

N.C. Tree Farm Program Enrolls Gamelands as Demonstration Forests

The N.C. Tree Farm Program and the [N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission](#) announced on Oct. 14 a new partnership to enroll state-owned game lands as N.C. Tree Farm Program Demonstration Forests. These game lands will be designated areas that demonstrate strong forest management techniques and ecology. Game lands to be enrolled this fiscal year are [Johns River](#) in Burke County, [Embro](#) in Halifax and Warren counties and [Suggs Mill Pond](#) in Bladen and Cumberland counties.

The NCTFP and NCWRC signed a formal Memorandum of Agreement at the N.C. Tree Farm Program's annual meeting in Scotland County.

"We look forward to a mutually beneficial partnership between the Commission and the N.C. Tree Farm Program," said Chris Jordan, the Commission's game lands and forest resources manager. "Together, we will advance our common goals of wildlife conservation and sustainable science-based forest management.

"This partnership acknowledges our mutual commitment to conservation of wildlife and their habitats," said Maurice Hull, president of the N.C. Tree Farm Program. "It formalizes our cooperative effort to deliver forest management technical assistance to private landowners. It also enables us to partner in future efforts to educate the public, forest landowners and youth about the multiple values of forests and the role people and management can play in sustaining those values."

The N.C. Tree Farm Program's mission is to promote the stewardship of sustainable natural resource management (wood, water, wildlife and recreation) and the benefits of forest certification through education, professional contact, peer mentoring and recognition programs.

For details on the Commission's game lands program, including an interactive game land map, visit www.ncwildlife.org/gamelands.