

## Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement

### Instructions for Preparation

The Wildlife Conservation Agreement includes applicant information, a Management Summary Sheet for each qualifying management practice or activity, and a map. The agreement must be signed by the landowner and an authorized representative of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Further documentation may be required for certain management practices or activities.

<b>Line by line instructions</b>		
<b>(Page 2) Application Information</b>		
1.	Enter the county where the property is located.	
2.	Enter the full name of the landowner.	
3.	Enter the complete mailing address.	
4.	A telephone number is required. Alternate contact information preferred but not required.	
5.	Identify the type of land ownership.	
6.	If the property address or location is different from the landowner mailing address, include either an address for the property or a location description.	
7.	List the name and contact information of all professional consultants or plan preparers if different from the landowner.	
<b>(Page 3) Wildlife Conservation Land Information Table</b>		
8.	Box 1	Enter the county parcel id for each property on which the classification is claimed.
	Box 2	List qualifying habitat type, protected species, or enter “wildlife reserve land”.
	Box 3	Enter the year that the priority habitat was established, protected species was first documented, or year of initial enrollment as wildlife reserve land.
	Box 4	Enter the total acres for the parcel listed.
	Box 5	Enter the total acres of qualifying land in each parcel.
	Box 6	Indicate if any of the qualifying acres are currently enrolled in the Present-Use Value Program (PUV) as agriculture, horticulture or forest lands.
<i>Complete additional rows when requesting classification for multiple habitat types or species on the same parcel.</i>		
<b>(Page 4) Instructions for Management Summary Sheets and Map</b>		
9.	Complete a management summary sheet(s) as instructed on page 4.	
10.	Provide a map of the property with required components as instructed on page 4.	
<b>(Page 12) Declaration for Wildlife Reserve Land</b>		
11.	Complete declaration sheet for Wildlife Reserve Land if applicable.	

# Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement



When signed by the qualifying landowner and an authorized representative of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) this agreement along with supporting documentation as required by the NCWRC shall be deemed a valid Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement (WHCA) for the purpose of inclusion in the Wildlife Conservation Land Program (WCLP) pursuant to North Carolina G.S. 105-277.15.

The applicant and the NCWRC agree that the lands and management actions identified in this agreement meet the legislative intent of one or more of the following:

Criterion 1 - conserve one or more protected species as defined in Title 15A NCAC 10I .0103, .0104, & .0105;

Criterion 2 - conserve one or more of the priority habitats listed in G.S. 105-277.15;

Criterion 3 - use as Wildlife Reserve Land as defined in G.S. 105-277.15 and Title 15A NCAC 10L .0101.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
NCWRC Principal Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Approval of NCWRC Supervising Biologist \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Approval of NCWRC Program Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Information

1. **County:**  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. **Landowner Name:**  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. **Mailing Address**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. **Contact Information  
(include Area Code)**  
**Home:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Work:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Type of Ownership**       Individual     Family Business     Family Trust
6. **Property Location  
or Physical Address if  
different from mailing  
address**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. **Consultant or Plan  
Preparer's Name and  
contact information  
(if applicable)**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 8. Wildlife Conservation Land Information Table

Refer to instructions sheet for completing this table.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Parcel ID	List Habitat Type* or List Species Protected** or enter "Wildlife Reserve Land"	Year Established or Documented	Total Parcel Acres	Qualifying Acres	Are these qualifying acres current enrolled in the PUV program?
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Total Acres:

*Qualifying Habitat Types	**Qualifying Species Lists
Bat Cave Rock Outcrop Small Wetland Community Stream and Riparian Zone Early Successional Longleaf Pine Forest	<a href="#">15A NCAC 10L.0103</a> <a href="#">15A NCAC 10L.0104</a> <a href="#">15A NCAC 10L.0105</a> Endangered Threatened Special Concern

*Official Use Only*

<b>Total Qualifying Acres:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<i>Open Land</i>	<input type="text"/>	<i>Woodland</i>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Signature of NCWRC Representative:</b> _____					

## **9. Wildlife Conservation Land - Management Summary Sheets**

Management summary sheets are included in this WHCA template for each of the three WCLP enrollment criteria. Complete and submit the appropriate management summary sheet for each applicable priority habitat type, protected species, or Wildlife Reserve Land activity being used to enroll land in the WCLP. Attach a description to explain how management recommendations and actions will be conducted if applicable.

## **10. Property Map**

A map of the property is required for the Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement. The map must be of a size and quality to allow positive identification of the location of the property, the ability to calculate acreage and to clearly define the location and boundaries of the acres proposed as Wildlife Conservation Land. Failure to provide a suitable map will prohibit review of the Wildlife Habitat Conservation Land Agreement. Instructions for the use of several online map development options are available from the NCWRC and landowners may use a variety of options for developing maps that meet the following requirements.

