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## Don't Worry. **Be Hopeful.**

BY TIM GESTWICKI, NCWF CEO

Hopeful versus helpless.

Each of these words has its own clear connotation. One is negative while the other is positive. And both of these words could be used to describe the state of conservation in 2017, not only on a national level, but here in North Carolina. There is an unavoidable bleakness when we consider some of the major events in conservation over the last year: Destructive hurricanes, enormous wildfires, renegeing on the Paris Climate Accord, crippling rollbacks of environmental regulations and funding, a chemical dumping crisis in eastern North Carolina, and fleeing of historic proportions as Americans saw public land protections hacked away by the Trump Administration. It's been exhausting, this Groundhog Day-esque litany of offenses.

But it has not exhausted the indefatigable spirit of American conservationists. What hope I retain is rooted in the astonishing commitment of those who will not give ground in the fight for wildlife and wild lands.

As the year began with a new American president and a fully Republican-controlled Congress and General Assembly, folks in the conservation community anticipated varying degrees of actions. Some groups, like NCWF, with seven decades of history working with both Democrats and Republicans, were ever hopeful for common sense conservation, while others had more heightened anxieties. It wasn't long before realities set in, battle lines were drawn and the "conserve" in conservatism was nothing more than a root word disassociated from the bygone days when many Republicans supported the conservation of natural resources. To be sure, there are many conservatives that are in favor of public trust resources. Yet when America's national monuments face systemic attack, when the head of the EPA is the lead advocate for shutting down the agency, when the bastion of clean water protections—the Clean Water Act and its Waters of the U.S. rule—is overturned, there simply is no way to look away. Against the outcry of Americans, Republicans squarely squandered the mantle of conservation leaders such as Theodore Roosevelt, Richard Nixon, and George Bush Sr. with the stroke of a pen and with party line votes.

And in Raleigh, similar blunt-hatchet cuts were made to the Department of Environmental Quality mirroring those made in Washington to the EPA. It was all in the name of making the statutory duties to protect citizens' air, water and land resources untenable in the name of being "business friendly." Legislation was adopted that favored commercialization of natural resources over wise, sustainable use, while attempts to shamelessly shirk environmental guidelines and quell citizens' voices and reproach became more and more brazen.

So it's easy to understand how one might feel fairly helpless. If it weren't for the snow on the ground, I might succumb to the temptation to pack it all in for a bit and go fishing.

Instead—and call me crazy—I am actually feeling hopeful. And not hang-in-there hopeful, but good-things-are-actually-going-to-happen hopeful! Politics swing like a pendulum. History has proven this time and again. Balanced government usually works best, and balancing conservation with other needs always works best. And more to the point, Americans and North Carolinians have woken up. No longer can we take for granted that public lands are protected. A realization is finally setting in that North Carolina's fisheries cannot withstand business as usual, and that basic premises of conservation and clean water, and healthy fields and forests are valued and worth attention and funding.

Helpless? There's no question that wildlife is on the ropes. One out of three species of wildlife across our nation is at an increased risk of extinction due to rapid habitat loss, habitat fragmentation, emerging diseases, invasive species, climate impacts, and other causes. But hopeful: The Recovering America's Wildlife Act has been introduced and, if adopted, will re-direct \$1.3 billion of existing revenue annually into state-led, proactive, collaborative wildlife conservation efforts, as identified in each State Wildlife Action Plan, focused on increasing wildlife populations before they reach a crisis point.

Helpless? Many Americans are increasingly disconnected from nature, as fewer and fewer children are playing outdoors, more are moving to live in cities, and technology dominates more and more of life. But hopeful! More than 15,000 kids had outdoor nature program experiences through our *Great Outdoors University* this past year, and many more families got out and about via our chapter events and programs.

Helpless? Monarch butterfly and other pollinators falling to record low levels.

Hopeful! There are more than 1,700 registered pollinator habitats through our *Butterfly Highway* initiative, and it's growing like crazy.

Hopeful! More than 54,000 meals were provided from our *Farmers and Communities Manage Deer* program.

Hopeful! NCWF and our collaborative, non-partisan, science-based approach to conservation crosses party lines from deer and trout to butterflies and owls.

