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1	DACS/ PCP	Hebron Road Plant Conservation Preserve - Phase II	Durham	29	\$625,000		Funding would complete acquisition of tract partially funded by NHTF and currently under contract with the Trust for Public Land. This tract complements efforts to protect one of NC's federal and state endangered species, the Smooth Coneflower, in a rapidly developing area of Durham.
2	DACS/ PCP	Cedar Cliff Plant Conservation Preserve - Holbrook tract	Jackson	75		\$880,000	Fee simple acquisition of tract know to support an excellent assemblage of natural community and rare plant elements. A purchase option, expiring December 20, was secured by the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust on behalf of PCP. The tract has a rare plant list few other sites can match. State endangered Ammon's tortula ( <i>Tortula ammoniana</i> ) has been reported here, and the site had been described as one of the best sites in the state for this globally imperiled species. The site also has the only occurrences in North Carolina of the rosette lichen ( <i>Physcia pseudospeciosa</i> ) and fragile tortula ( <i>Tortula fragilis</i> ), an historic record, as well as one of only four occurrences in the state of old man's beard ( <i>Usnea angulata</i> ).
3	DACS/ PCP	Eastwood Plant Conservation Preserve - Tufts tract	Moore	127		\$1,300,000	Funding would add approximately 127 acres to the recently established Eastwood Plant Conservation Preserve (formerly NC 73 Powerline). This tract, under contract which expires October 31, 2007, includes upland longleaf pine and streamhead seepage wetlands. At least one of the rare species in the total project area is a known target for poaching and theft and the Program is trying to be cautious with information regarding this location.
5	DACS/ PCP	Boiling Spring Lakes Plant Conservation Preserve - Phase VII	Brunswick	TBD	\$500,000		Funding would support continued acquisition efforts by the Plant Conservation Program and TNC which have been supported by NHTF since 1999 and now total over 6,000 acres. This grant would allow for continued acquisitions within priority areas to consolidate Preserve ownership. The Preserve design features an outstanding complex of natural communities as well as a large collection of rare plant and animal species. It is one of the largest intact pine savanna-pocosin landscapes in North Carolina and in the entire Southeastern US, and hosts over half of the world's distribution of 2 natural community types.

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6	DACS/ PCP	Tater Hill Plant Conservation Preserve - Eason tract	Watauga	168		\$1,409,000	PCP is requesting funds to purchase one of the most significant remaining inholdings within the Tater Hill Preserve. The project area and this tract have been a priority for protection efforts since March 2000. The Preserve is one of the keystone Natural Heritage areas within the Amphibolite Mountains and protects a number of rare plants and natural communities. The Trust for Public Land has made an offer which has been verbally accepted by the owners. The offer is contingent upon the value being supported by appraisals and State Property Office approval. The tract is being actively marketed by a real estate agent.
	<b>DACS/ PCP</b>		<b><i>SUBTOTAL</i></b>	<b>399</b>	<b>\$1,125,000</b>	<b>\$3,589,000</b>	<b>Total award to DACS/PCP = \$4,714,000</b>
7	DCR	Bunker Hill Covered Bridge Land Acquisition	Catawba	8.5	\$115,000		To acquire 8.5 acres of wooded land adjacent to and overlooking the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge, built ca. 1895 and which is now the state's sole surviving original covered bridge. Bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The purpose is to preserve the rural wooded character of the bridge setting and prevent inappropriate residential development. In addition to protecting one of the state's rarest cultural resources, the site is located entirely within the Lyle Creek Corridor Significant Natural Heritage Area of Catawba Co, as identified by a Natural Heritage Inventory in 2002, and will thus protect important plants, animals, and the water quality of the associated streams. The property will be managed by Catawba County as part of the bridge park.
