

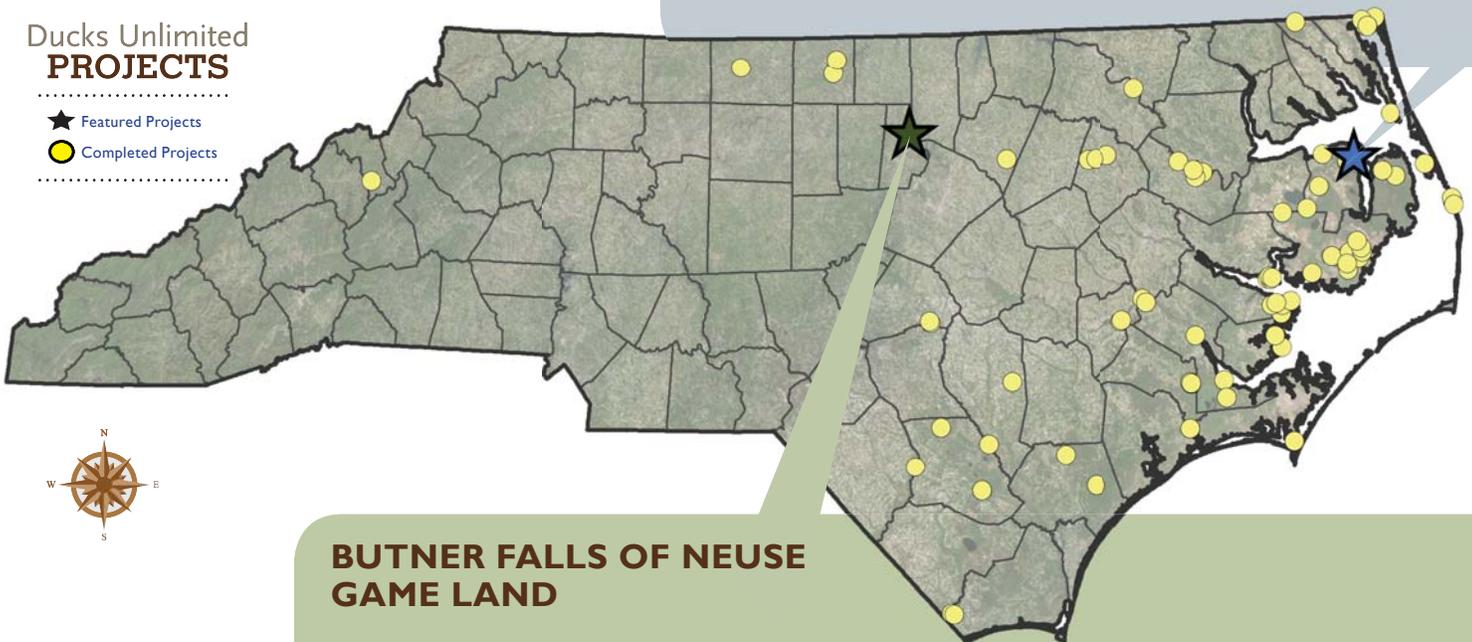


## TEXAS PLANTATION GAME LAND

DU, in partnership with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC), is working on the restoration of 251 acres of wetlands on Texas Plantation Game Land in Tyrrell County. This project will restore hydrologic management to wetlands on the Game Land for increased public hunting opportunities as well as improved habitat for wetland species. This project is funded through National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program funds, Pittman–Robertson Federal Aid funds as well as a NC Attorney General’s Environmental Enhancement Grant. To date, Phase 1, restoring 101 acres of wetlands has been completed. Construction of Phase 2 is set to begin this summer.

### Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

- ★ Featured Projects
- Completed Projects



## BUTNER FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND

DU and NCWRC enhanced 387 acres of wetland habitat on the Beaverdam and Flat River units of Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham County. Thanks to the generosity of Axalta Coating Systems and Wellborn Cabinet, DU was able to expand the work on the Flat River Unit through the installation of a new pump station. The pump will allow NCWRC to reliably control water levels throughout the year to provide high quality habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, and other wetland-dependent wildlife. Through their partnership, DU, Axalta, Wellborn Cabinet, and NCWRC were able to benefit waterfowl and the public alike.

## SOUTHERN REGION MARKS 2 MILLION ACRES

The Southern Region marked more than 2 million acres conserved at the close of Fiscal Year 2017. Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, sponsors and staff, waterfowl have more habitat and better resources for the winter across the 13 states of DU’s Southern Region.

## NC SPONSORS RECOGNIZED IN THE PPR

North Carolina's Campaign Committee secured 23 new Life Sponsors, 22 upgrades and 3 Feather Society commitments in 2017. The committee helped raise more than \$424,000 in new cash, benefitting a wide range of conservation work in North Carolina and beyond.

Long time NCDU volunteers and dedicated Diamond Life sponsors John and Laura Farley were honored this year with a duck cutout bearing their name on DU's Coteau Ranch. The Farleys were also featured in a DU Film about their multigenerational hunting in Hyde County on Lake Mattamuskeet. With several generations of DU Life Sponsors in the family, John and Laura are making sure that their passion for conservation and love for DU are being passed down far into the future.



*John and Laura Farley on the Coteau Ranch.*

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Ducks Unlimited, and North Carolina has some of the best. North Carolina boasts nearly 30,200 members, including almost 2,150 volunteers who hosted 172 events in 2017, raising nearly \$2.2 million to support DU's conservation mission. Those dollars allow DU to complete critical conservation work not only within the Tar Heel State, but also on the breeding grounds that produce North Carolina's waterfowl.



## TRI-STATE DU VOLUNTEER GOING STRONG IN NORTH CAROLINA

Scott Brown has been a DU volunteer since 1993 in three different states: Florida, Texas and North Carolina. Besides currently being on the Winston Salem DU committee and district chairman four years in west central North Carolina, Scott was area chairman and district chairman three years each, while living in north Texas. Scott's company and profession are lake and land management, while his hobbies are also outdoors related, including waterfowl, dove, turkey, deer and hog hunting, and fishing for anything with gills in fresh or salt water. He has been a Labrador retriever trainer and breeder for over 25 years.



Scott and his wife, Kim, are proud of their son, Joshua, who has volunteered since he was six. Joshua was selected as a DU officer in the Texas A & M University Chapter, where he is currently obtaining his Ph.D. on duck genetics.

When asked why he enjoys DU, Scott replied, "Obviously I feel strongly about wetland conservation, but you also meet some terrific people from various backgrounds volunteering for the same cause. Done right, it doesn't seem like work at all, but also its about building life-long friendships and having a good time with those friends."

## NORTH CAROLINA BY THE NUMBERS

2017

- **\$2.2 million raised**
- **172 events**
- **392 acres (FY17)**

HISTORICAL

- **130,250 acres conserved**
- **\$27.6 million invested**

NCWRC's cumulative contributions to DU for habitat conservation in Canada: **\$971,478.**

(Information through 1/1/18)

Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.

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