Hopeful! NCWF is poised and ready to meet the challenges ahead. I am very hopeful and I have reason to be, because for more than 70 years NCWF members have never, ever, given up working for wildlife. Hope grows best when the ground is rooted in hard work. And hopeful wins over helpless every time. Here's to a great year ahead. **NCWF**

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## NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

**MISSION** To protect, conserve and restore North Carolina wildlife and habitat.

**VISION** Our stewardship will result in a North Carolina with bountiful and diverse wildlife, including all species of wild flora and fauna, that is valued by its citizens and elected officials, and sustainably managed for future generations.

Our strength is derived from values driven leadership – science-based decision making; non-partisan approach to policy; stewardship of North Carolina's natural resources; inclusivity of broad wildlife interests and perspectives; and partnering with organizations and individuals who share our vision and our passion for wildlife.

## GOALS

Toward that vision, we will:

**POLICY AND PROTECTION** – Strongly influence state and federal policy that affects wildlife and habitat in North Carolina using established conservation models to guide our positions.

**NETWORK OF IMPACT AND INVOLVEMENT** – Foster a diverse, robust network of chapters, members, affiliates and partners; a network fortified by a variety of wildlife and outdoor interests.

**EXPERIENCE AND LEARN** – Enhance and expand opportunities for youth and adults that foster awareness and appreciation of wildlife and the important role healthy habitat plays in sustaining wildlife and humanity.

**SIGNATURE PROGRAMS** – Sponsor and support programs for the enjoyment and conservation of wildlife and habitat, including ethical and sustainable outdoor recreation pursuits.





# Wildlife & Habitat

## Wasting No Time

NCWF joined with other affiliates and national wildlife groups in funding and supporting the Chronic Wasting Disease initiative. CWD is a disease that infects cervids such as whitetail deer and usually outbreaks occur in deer pens where deer are farmed. NCWF is opposed to the commercialization of wildlife.



## Osprey

The Federation with its Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists and Gaston PAWS chapters built and deployed by barge another phase of osprey nesting platforms in the Catawba reservoirs.



ALICIA DAVIS

## American Alligator

NCWF supported the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's adoption of the American Alligator Management Plan in 2017, based on known research and sound science. The plan allows for research and monitoring of alligator populations in North Carolina while improving and expanding habitat. Important is the plan's objective to educate the public on the biology of this species and how to appropriately coexist with wildlife. NCWF emphasized that any potential recreational harvest of this species must be sustainable and have no adverse effect on the current population structure.

## Non-Game Wildlife

NCWF submitted science-based written support to NCWRC regarding the proposed status changes of a number of North Carolina species, including Caspian tern, Eastern chicken turtle, and Mabey's salamander. NCWF looks forward to continuing its long-standing tradition of supporting non-game species.



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### Native Fish Conservation Area

NCWF supported the production of three videos illustrating the concept and value of a Native Fish Conservation Area, with emphasis on the Little Tennessee River, the restoration of the sicklefin redhorse, and the economic benefits of restoration. The Federation also funded the development of an interactive map to aid in locating critical populations of rare and listed native species, identifying research and management needs and documenting research and management projects. A public story map will follow to guide individual and group involvement in fish conservation.



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### Elk

As elk numbers grew in western North Carolina, the Federation joined groups for habitat conservation and the protection of existing individuals. A collaborative elk-collar research study will determine where elk cross roads to identify where wildlife crossings will be most effective. Additionally, NCWF continued leasing a parcel in Haywood County for elk grazing on private lands.

USFWS



### Red Wolf

NCWF expressed support for refinement and continuation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Red Wolf Recovery Program in eastern North Carolina, and encouraged the agency to determine a satisfactory way to move forward with proposed rulemaking in 2018 under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.



### Monarch butterfly

October brought the first ever Monarch Festival to Charlotte. The event was presented by NCWF, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, and the City of Charlotte. More than 500 attendees celebrated pollinators as Monarch butterflies passed through Charlotte on their migration to Mexico.





# Wildlife & Habitat

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## Road Relief

NCWF weighed in on DOT's plans to urge mitigation for wildlife, including wildlife crossings, over passes and under passes. Over 1 billion vertebrates are killed on U.S. roads annually.