8	DCR	Stagville State Historic Site Land Acquisition	Durham	100.0	\$400,000		Acquire approximately 100 acres of wooded and open land adjacent to the Stagville State Historic Site in northern Durham Co., in a joint project with the Triangle Land Conservancy. The proposed property surrounds a group of the state's finest mid-19th century agricultural buildings, including 4 slave houses and the largest antebellum barn still standing, as well as providing protection for the Bennehan House, built 1787-1800. This property would allow DCR to more than double the size of the existing 71 acres that now comprises the Stagville State Historic Site and eliminate a long-standing threat of intensive residential and industrial development that had been planned for that portion of the Treyburn property. The sale price of \$4,000 per acre represents a significant bargain sale being proposed by the present owners (total of \$700,000). In addition, \$55,000 in proposed funding from Upper Neuse Clean Water Initiative. The property would be managed by the DCR site staff now stationed at Stagville State Historic Site.

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9	DCR	Alamance Battleground State Historic Site Land Acquisition	Alamance	1.5	\$20,000		Acquire a parcel of approximately 1.5 acres located adjacent to the 18th century battlefield owned and operated by DCR as the Alamance Battleground State Historic Site. The subject parcel has a long common boundary with the historic battleground and is also located directly opposite the main entrance driveway leading to the site's Visitor Center. It is also believed to cover a portion of the historic battlefield not presently in state ownership. The parcel is a critical component of the viewshed and now subject to development pressure. It is available for purchase now for a brief period as a result of a bankruptcy proceeding. The property would be managed by DCR staff now stationed at Alamance Battleground State Historic Site.
10		Averasboro Battlefield-Calhoun Property Easement	Harnett & Cumberland	63.6	\$130,000		Request funds to purchase a conservation easement on the property to further protect the Averasboro Battlefield, in cooperation with the Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc. This parcel is located within the core area of the battlefield and has been identified as being a high priority acquisition. It is contiguous with a large portion already under protection. The total cost of the easement is \$245,000 plus associated costs, for a total project cost of \$260,000. The Civil War Preservation Trust will provide 50% match (\$130,000). This land is presently agricultural and is under cultivation.
12	DCR	Alexander's Ford Land Acquisition	Polk	42.0	\$200,000		Project will acquire 42 acres containing a 1.5 mile stretch of the historic Overmountain Victory Trail, within a larger project to acquire 159 acres along the Green River and a tributary. Acquisition will provide trail for pedestrian use and canoe access to the Green River. Bargain sale by owner on the 42 acres results in \$114,240 contribution. CWMTF grant confirmed of \$274,000 for 48 acres of riparian buffer within this larger 159 acre parcel. The remaining 69 of the 159 acre project is proposed to be acquired through a PARTF grant. The entire property will be managed by Polk County as a park, through a management agreement with DCR and the other funding entities.
	<b>DCR</b>		<b><i>SUBTOTAL</i></b>	<b>216</b>	<b>\$865,000</b>		
13	DENR/ DPR	Chimney Rock State Park - V	Rutherford	229		\$4,192,000	To acquire 229 acres as part of 8 tracts at the recently renamed Chimney Rock State Park (formerly Hickory Nut Gorge State Park). Acquisition will help protect 4 Nationally significant natural heritage areas. Tracts are part of the Southeastern Escarpment Megasite and the Hickory Nut Gorge Macrosite; project is part of a larger effort including The Nature Conservancy's Bat Cave and Rumbling Bald preserves. Matching funds committed \$4,238,000 (PARTF) and \$750,000 (CWMTF) proposed.

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14	DENR/ DPR	Elk Knob State Park - Land Acquisition	Ashe, Watauga	685		\$400,000	Acquisition of 685 acres in 6 tracts. Project would help protect the Nationally Significant Long Hope Valley/Elk Knob/The Peak SNHA and help create a larger network of conservation land stretching from Tater Hill to Mount Jefferson. The tracts in this request include the best example of a rare hanging valley ecosystem in the southeast, 5 rare plant, 2 rare animal species, and at least 3 high quality natural communities. Matching funds committed \$51,000 (private donation); \$1,069,000 (PARTF) proposed.
