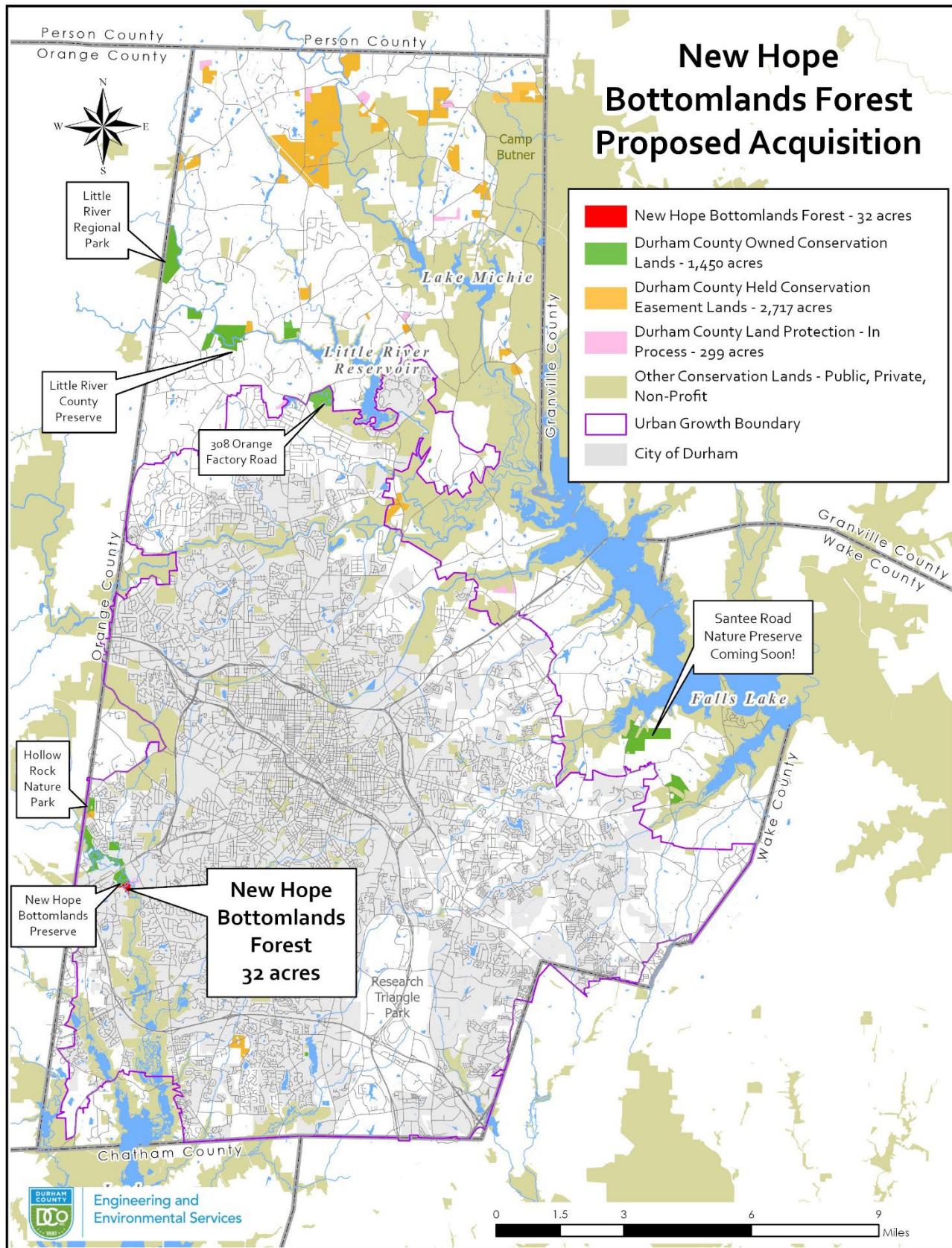
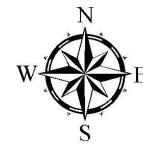


