# CONSERVATION EASEMENT FUNDING REQUESTS

## Recommendations:

- Land Conservation Advisory Board
  - Long Mountain: 120 acres, \$11,000
- > Agricultural Advisory Board
  - Duckett Bottomland: 35.5 acres, \$30,000

# Long Mountain

- > 120 acres, Upper Hominy
- > Requesting \$11,000 in transaction costs
- Estimated easement value \$121,000
  - Landowners willing to donate 100% of value
  - > In conservation priority area
  - Recommended by the Land Conservation Advisory Board
  - > Highly visible from Blue Ridge Parkway
  - > Reforestation of 300' riparian zones
  - > Headwater stream protection



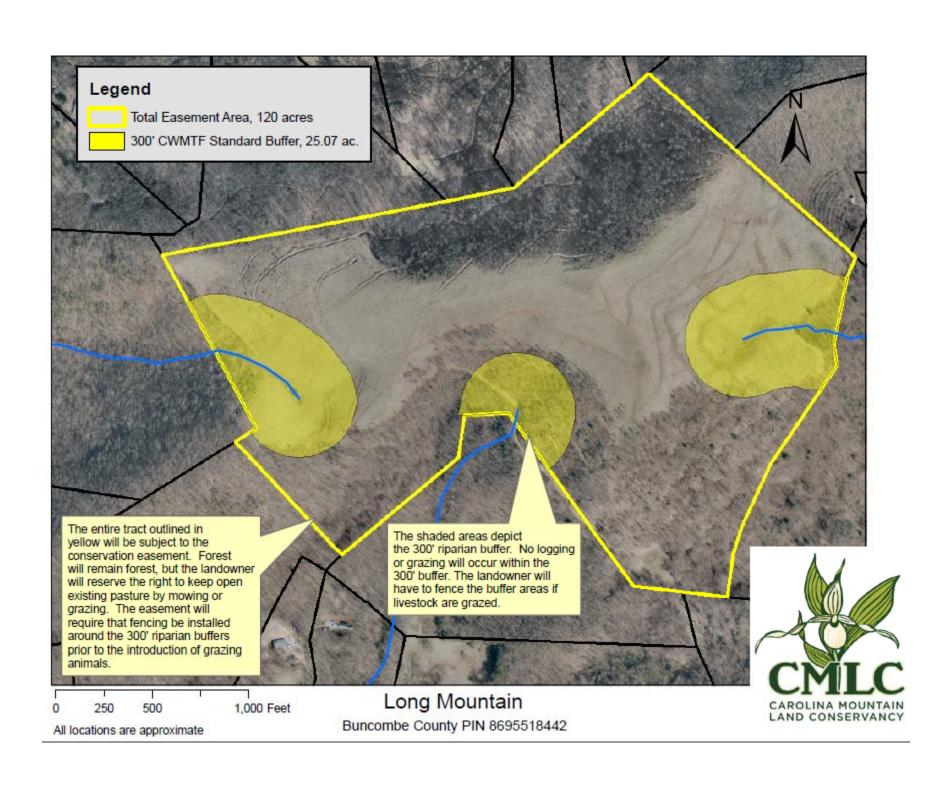
# Leveraged Funds:

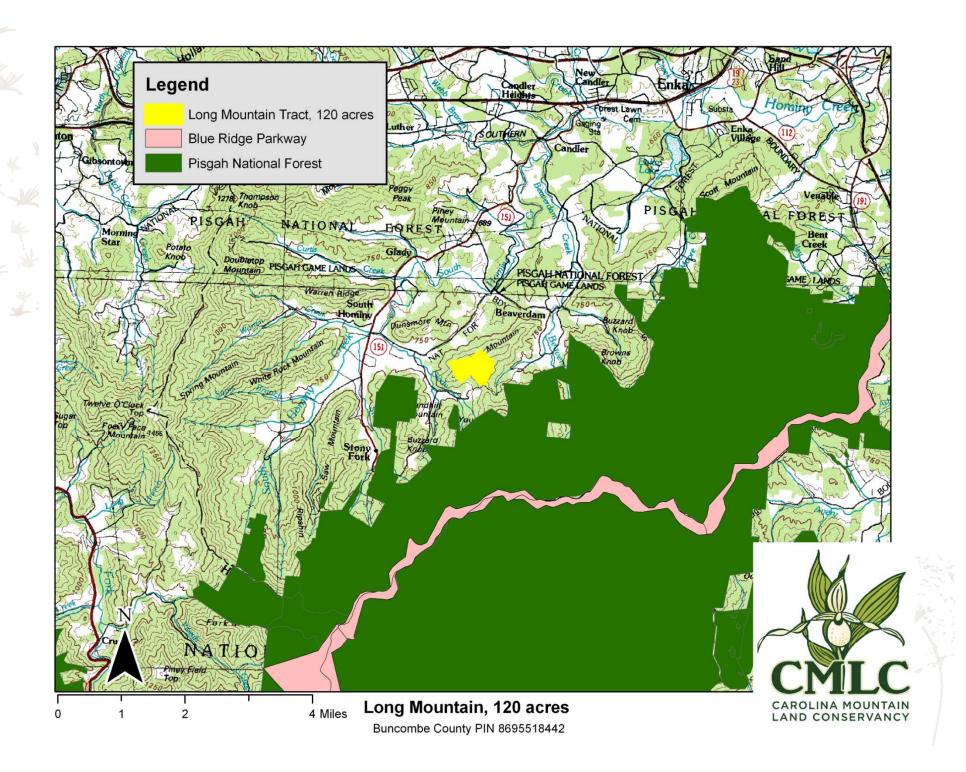
- •\$25,000 from Clean Water Management Trust Fund
- \$121,000 from Landowner donated easement value

#### **Request from Land Conservation Advisory Board:**

- \$9,200 for surveys and legal descriptions
- \$1,200 for Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment
- \$100 for title insurance
- \$150 for recording fees
- \$350 for project management costs





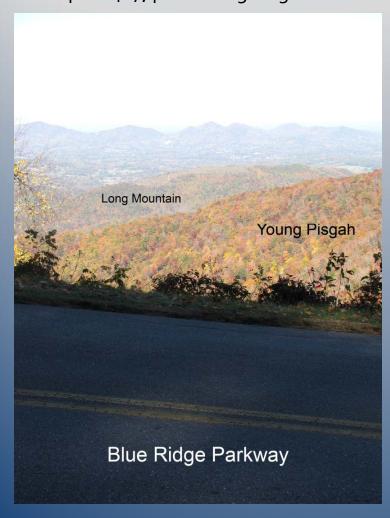


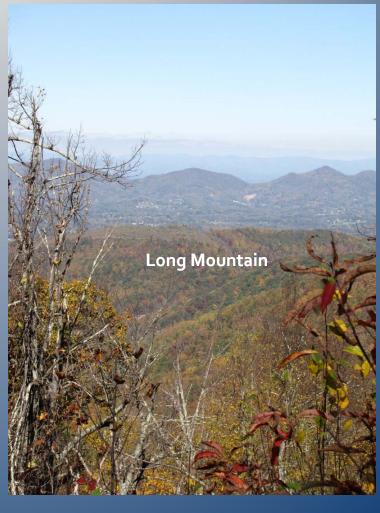
# Long Mountain

Visible from two locations on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Milepost 407, past Young Pisgah Tunnel

Milepost 404, past Fork Mountain Tunnel





## **Duckett Bottomland**

- > 35.5 acres, Sandy Mush
- Requesting \$30,000 in transaction costs
- > Estimated easement value \$214,331
- Landowners willing to donate 25% of value
- Recommended by the Agricultural Advisory Board
- Highly visible from Sandy Mush Road & Willow Creek Road
- Agricultural Soils
  - 73% Prime Agricultural Soils
  - 27% State Important Agricultural Soils
- > Land to remain available for farming and forestry
- > 1,400 feet of streams border the property
- Will provide groundwater recharge, wildlife habitat, and undeveloped open space

### **Duckett Bottomland**

- > Estimated easement value \$214,331
- Requesting \$30,000 in transaction costs
- > Leveraged funds:
  - Landowner donation \$53,583 (25% of value) and
    \$10,000 stewardship fund
  - NC Department of Agriculture \$53,583
    (25% of value)
  - US Department of Agriculture \$107,166
    (50% of value)