## Pollinator Partnership

The Butterfly Highway worked with one of our corporate partners, Martin Marietta, to provide technical guidance on the restoration of five acres of pollinator habitat at its Maiden Quarry site.



## Pollinator Power

Joining with the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign and National Pollinator Garden Network, the Federation supported national efforts to protect pollinators. Dr. Angel Hjarding represented NCWF at this annual meeting and serves on the Urban Gardens and Youth Task Force.

## Mill Deal

Wood pellet demand incentivizes landowners to convert natural forests to tree plantations. A proposed Richmond County pellet mill will not be subject to restrictions that would maintain ecosystem quality. NCWF asked the Department of Environmental Quality to revoke and review the permit for the pellet mill until a full public comment process can account for biodiversity and climate concerns.



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### Group Up

NCWF became a founding member of the N.C. Pollinator Working Group.

### Lake James Habitat

NCWF and its Lake James Area Wildlife and Nature Society chapter partnered with Lake James State Park to complete a two-year project to restore five acres of habitat for pollinators in the park's Paddy's Creek area.



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### Wings for All

The Butterfly Highway, a NCWF initiative, provided technical guidance and support for several innovative pollinator projects in the energy sector. The solar developer Ecoplexus registered the first solar farm installation on the Butterfly Highway in 2017. NC Electric Cooperative (Touchstone Energy) restored two acres of powerline right-of-way in Hamlet as a pollinator pit-stop. Butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds have lots of new pollinator pitstops across the state to visit where they can find food, shelter, and a place to raise their young. In 2017 over 1,700 pollinator pitstops were registered on the Butterfly Highway.

### Wildlife Word

NCWF staff served on the State Technical Advisory Committee for Natural Resources Conservation. This service is an important role for NCWF to ensure conservation incentive dollars are being well spent and delivering on-the-ground conservation on private lands.



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### Clean Catawba

Legislation was introduced in the General Assembly to eliminate long-standing water quality protections for the Catawba River. NCWF held a press conference with elected officials touting conservation of riparian buffers as the most cost-effective way to reduce pollution, stabilize stream banks, enhance flood control, and provide habitat.







# Public Lands & Waters

## Sporting Voice

Public lands and access are important to all outdoor enthusiasts and our natural heritage. NCWF's Camo Coalition was at the forefront working to educate lawmakers and defending against assaults. #KeepItPublic

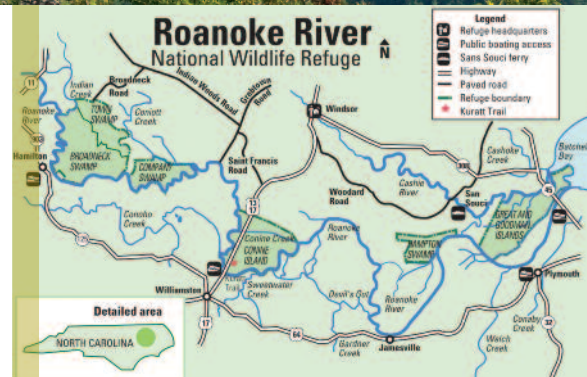


## Standing for Public Lands

NCWF joined with the National Wildlife Federation in defense of our public lands as an all-out assault on America's public lands took place in 2017. The Federation cosponsored the video, *This Land is Your Land*, and joined the successful opposition to federal bills that sought to transfer federal lands. NCWF sent a group sign-on letter to each member of the North Carolina congressional delegation, and traveled to Washington, DC, to lobby on behalf of public lands.

## Sure Shores

Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists and NCWF planted 900 gallons of native button bush shrubs in a shore-line stabilization project on Lake Norman.



## Bigger is Better

NCWF supported the USFWS consideration to add 250,000 acres to the acquisition boundary of the Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge, with authorization to purchase acres and easements. The Federation pledged to aid the process wherever possible.