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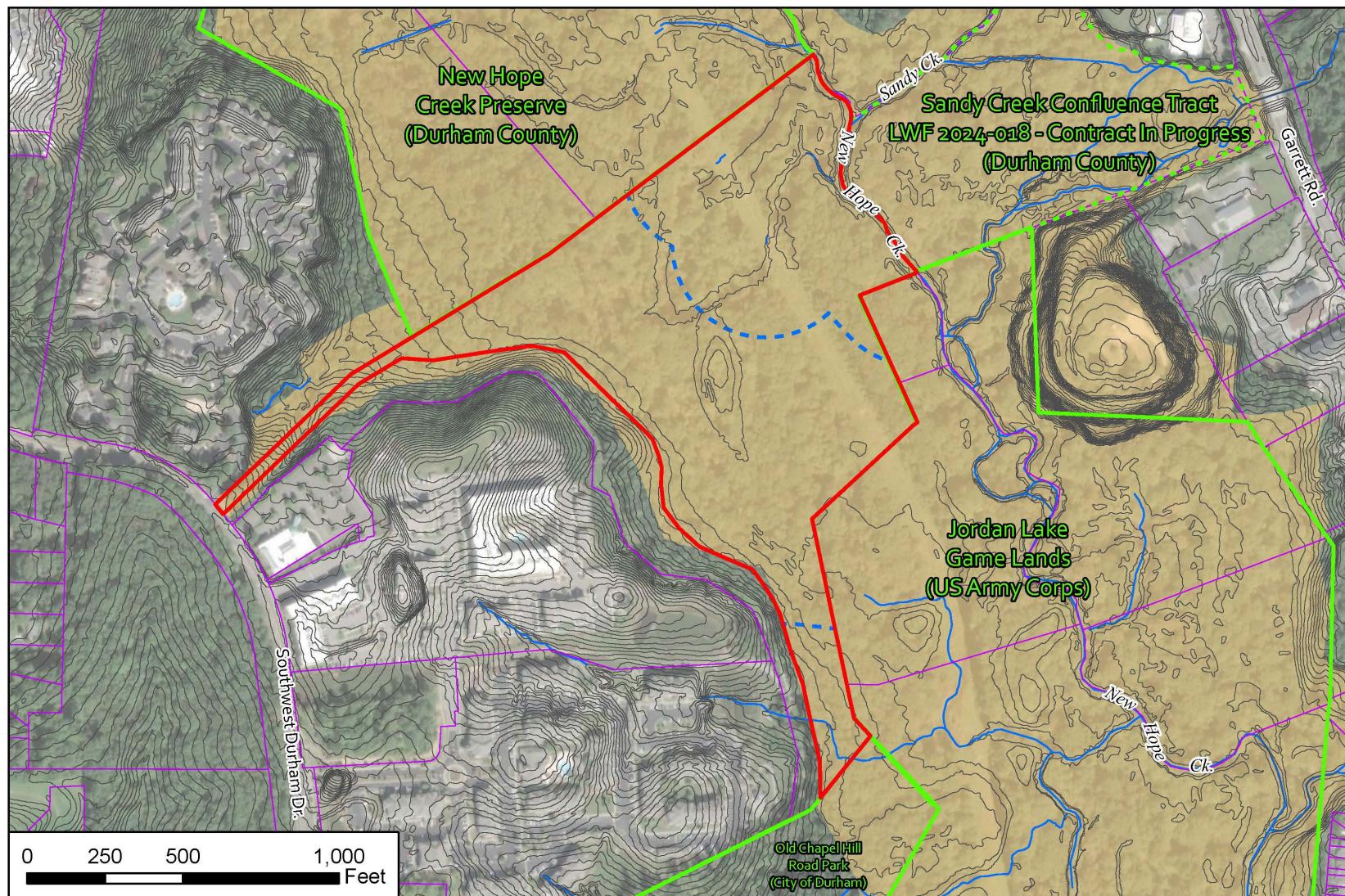




