



## **Earth Share North Carolina Background**

Earth Share of North Carolina (ESNC) is a coalition of 63 nonprofit organizations working locally, throughout North Carolina, nationally and internationally to preserve and protect our environment. Our purpose is to raise funds for the work of these organizations through workplace giving campaigns, and to educate the general public about the value of protecting North Carolina's natural resources through environmental non-profit organizations.

ESNC has completed 16 years of workplace giving campaigns, raising over \$5.5 million for work on environmental issues that are critical to our health and quality of life.

Every day, ESNC organizations are working to:

- Protect and clean North Carolina's air and drinking water
- Preserve parks, rivers, forests and heritage lands
- Prevent urban sprawl and create smart growth
- Adopt and implement pollution prevention strategies
- Restore wetlands and preserve wildlife habitat
- Promote energy conservation
- Educate children and all residents to be stewards of our natural heritage
- Improve the health and quality of life of North Carolina's residents

Protecting the environment is not an issue of concern for part of the population, it is important for all people. Less pollution means fewer diseases and healthier crops; better forest management and planning means less erosion and other flooding; recycling programs mean fewer landfills and cleaner groundwater; and more education leads to the development of decision making skills that are aligned with preserving the environment on which we all depend. The result of all these efforts is a healthier, cleaner and more prosperous North Carolina.

### **ESNC Lineup:**

African Wildlife Foundation

**Agricultural Resources Center\***

American Farmland Trust

American Forests

American Rivers

**Audubon North Carolina\***

Beyond Pesticides/NCAMP

**Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation\***

**Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy\***

**Carnivore Preservation Trust\***

**Carolina Raptor Center\***  
**Carolina Recycling Association\***  
Center for Health, Environment and Justice  
Clean Water Fund  
**Conservation Council of North Carolina Foundation\***  
The Conservation Fund  
Conservation International  
**Conservation Trust for North Carolina\***  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Earth Day Network  
**Eno River Association (Association for the Preservation of the Eno River Valley)\***  
Environmental and Energy Study Institute  
Environmental Law Institute  
Friends of the Earth  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Land Trust Alliance  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
The Nature Conservancy  
**Neuse River Foundation, Inc.\***  
**North Carolina Big Sweep\***  
**North Carolina Coastal Federation\***  
**North Carolina Conservation Network\***  
**North Carolina Environmental Defense\***  
**North Carolina John Muir Foundation\***  
**North Carolina Rail-Trails\***  
**North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association\***  
**North Carolina Wildlife Federation\***  
The Ocean Conservancy  
**Pamlico-Tar River Foundation\***  
The Peregrine Fund  
Pesticide Action Network North America  
**Piedmont Land Conservancy\***  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
Rainforest Alliance  
Rocky Mountain Institute  
Scenic America  
The Sierra Club Foundation  
**South Eastern Efforts Developing Sustainable Spaces (SEEDS)\***  
**Southern Environmental Law Center\***  
Student Conservation Association  
Surfrider Foundation  
**Tar River Land Conservancy\***  
**Triangle Land Conservancy\***  
**Trout Unlimited, North Carolina\***  
**Trust for Public Land, Carolinas\***  
U.S. PIRG Education Fund  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
**Western North Carolina Alliance\***  
The Wilderness Society  
Wildlife Conservation Society  
World Wildlife Fund

\*These groups are local to North Carolina.