



# Buncombe County Farmland Preservation

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**BUNCOMBE COUNTY**



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# 1.3 Million in Conservation Easement Grant Funds

- **\$1,100,000** in grant funds from NCDA&CS Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund (ADFPTF) to protect working family farms
- **\$224,000** in grant funds from USDA NRCS Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP ALE) to protect a working family farm
- Second highest amount funded in the state!



# What will these funds protect?

- 274 acres of pasture, crop, and forestland on four Century Family Farm properties in Newfound Community
- 40 acres of pasture, crop, and forestland on a Century Family Farm in Weaverville
- Totals:
  - Five Century Family Farms
  - 314 acres protected in priority conservation regions of Buncombe County





# The Easement Process:

- These funds were awarded to five specific projects that were eligible for these programs
- Grant funding makes it possible to compensate farmers and landowners who can't afford to fully donate their development rights
- They are only receiving partial compensation for what they are giving up, they are still donating a significant amount of value
- Process can take 1-4 years from start to finish





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