15	DENR/ SWCD	Eagles Island Conservation Initiative (Creech Tract)	Brunswick	258	\$302,000		This request is to acquire and conserve 258 acres (VA Creech tract) on Eagles Island, which comprises the majority of the Brunswick River / Cape Fear Marshes SNHA. Considered to be of State significance by the NC NHP, it contains the largest area of tidal freshwater marsh habitat in NC. This site supports the threatened American Alligator and the only NC population for the Rare Skipper. As a component of a larger effort on Eagles Island, where 264 acres have already been protected, this project is crucial to future conservation management of this habitat. Matching funds committed: \$18,900 (CWMTF & New Hanover S&WCD). Option expires April 2008.
16	DENR/ DFR	Terra Nova Center/Reasonover Creek Cove - Dupont State Forest	Transylvania	18	\$60,150		This 18-acre fee simple acquisition is part of a larger 200-acre conservation easement acquisition project. The 18-acre project includes a section of the Reasonover Creek SNHA which features "high quality examples of Rich Cove and Acidic Cove Forests". Conservation of the tract will protect wildlife habitat and water quality. Objectives of this project are to preserve important habitat for rare species, protect the Reasonover Creek Cove SNHA and contribute to the Blue Ridge Escarpment important wildlife corridor. The 18-acre tract will become part of the DuPont State Forest. Total cost \$226,250 is funded in part by CWMTF confirmed (\$79,340) and landowner donation (\$86,760). In addition the CWMTF provided \$587,660 for an easement on adjacent lands to total 200 acres with landowner contributing donation of \$624,060 and Carolina Mountains Land Conservancy donating \$281,400 towards the easement.
17	DENR/ DPR	Deep River State Trail	Lee	61		\$409,000	Acquisition of 61 acres in 2 tracts to protect Nationally Significant RockyRiver/Lower Deep River Aquatic Habitat and State Significant White Pines Natural Area SNHAs. Project would protect at least two rare species including the federally endangered Cape Fear Shiner and Harperella. Matching funds CWMTF \$669,500 confirmed and \$244,000 pending; and PARTF proposed \$419,641.

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18	DENR/ DPR	Pettigrew State Park (Scuppernong River Section)	Tyrrell	765		\$267,500	Acquisition of 765 acres within 5 tracts to protect Nationally Significant Scuppernong River Swamp Forest SNHA and help connect State-owned land with Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. Project would protect 5.5 miles of Scuppernong River frontage, several rare and high quality natural communities including Peatland Atlantic White Cedar, and at least two rare species. Matching funds confirmed: PARTF \$148,000 and CWMTF \$751,000.
19	DENR/ DFR	Boyette Tract - Bladen Lakes State Forest	Bladen	342	\$270,000		The project is part of a landscape wetland protection effort to protect the David Gam Bay Significant Natural Heritage Area, protect water quality and wildlife habitat and contribute to linking Bladen Lakes State Forest with Suggs Millpond Game Land. The project insures, through acquisition, the protection of 683 acres of Carolina Bay and longleaf/wiregrass habitat. After acquisition, land management activities will be implemented on the tract to benefit habitat restoration, water quality and high quality natural communities by incorporating it into the Division of Forest Resources (DFR) Bladen Lakes State Forest. The tract will be included in the Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land and opportunities will be provided for research, training, education, hunting, trapping, hiking and wildlife observation. CWMTF proposed \$250,000 (deferred to November);
20	DENR/ DPR	South Mountains State Park - West Side Land Acquisition	Burke	264	\$333,000		Acquisition of 264 acres in 2 tracts to protect 2 regionally Significant Natural Heritage Areas within the South Mountains Macrosite and Megasite. Project would protect at least 6 rare species including the federally endangered White Irisette. Matching funds committed PARTF \$333,000 and CWMTF \$256,000; and \$2,136,500 future requests to CWMTF & PARTF.
