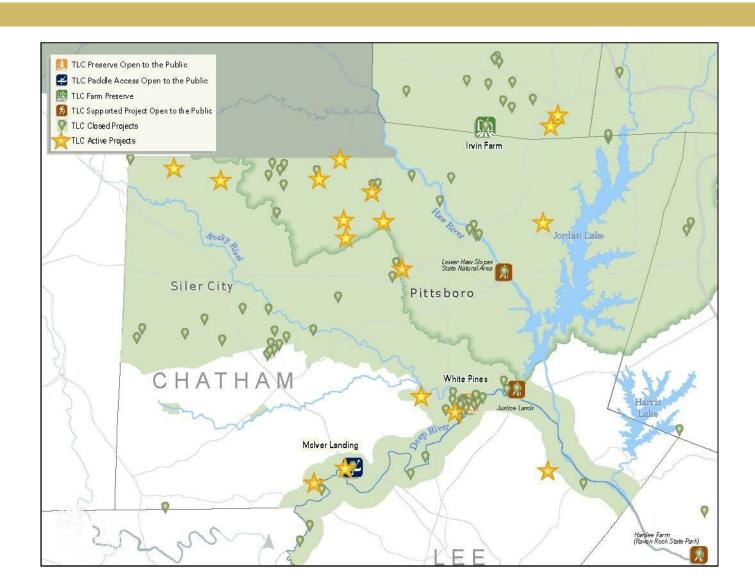


- TLC works with willing landowners to acquire <u>conservation easements</u> on working farms and forests
  - Voluntary legal agreement that limits uses inconsistent with agricultural production and conservation values
  - Landowners still own the land and can use, sell or pass land on to heirs
  - Conservation 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



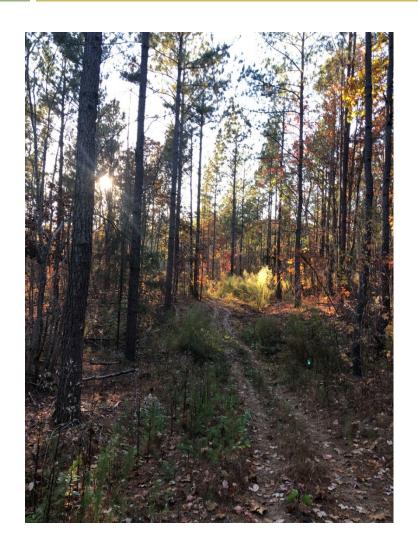
# Active TLC Chatham Projects





## 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!



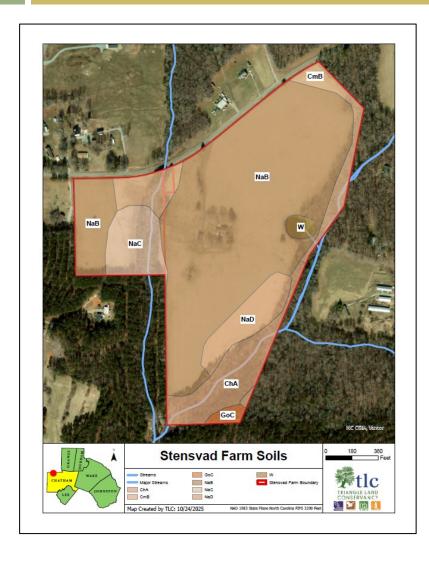


- Donated conservation easement, FULLY CLOSED
- 28 forested acres, will have a Forest Stewardship Plan
- Important riparian area and beaver habitat, contributes to water quality of Terrells Creek and the Haw River
- Leveraged Chatham County Organizational Support funds for staff time to protect this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



## Stensvad Farm







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

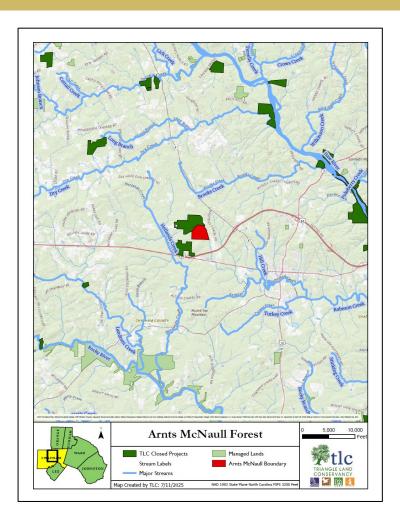
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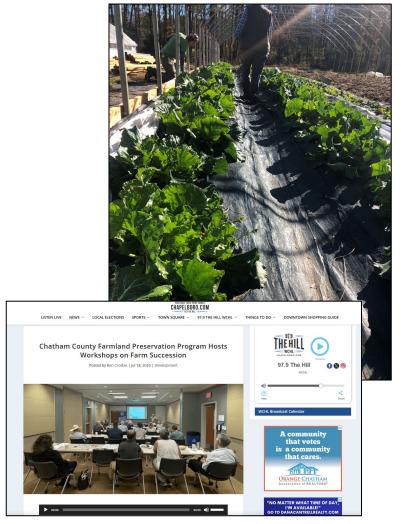
- Anticipated Dec. 2025 closing!
- 165-acre working forest with NCADFP funding
- Contributes to nearly 600 acres of protected land north of US-64
- Leveraging Chatham County Organizational
   Support funds for staff time



## 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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