### Line in the Sand

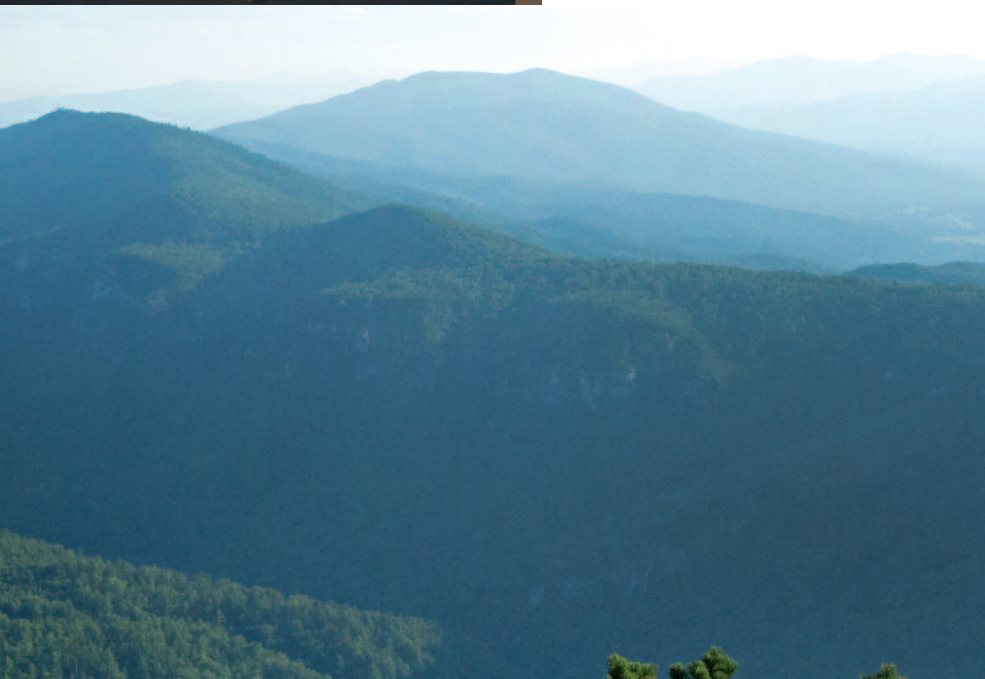
NCWF submitted a legal amicus brief in the case involving Emerald Isle beach access and a private property owner trying to deny public access to cross the beach. In October, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a request to review a case that could have affected the public's access to oceanfront beaches. A huge win for public access.



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### NC National Forests

Tireless work on the 1.1 million acres in western North Carolina national forests was the focus for the Federation in 2017. Our goal is a new forest management plan that focuses on all wildlife species. Balancing needs for wilderness areas and early growth ecosystems and the respective species these habitats support is the crux of our objectives. NCWF served as a lead partner in the Nantahala-Pisgah Forest Partnership negotiating with all the stakeholders and the Forest Service for a new plan that will be rolled out in spring of this year.



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### Ship Shape Waters

Congress passed the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2017 with a terrible inclusion that would have stripped states of their authority to manage invasive species from shipping ballast water, which has plagued coastal communities. NCWF expressed support for the Clean Water Act and states' efforts to combat this threat.

### Drilled to Death

Offshore oil drilling and exploration off North Carolina's coast rises to the forefront of concerns as the Trump administration works to open up America's coastal waters including the Atlantic coast to offshore drilling. NCWF supports Governor Roy Cooper's firm stance against offshore seismic testing and drilling.



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### Funding Focus

The Land for Tomorrow coalition works to ensure that the state's conservation trust funds—Clean Water Management Trust Fund, Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, and the Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund—are well-funded. 2017 saw the state budget invest \$18.3 million in the CWMTF and \$19.7 million in PARTF, an improvement, but still only 1/18th of 1 percent of the state's budget goes towards funding water, game lands, parks, and farmland preservation investments.

### Bottoms Up

NCWF joined a legal amicus brief supporting North Carolina's petition to the U.S. Supreme Court asking the court to hear the case of State of North Carolina v. ALCOA Power Generating, Inc. Last year a lower court held that ALCOA owns a significant portion of the Yadkin River river bottom, a resource that should be under the ownership of the people of North Carolina.

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# Marine Resources

## New Governor & Administration

Governor Cooper announced early in his administration a call to make marine fisheries fairness a priority. NCWF looks forward to working with the governor and his administration to follow through on his commitment to ensure sustainable fisheries.

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## Sound Solutions

The reduction of fish bycatch from shrimp trawlers continued to be the focus of our activities via the Sound Solutions initiative. With a new governor and administration, NCWF redoubled education efforts with the state leadership.



