Buncombe County
Farmland Preservation

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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
• 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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