

# One North Carolina *Naturally*

A Land & Water Conservation Initiative

W.H. Auden made the statement, "A culture is no better than its woods." I agree, but would expand the statement to say, "A culture is no better than its woods and other lands, its air and its waters."

If we, present and future North Carolinians, are to have a State whose natural systems sustain us, nurture us, and inspire us, then we must act now to make it so.

To act wisely and effectively, we need to know where we stand today, where we want to be by 2025, and how, working together, we get there. We invite your input on those three questions. We ask you to think about them and answer them at any or all of four different scales: for the State as a whole, for your region, for your community or neighborhood, and for specific land and water conservation projects that you believe should be pursued.

We'll take your input, consider it with the views and comments of other people and organizations from across the State and propose a plan of conservation actions that we hope will guide us all to a future State that will sustain, nurture and inspire all the people of North Carolina.

