

NCSCP Accomplishment Highlights

- Formed in 2000, it was the first conservation collaborative of its kind in NC
- Pioneered Cooperative Agreements between the military and non-profit conservation organizations: TNC/Army in 1995 and SALT/Army in 2009.
- Achieved Recovery of red-cockaded woodpecker populations in 2005, six years earlier than anticipated as a result of:
 - Partners jointly providing (**\$58,355,805** to acquire permanent protection and management of over 25,000 acres of land with 11 RCW groups for habitat protection/training/public use, including over 7,000 acres of working lands and,
 - State partners agreeing to manage RCWs based on the Federal Recovery Standard
 - Acquisitions and partner agreements resulted in 23 additional RCW clusters under protection that contributed to the recovery target for the Sandhills East Primary Core Population
- Protected 16 miles of boundary with important training areas on Fort Bragg, incl. 9 miles of southern Bragg
- Created a new 4,500+ acre state park in the Sandhills
- Added 3,326 acres to the Sandhills Game Land
- Stewardship and Restoration of Public and NGO Conservation Lands
 - Midstory hardwood removal (500+ acres)
 - Planted over 350,000 longleaf pine seedlings (~900 acres)
 - RCW Cavity installation
 - Prescribed Fire – the primary land mgmt. tool
 - Fort Bragg burns ~ 65,000 acres/year
 - NCWRC Sandhills Game Land burns ~ 20,000 acres/year
 - State Parks burns ~ 700 acres/year
 - TNC burns ~ 3000 acres/year
- **Safe Harbor:** 108 Agreements; 51,0580 acres; protects habitat supporting 59 baseline and 52 active RCW sites
 - Over \$300,000 + obligated for on-the-ground management under FWS and NRCS Habitat Improvement Agreements on Private Lands for
 - Prescribed burns
 - Hardwood removal in existing longleaf pine stands
 - Planting longleaf pine seedlings
 - RCW Cavity installation
- For its innovative collaborative approach to conservation, the partnership received a prestigious award from the Secretary of the Interior in 2004.