	<b>DENR</b>		<b><i>SUBTOTAL</i></b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>\$965,150</b>	<b>\$5,268,500</b>	<b>Total award to DENR = \$6,233,650</b>
21	WRC	Juniper Creek IP - Phase II	Brunswick, Columbus	7236	\$4,555,883	\$2,000,000	Acquire tract to permanently protect 2 SNHAs - Juniper Creek Floodplain and Juniper Creek/Driving Creek Aquatic Habitat. Total project is 18,624 acres at a cost of approximately \$16,781,282 with funding from CWMTF (\$6,499,000 confirmed so far) and others. Large landscape conservation project linking the Green Swamp in Brunswick County to the Waccamaw River Floodplain in Columbus County.

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22	WRC	NCSU New Hope Valley Forest	Durham and Chatham	216	\$1,827,370		Acquire tract to permanently protect this area known to have an established history of high bald eagle use; supporting active nests and summering populations. Management plans will be designed to maintain and enhance the area's habitat for bald eagles. Tract acquisition is also critical to help protect the Jordan Lake water supply reservoir. Tract will be additions to Jordan Game Land. Tract also provides access to the State Historic Mason Farm House, owned and managed by DCR. Acquisition will prevent sub-division of the tract which would greatly complicate management efforts by state and federal land managers. (Total project 342 acres; proposed CWMTF match of \$1,279,480).
23	WRC	Diggs Tract	Richmond	1068	\$1,000,000		Acquire tract to permanently protect part of the Pee Dee Marsh Ponds SNHA and the Pee Dee River Aquatic Natural Area. Nearly three miles of the Pee Dee River will be protected through this project benefiting several listed aquatic species. Total cost \$3,977,900; CWMTF did not fund grant request; the Cole Foundation and NAWCA grants proposed.
24	WRC	Upper Tar River International Paper Tracts upland Pine Plantations	Pamlico River Basin; Warren, Halifax, Franklin, Nash, and Edgecombe Counties	1001	\$1,300,000		This addendum request is to acquire approximately 10% (WRC-COPS funding 90%) of the flattest upland portions in pine plantation contiguous with the Upper Tar Phase II SNHA lands previously funded by NHTF. Acquisition will expand protected land holdings in the upper Tar-Pamlico River Basin and SNHA while contributing to the WRC Game Land Program.
25	WRC	Kassab Tract	Onslow	55	\$366,900	\$73,000	Insure through acquisition the protection of 55 acres of developable land that lies adjacent to Stones Creek Game Land and Camp Lejeune MARSOC training area. This project contributes toward linking red-cockaded woodpecker populations, protecting Bachman's Sparrow habitat, and a high quality game land while buffering Camp Lejeune from residential development. US Navy is providing ~50% funding match. <b>NOTE: Session Law 2005 Military COPS funding used.</b>
26	WRC	McCotter-Bordeaux Tract	Onslow	446	\$532,725	\$366,900	Acquire 446 acres of a keystone property to establish an ecological corridor linking Camp LeJeune, the Croatan National Forerst, the Hoffman Forest and weyerhauser lands. Important tract for Black Bears, Red-cockaded woodpeckers and Bachman's Sparrow. Confirmed \$1,118,000 (~50%) match from the US Navy.
	<b>WRC</b>		<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>10,022</b>	<b>\$9,582,878</b>	<b>\$2,439,900</b>	<b>Total award to WRC = \$12,022,778</b>
	<b>ALL APPs.</b>		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>13,258</b>	<b>\$12,538,028</b>	<b>\$11,297,400</b>	
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	DPR = Division of Park Resources						NAWACA = North America Wetlands Conservation Act
	DFR = Division of Forest Resources						SNHA = Significant Natural Heritage Area
	NHP = Natural Heritage Program						SWCD = Soil and Water Conservation District
	OCP = Office of Conservation & Planning						WRC = NC Wildlife Resources Commission