## Nursery Protection

NCWF's formal Petition for Rule-Making to protect juvenile fish nursery areas was approved by the Marine Fisheries Commission and entered the rule-making phase. With partner N.C. Sound Economy, NCWF supported a bill to comprehensively reform the Fisheries Reform Act of 1997. The bill didn't move forward at the General Assembly, but did create debate and awareness about the future of these vital natural resources. Hopefully new rules will be put in place to more effectively protect the nurseries of our juvenile fish, including weakfish, spot, and croaker.

## Menhaden Mess

NCWF continued to advocate for conservation of Atlantic menhaden, whose numbers continue to fall. North Carolina's members of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Menhaden board split their votes, and the board voted to increase the total allowable catch for 2018 and 2019. This missed chance to conserve a critical species of the marine prey base was highly concerning. NCWF will continue to advocate for ecosystem management and for maximum abundance instead of maximum yield.

## Reaching Out

The Federation's Camo Coalition worked diligently in the legislature espousing the merits of marine fisheries reform legislation. Camo Coalition does direct lobbying while communicating to over 250,000 sportsmen and women to keep them up-to-date on issues.







# Outreach & Education

## Fall Bash

The Town of Cornelius partnered with the Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists for the 5th Annual Laktoberfest, an Oktoberfest celebration that attracts 8,000 guests each year.

## Feeding the Needy

NCWF's Farmers and Communities Manage Deer program provided more than 13,500 pounds of venison to the needy and added 5 new donation sites where hunters were able to donate deer.



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## Wild on the Water

CROWN and NCWF hosted Wild on the Water, taking 75 paddlers on a nature awareness tour of Mountain Island Lake to learn about Charlotte's water source, area flora and fauna. Participants visited an active osprey nest with chicks while paddling to raise funds for conservation.



## GoU Goal Breaker

In 2017, GoU surpassed its annual number of participants served to date. GoU is NCWF's heralded program to connect youth—primarily from urban areas—to North Carolina's natural wonders. GoU served 15,328 participants through day trips and events in 2017.



## Box Blitz

NCWF's Community Alliance for Wildlife organized a habitat installation blitz in which members installed nest boxes and feeders in community members' properties.

## Partner Peak

GoU increased its participant partners to 34 with the addition of Mallard Creek and Nathaniel Alexander Middle Schools' Young Men's Clubs, in collaboration with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department, Hickory Parks and Recreation, Albemarle Recreation Center, Promise Youth Development, The Relatives and East Union Elementary School.

## Make the Connection

Concord Wildlife Alliance held a panel and movie night on the need to connect kids with nature. NCWF's GoU participated on the panel.

## Line Control

The Albemarle Conservation and Wildlife Chapter had a successful Skeet Shoot in June. Its fishing line recycling project grows to 9 northeastern counties.

## New Staff

Tara Moore came on board as conservation organizer with NCWF. With a masters in international environmental policy focused on wildlife conservation, and previous director experience at a community farm, she takes the lead on growing NCWF chapters across the state.





# Outreach & Education



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## Home Sweet Home

South Wake Conservationists assembled and installed 10 brown-headed nuthatch bird houses at Bass Lake Park and Sugg Farm in Holly Springs.



## Seed Source

NCWF's Piedmont Area Wildlife Stewards contributed native plant seeds to Friends of Crowder's Mountain State Park. Additional plans include making these valuable seeds available and tied into community presentations.

## Bee Nice

Neuse River Hawks pulled off a multi-day pollinator garden installation as part of the Butterfly Highway. This once underutilized area in Forest Ridge Park is now full of native pollinator host plants and walking paths.



## Chapters Together

NCWF's Chapter Caucus is held in Cary, where chapters from across the state discussed organizing strategies and socialized. That evening at the Governor's Awards Banquet, the Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists were presented with the Chapter of the Year award for successful events such as its annual Shrimp and Oyster Festival.



## Hawk Tale

Community Alliance for Wildlife partnered with the Carolina Raptor Center for the Raptor Center Habitat Expo. CAW held a native pollinator plant sale and educated participants in the benefits of expanding habitat for native species.

