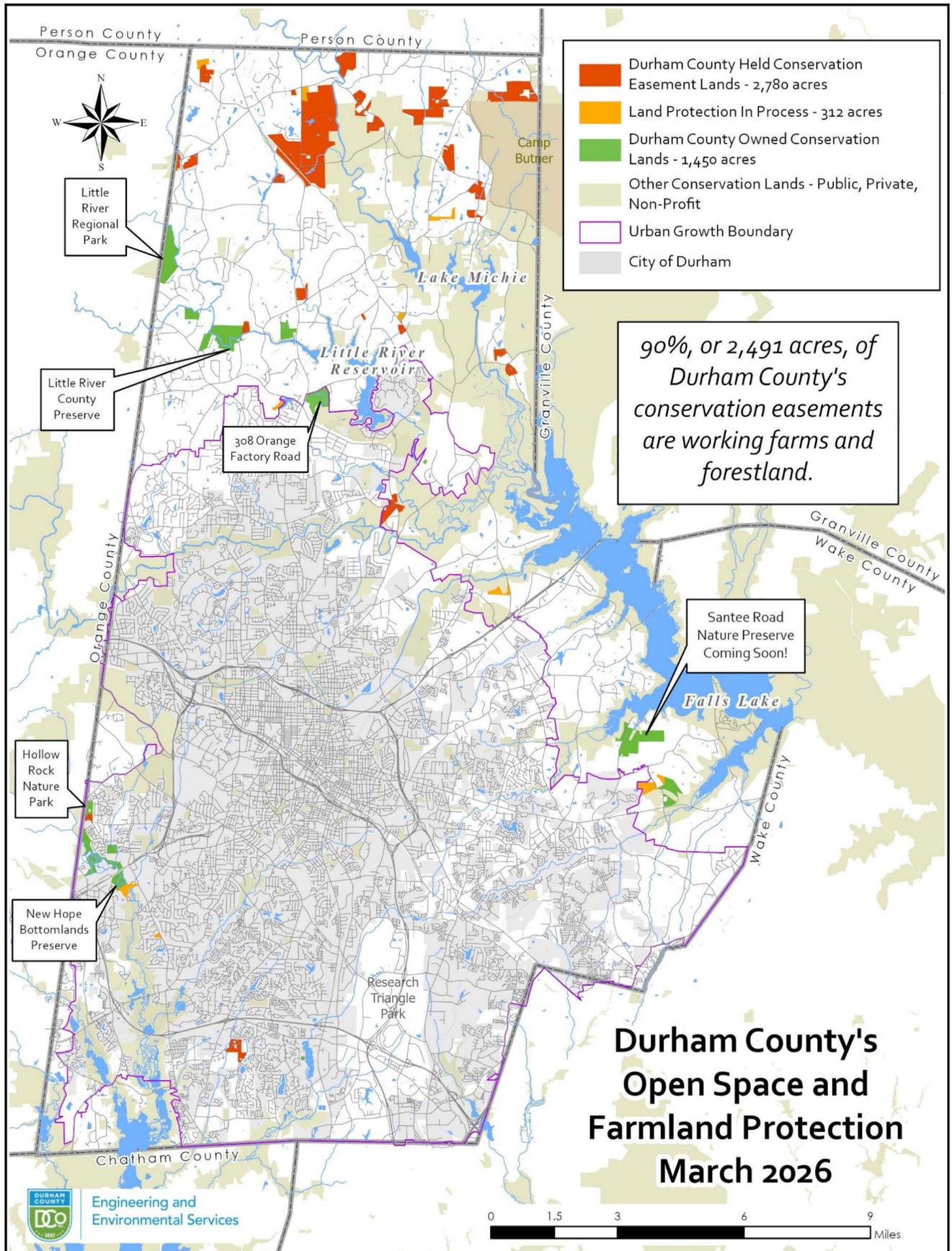


Celebrating 25 years of Farmland Protection in Durham County



25 Years of Protecting Farmland in Durham County 2001 -2026

Durham County Farm Easement	Year Acquired	Acres
Herndon Hills Farm	2001 & 2019	75
Hill Farm	2002	33
Honah Lee Farm	2005	131
Russell's Corner House Farm	2005	27
Roger Tilley Farm	2006, 2009, 2025	264
Poole Farm	2007	57
Little Mountain Farm	2009 & 2012	922
Caywood Farm	2012	300
Carrington Farm	2013	68
Van Ellis Farm	2013	69
Smith Farm	2014	91
Blalock Farm	2015	64
George Tilley Farm	2016	53
Daye Farm	2017 & 2022	36
Alston Glenn Farm	2020 & 2023	66
Dry Creek Farm	2020	30
Bahama Bluebs Farm	2020	35
McFarland Farms	2020 & 2021	98
Blazing Hill Farm	2022	33
Clara Glenn	2026	41
20 Farms		2,491
<i>In Process - 2026</i>		<i>Acres</i>
<i>Bill Sparrow, Jr.</i>		40
<i>Caywood Farm II</i>		30
<i>Ken Wolfe Farm</i>		30
<i>Cliff Teasley's Triangle Farm</i>		17
<i>Robin Davis (City of Durham)</i>		19
<i>Tom Washington (REPI Camp Butner)</i>		76
<i>6 farm easements in process</i>		<i>212</i>

***Gray-shaded farms have been/will be protected, in part,
with funding through USDA-NRCS Programs.***





Herndon Hills Farm was the first Durham County farm easement acquired in 2001 and has been in the Herndon family for over 100 years. The Herndon family protected additional land in 2019. In addition to their u-pick berry farm, they also raise beef cattle.



