



2011 FACT SHEET

North Carolina's Clean Water Management Trust Fund



Sustaining North Carolina's Natural and Economic Resources

CWMTF - Economically Essential to NC

CWMTF projects play an important role in protecting North Carolina's economy. The water quality grants this non-regulatory program provides help meet infrastructure needs of municipalities, increase recreational opportunities, and enhance quality of life in this state, all critical components for economic development.

CWMTF protects more than the state's natural resources. The grants this program provides support North Carolina's:

- ◆ \$74.3 Billion Agriculture Economy
- ◆ \$23 Billion Military Economy
- ◆ \$16.5 Billion Tourism Economy
- ◆ \$1 Billion Fisheries Economy
- ◆ \$6.5 Billion Forest Products Industry

Project Spotlight: Wade Park, New Hanover County.

"The opportunity to improve water quality in Hewlett's Creek while incorporating recreation has been phenomenal, and has received overwhelming response



from our citizens. The partnership between the City, County, and the Trust Fund was key to making this project a reality," explains Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo.

Important tourism destinations like Chimney Rock and Grandfather Mountain would likely have been lost if not for the availability of CWMTF dollars. Many of the state's important military bases could have been downsized if not for CWMTF partnerships to protect water quality and military installations from development pressure. CWMTF grants have restored thousands of acres of wetlands to improve waters and other important fisheries.

CWMTF funding has been able to fill critical infrastructure gaps for communities across the state, putting nearly \$1 Billion toward on the ground construction for over 400 water quality projects.



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CWMTF - A Vital Resource for Local Government

Increasing numbers of wastewater and stormwater grants and the resulting competitiveness for funds show that local governments depend on CWMTF. Communities need CWMTF to balance infrastructure needs with environmental protection.

Project Spotlight: Yadkin Valley Sewer, Surry County:

According to Lloyd Payne, Elkin's Town Manager, "The Clean Water Management Trust Fund has enabled the Towns of Elkin, Jonesville, and Ronda to upgrade sanitary sewer facilities and forge the creation of the Yadkin Valley Sewer Authority. Without the CWMTF funding, this project would not have been possible and excessive rate increases would have been necessary for all three towns. Furthermore, this funding made it possible to eliminate a discharge into a high profile water source and to decommission a failing wastewater treatment plant."



- ◆ 276 wastewater treatment improvement projects have received \$248 million in CWMTF grants.
- ◆ \$58.2 million in CWMTF grants have helped fund 146 stormwater management projects.

Clean Water Equals a Healthy NC

The protection of water supplies is critical to the health of all North Carolinians. Increased recreational opportunities created by CWMTF projects, including park expansions, gameland additions and greenways, improve the health and well-being of citizens.

- ◆ CWMTF grants have reduced the number of failing septic systems and straight pipes directly discharging waste into N.C. streams.
- ◆ CWMTF grants have protected more than 454,375 acres of important watersheds and more than 4,863 miles of riparian buffers.
- ◆ CWMTF has awarded \$95.7 million to fund 168 stream and wetland restoration projects.

Project Spotlight: Carolina Thread Trail, Gaston, Iredell & Lincoln Counties:

Michael Marsicano, Executive Director of Foundation For The Carolinas explains, "The Carolina Thread Trail is one of the first multi-county efforts that has brought together corporations, local governments, and the non-profit community to partner on a scale as significant as this. It's an extraordinary undertaking that will benefit over two million people, free of charge."