## Plant Rout

The South Wake Conservationists partnered with Earthshare NC in an invasive plant removal project at Harris Lake County Park. The dedicated team removed stubborn parrot feather from the park's pond and cleaned litter from the shorelines.

## Honor Up

In 2017 GoU was selected by Social Venture Partners to be part of the SEED20 Class of 2017 which afforded opportunities to increase community awareness of GoU programming and benefit from the knowledge and skills shared by their experts. These accomplishments would not be possible without the generosity of GoU supporters including The Carrie E. and Lena V. Glenn Foundation and Duke Energy Foundation.

## Curriculum Additions

Curriculum is added to GoU programming with initiatives like Sink or Float, a program exploring density through nature's eyes, and Off the Beaten Path, a program where participants learn and utilize orienteering skills.

## Chapter Sprouting

Planning meetings commenced with the new Stallings Nature and Wildlife Club.







### Sporting Gift

NCWF donated a lifetime fishing license as part of a National Hunting and Fishing Day youth event in Fayetteville.

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### Spreading the Word

NCWF's South Wake Conservationists participated in the Cape Fear Wildlife Expo at the Crown Complex in Fayetteville and the Cape Fear Youth Day in Linden. This chapter also held numerous joint seminars with the Wildlife Resources Commission to educate the public on ethical hunting practices and deer management.



### Movie Night

A documentary screening of A Plastic Ocean was shown for NCWF's Habitat and Wildlife Keepers chapter, detailing the journey of plastic through our oceans and eventually our bodies. Film screening was followed by a discussion on possible solutions for the overwhelming plastic marine debris issue. Free nature programs offered by NCWF chapters are a hallmark of the Federation's outreach.

### New Affiliates

NCWF welcomed Triangle Fly Fishers and N.C. Native Plants Society as new affiliates in 2017, along with the N.C. Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the N.C. Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Both these groups are comprised of fish and wildlife scientists, affording a great collaboration on science-based positions for wildlife conservation.

### Mission Possible

Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists assisted with the annual Fish'n with a Mission event with the Wildlife Resources Commission providing individuals with special needs a fun day of fishing and prizes.



### Home Run

Chapters from the Charlotte area came together for a nest box building day, complete with drills and paintbrushes, to build nest boxes for future habitat installation events.



### Ground Goes Around

South Wake Conservationists exceeded their venison donation goal by providing more than 11,500 meals to those in need. These deer were processed into ground burger by Noble Meats in Spring Lake and distributed to three food relief organizations.

### Sights Set High

Hunters at the annual Pollocksville Big Game Hunt in Jones County donated 60 deer to feed the hungry over its 2-day hunting event. Through NCWF's deer management program, the Pollocksville Volunteer Fire Department was able to add a walk-in cooler.

### Sharing the Bounty

Piedmont Area Wildlife Stewards of Gaston County teamed up with The Deer Shack in Mount Holly to collect, process, and donate ground venison from 114 deer to six local food relief organizations.

### Funds for Feeding

The annual wild game banquet at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wilson raised more than \$700 in financial contributions to support local deer processing. Tom Harrison and youth from Cross Trail Outfitters, who are also supporters of NCWF's deer program, were guest speakers for the event. More than 2,000 packages of ground venison were delivered to 6 area food relief organizations.

### Park Gift

Piedmont Area Wildlife Stewards presented a special display of a black bear and a monarch bull elk at Crowder's Mountain State Park in memory of Dr. Bill Jarman.



## Together, we are strong.

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NCWF thanks our thousands of members and contributors who entrust their dollars to the Federation, and choose to work for wildlife through NCWF's programs and initiatives.

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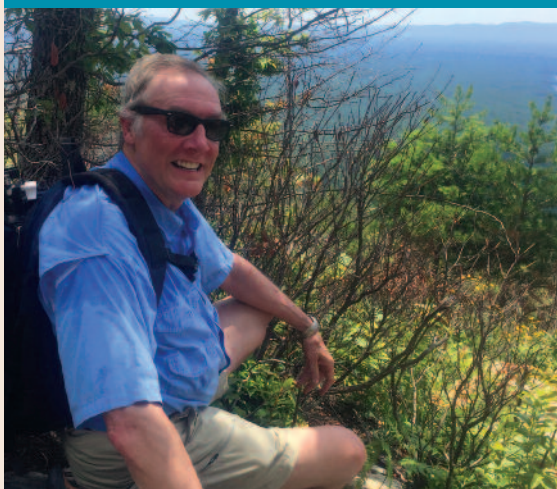
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## *Where There's a Will, There's a Way... for Wildlife*