### **Required Components of the Map**

1. A defined scale and north arrow
2. Property boundaries
3. Area boundaries for each Species Protected, each Priority Habitat type, and/or Wildlife Reserve Land
4. Features associated with Species Protection and location of management activities on Wildlife Reserve Land
5. Streams, lakes, ponds, rivers or other wetlands
6. Names of public roads (if applicable)

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 1: Species Protection

Indicate the planned management strategies for the species identified on your property by checking the boxes for all the categories below that apply. Note that demonstrable evidence must be presented that the species lives on the land; observation of a species does not automatically qualify a property as Wildlife Conservation Land. For migratory species, the land must provide breeding, wintering, or foraging habitat.

Attach a map of the species habitat or identify the areas on the property map for which classification as Wildlife Conservation Land is being claimed for this species (i.e. Area #1, Area #2).

Total Acres used to protect a listed species: \_\_\_\_\_

- Protect a species on a protected animal list

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

*Provide biological evidence that the species lives on the land and management actions are in place to ensure the continued existence of the species and the habitat is suitable for that species.*

Total acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- Management activities (describe below)

Attach Description of Identified Management Activities and Additional Comments/Explanation:

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 2: Priority Habitats - Bat Caves

Indicate the planned management strategies for the Bat Cave habitat on your property by checking the boxes for all the categories below that apply. Note that you must provide supporting information/documentation showing the use of a cave by an aggregation of bats. You must also describe the habitat protection measures employed to ensure the conservation of the cave for use by bats.

Attach a map of the Bat Cave habitat or identify the areas on the property map for which classification as Wildlife Conservation Land is being claimed for this priority habitat type. (i.e. Area #1, Area #2).

Total Acres in Bat Cave Habitat: \_\_\_\_\_

- Cave with an aggregation of bats documented  
Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Conservation of acres surrounding the cave opening  
Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Habitat protection measures (describe below)

Attach Description of Identified Management Activities and Additional Comments/Explanation:

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 2: Priority Habitats - Early Successional Habitats

Indicate the planned management activities for the Early Successional Habitat on your property by checking the boxes for all the categories below that apply and describe management activities.

Attach a map of the Early Successional Habitat or identify the areas on the property map for which classification as Wildlife Conservation Land is being claimed for this priority habitat type (i.e. Area #1, Area #2)

Total Acres in Early Successional Habitat: \_\_\_\_\_

Management Activities Proposed (check all that apply)

- |                          |  |                    |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Open land - 2 year disking rotation                            | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Open land - 3 year burning rotation                            | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Open land – Herbicide treatment for vegetative conversion      | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Open land –Herbicide rotation for woody vegetation control     | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Open land - Initial disk followed by 2 year mowing rotation    | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Forested land - Thin to basal area 50 or less                  | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Forested land – Initial burn followed by 3 year burn rotation  | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Clear-cut followed by initial burn and 3 year burning rotation | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (attach description for establishment and maintenance):  | Map area(s): _____ |

Attach Description of Identified Management Activities and Additional Comments/Explanation:



## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 2: Priority Habitats - Longleaf Pine Forests

Indicate the planned management strategies for the Longleaf Pine Forest habitat on your property by checking the boxes for all the categories below that apply.

Attach a map of the Longleaf Pine Forest habitat or identify the areas on the property map for which classification as Wildlife Conservation Land is being claimed for this priority habitat type (i.e. Area #1, Area #2)

Total Acres in Longleaf Pine Forest: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Management Activities

- Establishment of a Longleaf Pine Stand                      Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Trees per acre: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- 2 or 3 year burning rotation on established or natural stands  
Total acres annually: \_\_\_\_\_                      Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Thinning                      Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Basal area: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Management of an Existing Stand                      Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mid-story Control
  - Native ground cover restoration

Attach Description of Identified Management Activities and Additional Comments/Explanation:

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 2: Priority Habitats - Rock Outcrops

Indicate the planned management strategies for the Rock Outcrop habitat on your property by checking the boxes for all the categories below that apply. List the protection measures employed to ensure conservation of the habitat and describe the maintenance activities needed to manage the habitat.

Attach a map of the Rock Outcrop habitat or identify the areas on the property map for which classification as Wildlife Conservation Land is being claimed for this priority habitat type (i.e. Area #1, Area #2)

Total Acres in Rock Outcrops: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Management Activities

- Protect existing rock outcrops (list protection measures below)  
Total acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Maintenance activity (describe below)  
Total acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Description of Identified Management Activities and Additional Comments/Explanation:

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 2: Priority Habitats - Small Wetland Communities

Indicate the planned management strategies for the Small Wetland Community habitat on your property by checking the boxes for all the categories below that apply. Describe the maintenance activities needed to manage the habitat.

