



Atlantic Conservation Coalition

A NATURAL AND WORKING LANDS PARTNERSHIP

The Atlantic Conservation Coalition is funded by a \$421 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) from the EPA and includes North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and The Nature Conservancy – all committed to advancing nature-based solutions.

The Atlantic Conservation Coalition is a partnership of state agencies and non-profit organizations working together to protect and restore vital **coastal habitats, peatlands, and forests** across the eastern United States. A total of 24 projects throughout the region are funded through September 2029.

Catalyzing Benefits:



- Sequestering 27,707,228 of carbon (MTCO₂E) by 2050, which equals 6.6 M cars removed from the road for 1 year
- Protecting communities against flooding, extreme heat, coastal storms, sea level rise, drought, and wildfires
- Protecting air and water quality
- Growing economies through generating jobs
- Supporting the sustainability of gamelands, agriculture, fisheries, and recreation
- Expanding and enhancing outdoor recreation and public access to green space



Credit: The Nature Conservancy

Protecting Natural and Working Lands:



Over the course of the project period, the ACC is working to produce the following key conservation and restoration results:

- Improved forest management: 93,000 acres
- Reforestation and tree planting: 56,000 acres
- Peatland restoration and conservation: 33,000 acres
- Additional conservation and restoration: 25,000 acres
- Tidal wetland restoration: 12,000 acres



Credit: David Blevins

Creating Partnerships:



Strengthening communities and creating solutions together is at the center of nature-based solutions. The ACC and partners work with farmers, fishers, landowners, tribes, local governments, conservation groups and others.

Advancing Innovation:



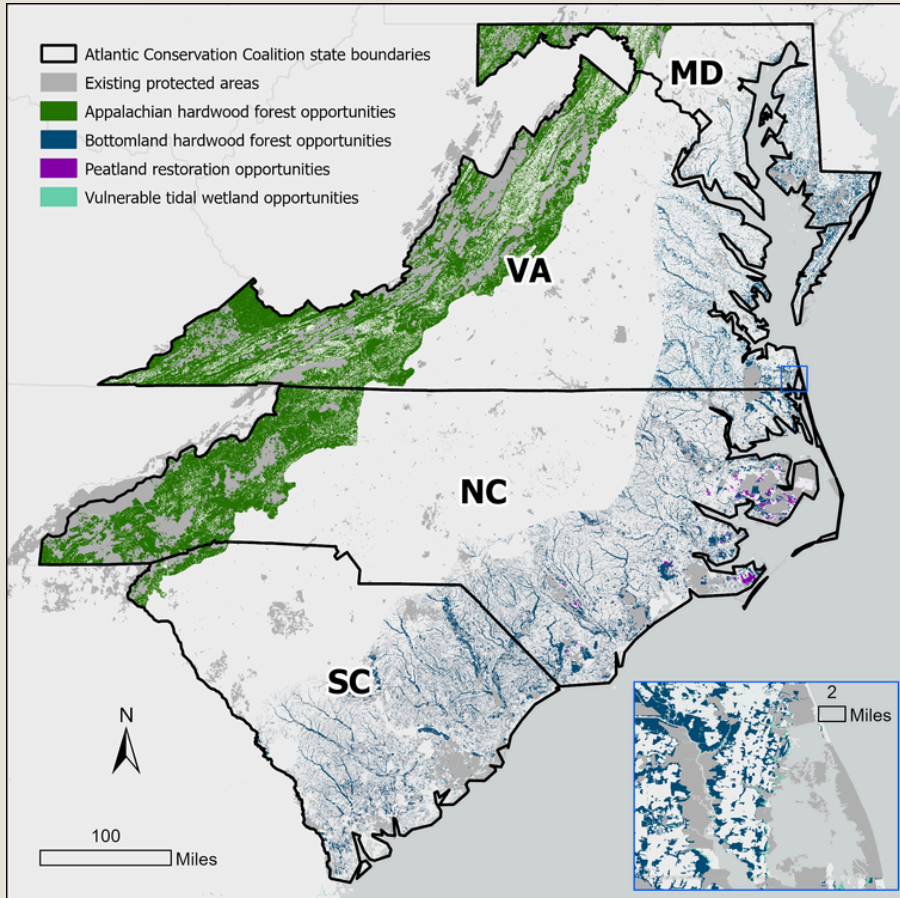
The ACC is designed to leverage CPRG funding to attract more investment in nature-based solutions and scale programs and policies, carrying the benefits well beyond the grant's end.

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ACC Accomplishments:

Conservation Land Acquisition

- 2,727 acres NC pocosin
- 1,397 acres MD forest
- 4,625 acres SC floodplain forest

Community Engagement & Robust Landowner Outreach

- 134 engagement activities
- 7,327 individuals reached

Project Implementation

- Commitment: 29 sites; 96,526 acres
- Planning, design & approvals: 13 sites; 5,724 acres
- Implementation: 17 sites; 18,959 acres
- Complete/monitoring: 2 sites; 53 acres

Revised NC Natural and Working Lands Plan

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