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|  | Preserve Name  | ACRES   | SPECIAL FEATURES/PLANS   | WHAT'S BEEN DONE?  |
|  | Atlantic and Yadkin     Greenway Preserve     (2 pending sales)          | 55.5    | Preserve includes a section of the abandoned Atlantic and Yadkin rail bed and is on the planned A&Y Greenway. It also includes a 200-foot railroad bridge over the Haw River that will be converted into a pedestrian bridge.  | One of three properties acquired. Bridge not yet acquired.   |
|  | 2. Benbow Preserve   | 6.5     | Preserve will feature an urban orchard, trails, and a split rail fence along Bothwell St. Partnered with GSO Beautiful on urban orchard. Property also contains part of a tributary to South Buffalo Creek.  | Stewardship plan approved by BOC, after community input. Extensive property clean-ups; planting of 300+ fruit and nut trees to create an urban orchard; loop trails created with wood chips.   |
|  | 3. Bold Moon Preserve  | 51      | Includes frontage on Reedy Fork creek, an historic road bed or carriage path and ford across Reedy Fork, and a substantial granite rock outcrop. In 2012, added 30 acres across the creek.   | Stewardship agreement with local chapter of Sierra<br>Club to monitor property. Multiple clean-ups. Re-<br>moved mobile home. Trails and kiosk in place. Re-<br>graveled entrance driveway. Boundary signs in place.                                 |
| Atlantic and Yadkin                                      | 4. Cascades Preserve   | 130     | Consists of two parcels, one with mature forest and one with early successional growth. Property features lots of rock and steep topography and includes a stream which cascades down rock formations. Part of the Roanoke River Basin.  | Stewardship agreement with Town of Oak Ridge in place and parking lot ready for construction. Trail system designed but not constructed.   |
| Greenway Preserve  Bold Moon Preserve                    | 5. Company Mill Preserve<br>Unofficial name &<br>2 pending sales)        | 246     | Includes site of former Company Mill. Rock dam still in place. Also features extensive wetland area and historic Quaker-style log cabin in good condition. This preserve will provide a pedestrian connection from Hagan Stone Park to Company Mill Road and over to the Forest Oaks shopping area.  | Structural evaluation of Company Mill dam.   |
|  | 6. Deep River Preserve   | 58      | Provides scenic corridor to I-85 and water quality buffer to Randleman Reservoir. Directly adjacent to the Water Authority's protected lake buffer.  |  |
|  | 7. Hines Chapel Preserve   | 450     | Preserve connects to Reedy Fork Ranch and is along a planned trail route. It has 2 miles of Reedy Fork Creek frontage and a 3-acre pond. Historic features include site of Doggett's Mill, unknown 60+ grave cemetery, farmstead, 1890's era 2-story farmhouse, and other small ruins. Contains 50 agricultural acres and 40 acres reverting from field to forest. | Removal of dilapidated home and farm structures; restoration of pond dam; currently working on feasibility study for incubator farm and agricultural conservation plan.  |
|  | 8. McKee-Huger Preserve  | 5       | Full donation by Beth McKee-Huger and husband Ray Huger.<br>Adjoins the protected watershed buffer area around Lake<br>Townsend and will be included as part of it.  |  |
| Mears Fork Corridor Preserve  Rich Fork Preserve         | 9. McCandless Woods Preserve   | 30      | Includes parts of five parcels once owned by the McCandless family. There are plans for shared educational use with adjacent Southern Schools.   | Installed a fenced public access from Wall Road into Preserve. Stewardship plan partially complete.  |
|  | 10. Mears Fork Corridor Preserve   | 83      | Includes two parcels along Mears Fork Creek, once dubbed the cleanest waterway in Guilford County. These are the first two acquisitions on a planned linear preserve along Mears Fork and feature braided streams and floodplain habitat.  |  |
|  | 11. Richardson-Taylor Preserve<br>(193 acres owned by State)             | 443     | This property was purchased in partnership with the State of North Carolina to help complete a segment of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail — its main feature. It also contains significant beaver ponds and wetland habitat.  | Stewardship plan complete. Trail design complete and construction by volunteers in progress, as a partnership with Friends of the MST.  Trails are currently maintained by the city of Greensboro. New parking area constructed along Plainfield Rd. |
|  | 12. Rich Fork Preserve<br>(Unofficial name)                              | 116     | This preserve hosts tributaries of Rich Fork Creek, part of the Yadkin Pee-Dee River Basin. It features steep bluffs and a historic farmstead.   | Initial assessment of the historic structures on the property. Received \$20,000 trail construction donation from Lib Conner. One clean-up of the 1890's farmhouse.  |
|  | <ul><li>13. Saferight Preserve</li><li>14. Thomas Bus Preserve</li></ul> | 47<br>6 | Adjacent to Southern High School and contains Guilford County's first documented volunteer longleaf pine tree. Planned partnership with the Thomas Bus company to  | Stewardship plan partially complete.   |
|  | (Unofficial name)  |         | maintain the property. A stewardship plan will be developed with input from Thomas Bus and adjacent Oak Hill Elementary School.  | Source: Guilford County Open Space Program   |