Attach a map of the Small Wetland Community habitat or identify the areas on the property map for which classification as Wildlife Conservation Land is being claimed for this priority habitat type (i.e. Area #1, Area #2)

Total Acres in Small Wetland Communities: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Management Activities

- Conserve existing small wetland communities  
Total acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Maintenance activity (describe below)  
Total acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Development of small wetland communities (describe below)  
Total acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Description of Identified Management Activities and Additional Comments/Explanation:

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 2: Priority Habitats - Stream and Riparian Zones

Indicate the planned management strategies for the Stream and Riparian Zone habitat on your property by checking the boxes for all the categories below that apply. Describe the maintenance activities used to manage the habitat.

Attach a map of the Stream and Riparian Zone habitat or identify the areas on the property map for which classification as Wildlife Conservation Land is being claimed for this priority habitat type (i.e. Area #1, Area #2). A minimum riparian buffer width of 30 feet is suggested for the Wildlife Conservation Land Program as a means to accommodate a variety of landowners and for minimal water quality benefits. The maximum width is 300 feet or the width of the floodplain, whichever is greater. The riparian zone shall not extend beyond the watershed boundary as delineated by the ridges surrounding the watershed. The stream area included in this habitat type shall be the area as measured between the top of the banks along the channel.

Total Acres in Stream and Riparian Zones: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Management Activities

Conserve existing Stream & Riparian Zone  
 Total acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Invasive Species Control (list invasive species and control methods below)  
 Total acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Fencing to prevent livestock access to the Stream & Riparian Zone  
 Total acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Stream/Riparian Zone Restoration (describe below)  
 Total acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Description of Identified Management Activities and Additional Comments/Explanation:

**Declaration of Use for Wildlife Reserve Land  
(Criterion 3)**

Wildlife Reserve Land is land that is actively and regularly used as a reserve for hunting, fishing, shooting, wildlife observation, or wildlife activities; upon which wildlife management activities are conducted to ensure the propagation of a sustaining breeding, migrating, or wintering population of indigenous wild animals. Land primarily used or maintained for other human uses such as large lawns, horse pastures, golf courses, or land primarily and intensively managed for financial gain in non-wildlife oriented activities (e.g., agricultural commodities, forest products, solar panel arrays) will generally not qualify as wildlife reserve land.

I declare and affirm that land included in this agreement as Wildlife Reserve Land is designated for active and regular use for one or more of the following purposes:

- Hunting                       Shooting
- Fishing                         Wildlife Observation
- Other Wildlife Associated Activities (Please List Below)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 3: Wildlife Reserve Land - Supplemental Food

Indicate the planned method for providing Supplemental Food on your property. Check each box, from the approved categories below, which you plan to implement. Identify the maintenance practices needed to manage the food sources. Keep an activity log to document dates and extent of establishment and maintenance activities for supplemental food plots. This log will be needed during periodic Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement reviews specified in North Carolina G.S. 105-277.15 as well as inspections requested by local tax office.

Total Acres in Supplemental Food: \_\_\_\_\_

Supplemental foods: Existing or Proposed (check all that apply)

- Plot established with appropriate herbaceous species: Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Plot established with native pollinator habitat: Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Mast producing tree/shrub establishment: Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (attach description for approval by NCWRC staff): Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach detailed management recommendations for supplemental food areas on a separate sheet.

#### Documentation:

- Maintain activity log which shows dates and extent of management activities for supplemental food areas.

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 3: Wildlife Reserve Land - Supplemental Water

Indicate, by checking the appropriate boxes below, each type of Supplemental Water you plan on managing on your property. Identify the maintenance practices which will be used to manage the supplemental water sources. Keep an activity log to document dates and extent of installation and maintenance activities for supplemental water. This log will be needed during periodic Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement reviews specified in North Carolina G.S. 105-277.15 as well as inspections requested by local tax office.

Constructed water body type(s):

- |                          |  |                    |                    |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Perennial pond/lake:                                     | Acres: _____       | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Impoundment w/ control structure:                        | Acres: _____       | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Intermittent pool:                                       | Number: _____      | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (attach description for approval by NCWRC staff ): | Map area(s): _____ |                    |

**\*\* Any single management practice may only be counted for one qualifying activity.\*\***

Attach detailed management recommendations for supplemental water areas on a separate sheet.

Documentation:

- Maintain activity log which shows dates and extent of management activities for supplemental water areas.

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 3: Wildlife Reserve Land - Supplemental Shelter

Indicate the planned method for providing Supplemental Shelter on your property. Document the shelter type and the number of shelters to be installed. Include the maintenance practices needed to manage the shelters in the management recommendations for this activity. Keep a log to document dates and extent of establishment and maintenance activities for supplemental shelter. This log will be needed during periodic Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement reviews specified in North Carolina G.S. 105-277.15 as well as inspections requested by local tax office.