### WILD LIVES, WILD PLACES LEGACY SOCIETY



*John Fuller has practiced law in Hickory since 1982 and has extensive experience in Estate Planning and Administration. He is an avid outdoor enthusiast and is the Chair of Wild Lives, Wild Places Legacy Society. He encourages others to support NCWF with a provision in their will or estate plan.*

### STANDARD BEQUEST LANGUAGE FOR NCWF

**I give and devise to North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Tax I.D. #56-1564376, located in Raleigh, NC, or to its legal successor organization, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_% of the remainder of my estate to be used for its general purposes.**

**If you are so inclined, we have many Endowed Fund opportunities. These afford you the chance to link your name permanently with NCWF and provide income in perpetuity from your named fund.**

**To discuss a specific program or project, call Dom Canavarró at 919-833-1923 or e-mail Dom at [dom@ncwf.org](mailto:dom@ncwf.org).**

### *A message from the Chair*

“My family’s love of our beautiful North Carolina wilderness goes back many decades. And, when you’re younger, you take a lot for granted. Bringing my sons fishing or hiking when they were little was effortless and we didn’t think much about protecting our wild places. Those places were always just there.

Perhaps I’m just getting older, but it seems my concern for the environment is ever forefront in my mind these days. And, that’s what I want to talk to you about today.

I guess I’m worried that what I have cherished about North Carolina could be harmed or transformed if we don’t have an advocate working tirelessly to preserve it—a strong and independent one that sticks to science and stays out of party politics, one that has a tremendous track record caring for all wildlife and wild places. That’s why when I last updated my will, I provided a bequest to N.C. Wildlife Federation.

As a supporter of NCWF, you, too, must have had that switch turn on in your head. We greatly appreciate your past donations, and I hope you will continue to support NCWF annually.

But, today’s message is different. When you next sit down with your attorney to revise your will or estate plan, would you consider adding a provision for North Carolina Wildlife Federation?

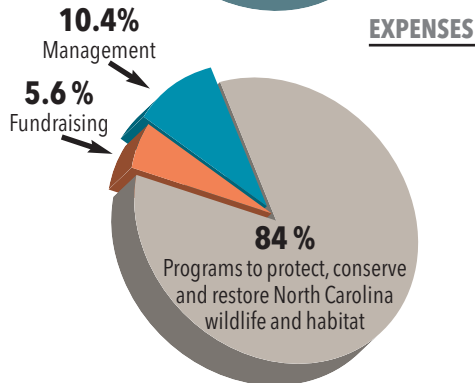
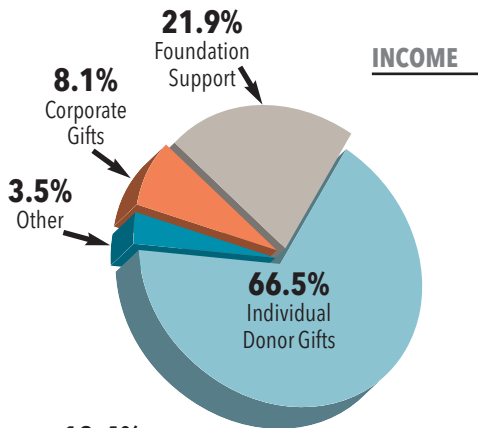
Included here is the standard bequest language for NCWF. May I ask you to put this with your important papers so it is handy when the time is right? If you have already done so, please tell us by checking the box on the reply envelope in this Journal so that we may thank you and welcome you to our Wild Lives, Wild Places Legacy Society.

Again, thank you for your past support and for your consideration of including a provision in your estate plan for North Carolina Wildlife Federation.” —*John Fuller*

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- **Burt's Bees Greater Good Foundation** restoring pollinator habitat
- **Habitat Enhancement Program** to benefit fish, wildlife and habitat along the Catawba—Wateree River
- **Duke Energy Foundation** support for The Butterfly Highway and Great Outdoors University
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