Patricia Russell's 2005 easement was the first project supported with federal funding through USDA-NRCS's Agricultural Land Easement Program, now called ACEP-ALE. Her cousin, Bill Lee, tends the open land and grows small grains and cuts hay.

Honah Lee Farms was also originally protected by Patricia Russell in 2005 and now is managed as a wildlife and forestry farm with eco-tourist opportunities. Along with woodlands and open land, Honah Lee Farms protects 131 acres with significant frontage along the Flat River and Deep Creek in north Durham County. These habitats support rare aquatic species and are integral to critical regional wildlife corridors.





The protection of Tilley Farm initially involved four projects over three years and utilized both State and Federal NRCS funding. Roger Tilley has lived all his life on the farm, which has been in their family since the 1800s. In addition to growing wheat and tobacco, he has a large vegetable garden every summer. More recently Durham worked with Roger's nephew, Wesley Poole the current owner who also lives on site with his family, to protect additional farmland using federal REPI National Guard funding.

The protection of Bill Lee's farm along the Orange County line in north Durham was a partnership with Orange County, NC's Ecosystem Enhancement Program, and federal NRCS farm easement funding. Mr. Lee continues to grow small grains on his open areas using no-till cultivation practices.



Little Mountain Farm consists of over 920 acres along 15-501 and Moores Mill Road (a state scenic route) and protects areas along the Flat River that include State-significant natural communities. The owners were one of the first farms in Durham County to adopt no-till farming practices to protect their prime agricultural soils and has recently had some of the highest corn yields in NC.

Caywood Farm is along the State's Scenic Byway and protects significant aquatic habitats that include rare species in the Flat River. Owner Neil Frank lives on the farm and manages much of his pasture for native warm season grasses for beef cattle that he sells locally.



The Carringtons grew up in a tight-knit family of 15 children who sharecropped in northeastern Durham County. This farm was their parents' favorite, and in 1989 seven siblings purchased the land to honor them. Several family members now live on adjacent parcels. The property is managed for small grains, with some areas maintained for hay production.



Van and Edna Ellis's farm includes a restored stream and well-managed pasture for hay production and grazing beef cattle. They have lived on the land for all their married life and enjoy the rural area and wildlife.



The Smith family purchased this 91-acre farm in 2022 that supported a goat dairy operation when the County acquired the Conservation Easement in 2014. Now with well-maintained pastures and significant livestock and dairy infrastructure, the Smith's who live adjacent to the farm with their 3 sons, are raising chickens for eggs, goats, beef cattle, flowers, and vegetables.

The Blalock Farm, located in northwestern Durham County, has been in the family for several generations and, with its excellent agricultural soils, supports well-tended crops including tobacco, wheat, and corn.



George Tilley's farm is located along 15-501 and provides scenic value along this busy highway. Mr. Tilley raises beef cattle and cuts hay on his well-tended pastures.





Douglas Daye grew up on his farm in northeastern Durham County and now retired, enjoys raising beef cattle, tending his hay fields, and cutting firewood. Durham County protected his farm in two projects, one which was funded through the last FRRP cycle.

The Amed Tilley Farm, was protected through the vision of its owner, John Monroe, who lived in the historic house and had a renowned ornamental tree nursery for many years. The farm is now under new ownership and known as Big Thunder Farm and includes a u-pick blueberry farm, Bahama Bluebs.



Paul Adcock lives on his Dry Creek Farm, that was originally part of a larger family tobacco farm. In addition to open hay fields and pastures for his cattle. Mr. Adcock manages his forestland for quality pine sawtimber.

Alston Glenn's farm has been in his family for several generations and is where he grew up with 14 siblings. Mr. Glenn raises beef cattle and cuts hay and although he lives in town, spends every day on the farm.



McFarland Farms is surrounded by important State-owned protected land and by the Army Corps of Engineers lands for Falls Lake. This farm was protected in two ACEP-ALE projects over several years. Owner Scottie raises beef cattle and cuts hay.

Len and Cindy Needham protected their farm in 2022 to insure it was permanently protected. After Len retired he and Cindy moved to Kentucky. The protected farm has since been sold to new owners who are grazing beef cattle and managing for hay production.





CLOSED FEBRUARY 19, 2026! Three generations want to ensure that this part of the historic Glenn family farm is protected. The Clara Glenn Farm includes open land that is used for hay production and growing wheat and corn.

COMING SOON!

Bill and Margie Sparrow have lived on their farm for over 30 years and have been raising sheep for lamb for over 20 years. They have several waterers, use portable fencing, and plant specific food cover crops to maintain well-managed pasture and provide healthy forage for their animals.



With NRCS support through ACEP-ALE, 30 acres will soon be added to Neil and Catherine Frank's FRPP-protected Caywood Farm.

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Ken Wolfe lived on this land as a child and values the farm's family history and productive soils. Protection of his 30 acres will create 94 acres of contiguous protected farmland that is part of the Blalock-Wolfe family.



Cliff Teasley is a hay producer and wants to protect his small farm along the [North Durham Scenic Byway](#). He cuts hay on more than 200 acres in Durham and sells most of the hay from this farm where he has building and equipment storage space. Cliff grew up on this property and still lives there.



Robyn Davis has lived on her farm for over 30 years and wants to permanently protect it from any future development or subdivision. She values wildlife and manages many aspects of her farm to support habitat. She currently manages her open areas for hay production.