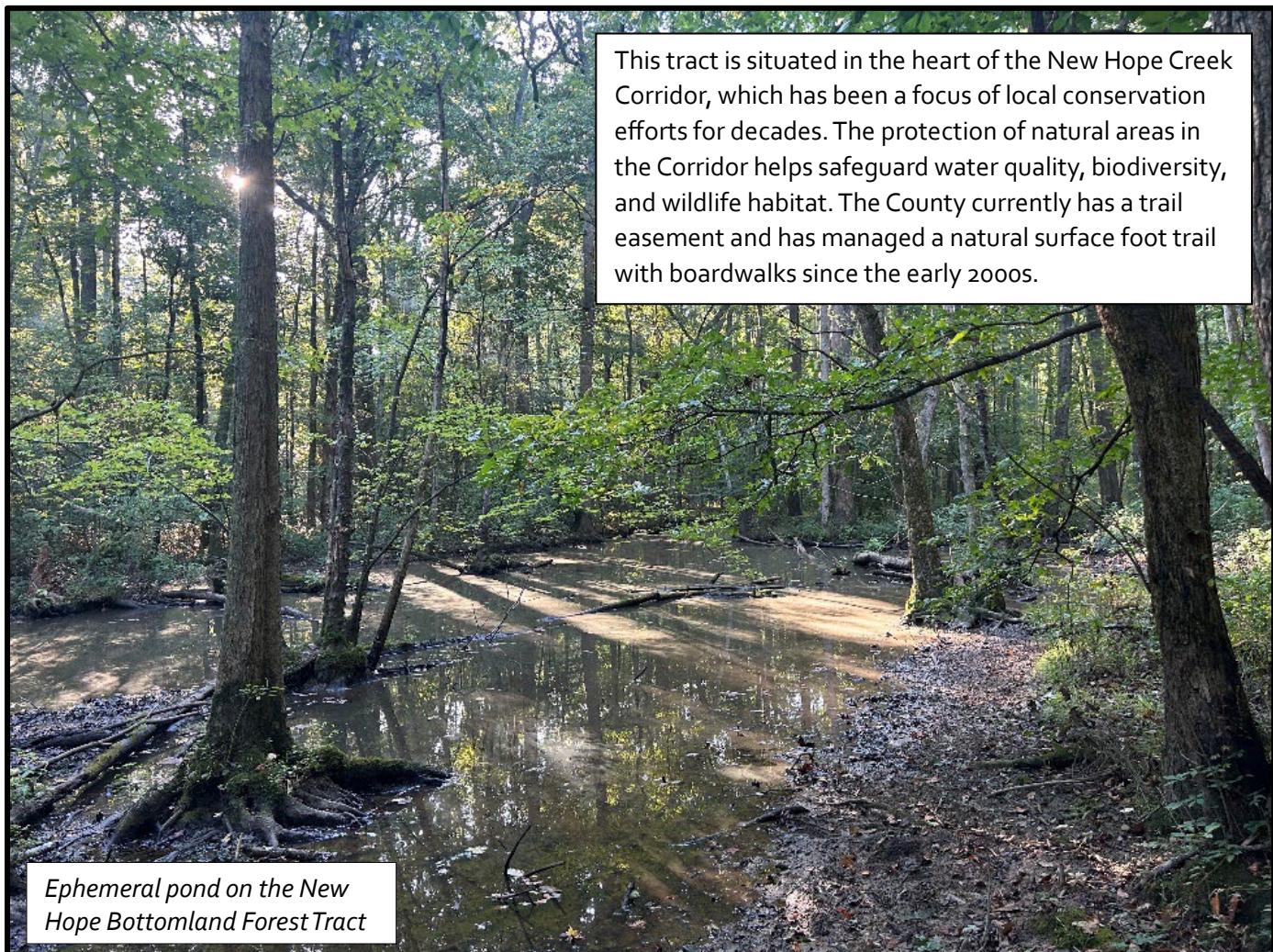
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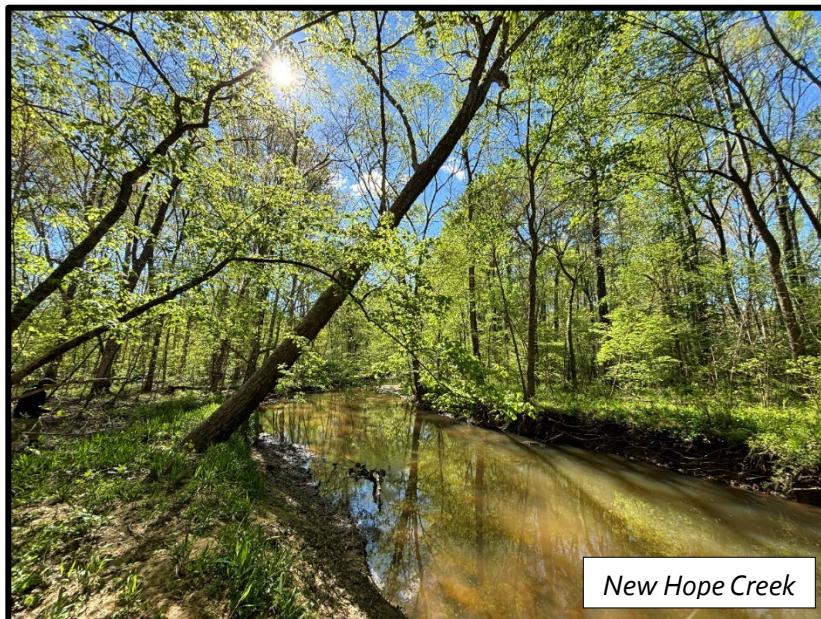


	REVISED Project Area (32ac)		Tax Parcels
	Streams		300ft Stream Buffers
	Other Conservation Land		NHP Natural Area