- Shelter type \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_ Map area(s): \_\_\_\_\_
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**\*\* Any single management practice may only be counted for one qualifying activity.\*\***

Attach detailed management recommendations for supplemental shelter areas on a separate sheet.

Documentation:

- Maintain activity log which shows dates and extent of management activities for supplemental shelter areas.



## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 3: Wildlife Reserve Land – Habitat Control

Indicate, by check the appropriate boxes below, each type of Habitat Control management activities you plan on implementing on your property. Keep an activity log to document dates and extent of installation and maintenance activities for habitat control. This log will be needed during periodic Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement reviews specified in North Carolina G.S. 105-277.15 as well as inspections requested by local tax office.

Total Acres in Habitat Control: \_\_\_\_\_

Management Activities Proposed or Ongoing: (check all that apply)

- |                          |           |                    |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Upland:   | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wetland:  | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Riparian: | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Aquatic:  | Map area(s): _____ |

\*\* Any single management practice may only be counted for one qualifying activity.\*\*

Attach management recommendations for each mapped habitat control area.

#### Documentation:

- Maintain activity log which shows dates and extent of management activities for habitat control areas.

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 3: Wildlife Reserve Land – Erosion Control

Indicate the planned method to implement Erosion Control on your property. Check each box, from the approved categories below, which you plan to implement. Keep an activity log to document dates and extent of implementation of practices for erosion control.

This log will be needed during periodic Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement reviews specified in North Carolina G.S. 105-277.15 as well as inspections requested by local tax office.

Management Activities to address erosion on your property. (check all that apply)

- |                          |  |             |                    |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Streambank Stabilization                                   | Feet: _____ | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | In-Stream Channel Stabilization                            |             | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grading, shaping and vegetation to reduce erosion          |             | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Grade, stabilize, water control structures on active roads |             | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Filter strip installation                                  |             | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Riparian buffer installation                               |             | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sediment catch basin installation                          |             | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exclude future traffic from road                           |             | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (attach description for approval by NCWRC staff)     |             | Map area(s): _____ |

\*\* Any single management practice may only be counted for one qualifying activity.\*\*

Attach details of establishment and maintenance of erosion control areas.

Documentation:

- Attach activity log which shows dates and extent of establishment and maintenance activities for erosion control areas.

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 3: Wildlife Reserve Land – Predator Control

Indicate the planned method to implement Predator Control on your property. Check each box, from the approved categories below, which you plan to implement. Keep an activity log to document dates and extent of implementation of practices for predator control.

This log will be needed during periodic Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement reviews specified in North Carolina G.S. 105-277.15 as well as inspections requested by local tax office.

Practices:

- |                          |   |                    |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Trapping - In Season by licensed trapper      | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Trapping for Species Conservation             | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swine trapping/shooting to protect habitats   | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Predator Hunting                              | Map area(s): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (attach description for NCWRC approval) | Map area(s): _____ |

Attach details of predator control activities.

Documentation:

- Attach activity log which shows dates and extent of predator control activities.

## Management Summary Sheet

### Criterion 3: Wildlife Reserve Land – Census of Animal Populations

Indicate the planned method to implement Census of Animal Populations on your property. Check each box, from the approved survey and census list below, which you plan to participate in. Keep an activity log to document dates and extent of participation in the selected survey projects. This log will be needed during periodic Wildlife Habitat Conservation Agreement reviews specified in North Carolina G.S. 105-277.15 as well as inspections requested by local tax office.

#### Census / Survey efforts

- [NC WRC Deer Hunter Observation Survey](#)
- [NC WRC Turkey Brood Survey](#)
- [NC WRC Avid Grouse, Quail, Rabbit Hunter Survey](#)
- [NC WRC Deer Management Assistance Program](#)
- [North Carolina's Candid Critters](#)
- [Dragonfly Pond Watch Program](#)
- [Bumble Bee Watch](#)
- [Native Buzz](#)
- [The Great Sunflower Project](#)
- [The Great Backyard Bird Count](#)
- [Christmas Bird Count](#)
- [Hummingbirds at Home](#)
- [NestWatch](#)
- [FrogWatch USA](#)
- [Osprey Watch](#)
- [eBird](#)
- [iNaturalist](#)
- [Project FeederWatch](#)
- [US Nightjar Survey Network](#)
- [North American Breeding Bird Survey](#)
- [Calling Amphibian Survey Program](#)
- Other (attach description for approval by NCWRC staff):

#### Documentation:

- Maintain activity log which shows dates and extent of survey efforts for population census.