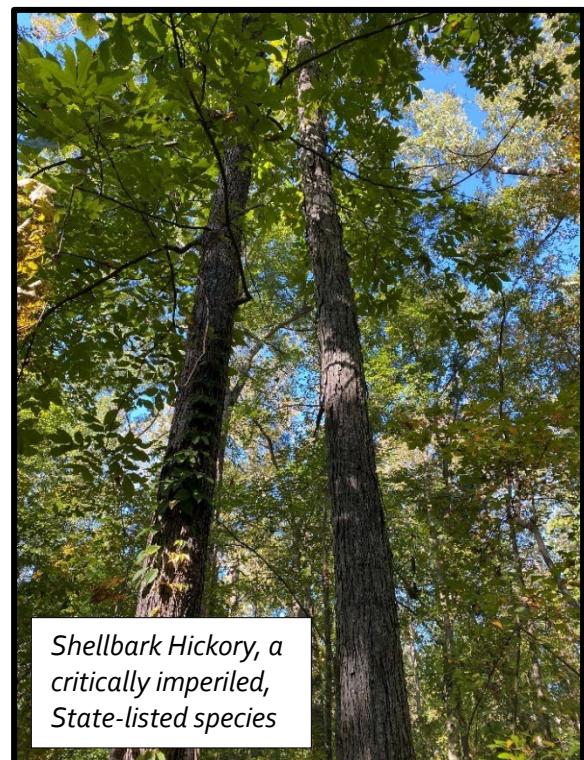
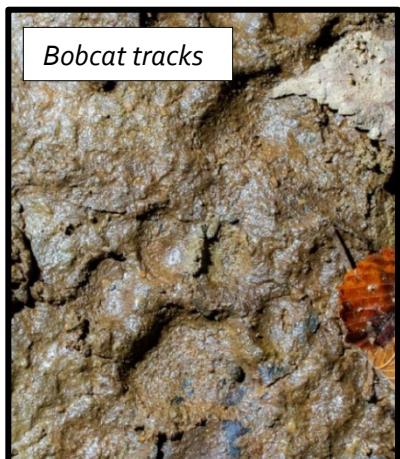


New Hope Bottomlands Forest and the New Hope Creek Corridor





The tract is part of the New Hope Creek Bottomlands Forest Natural Area, one of the most diverse and unique ecosystems in central North Carolina, and it has been [extensively studied](#) by professional researchers and volunteer citizen scientists. It is also part of a vital wildlife corridor, and a variety of animal species – including bobcat, otter, beaver, and coyote, as well as many birds, amphibians, and reptiles – have been documented on this tract.





Moth Night event at the County's Bottomlands Trail



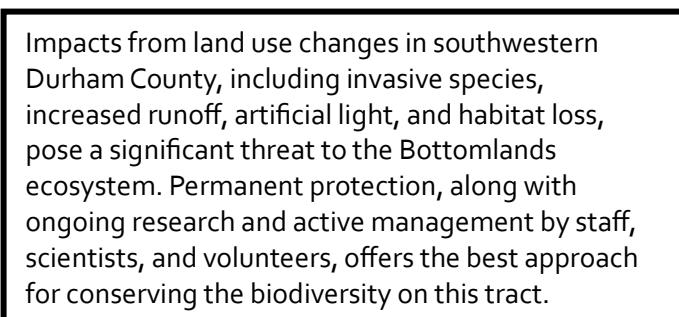
Russula neoelpidensis, a newly described species of fungus first discovered at the Bottomlands in 2021. "Neoelpidensis" comes from the Greek for "new hope". (Image from [Miller and Cotter, 2025](#)).



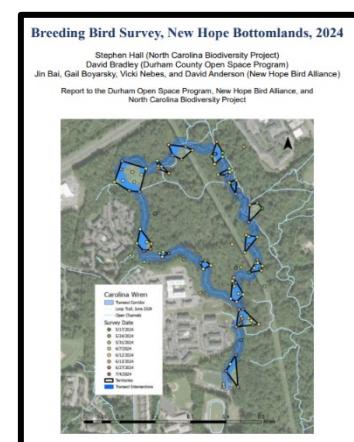
Ecosystem restoration workday along the Bottomlands Trail



Citizen science training workshop at the Bottomlands Trail



Impacts from land use changes in southwestern Durham County, including invasive species, increased runoff, artificial light, and habitat loss, pose a significant threat to the Bottomlands ecosystem. Permanent protection, along with ongoing research and active management by staff, scientists, and volunteers, offers the best approach for conserving the biodiversity on this tract.



Bird surveys and wildlife monitoring at the Bottomlands

