



**NORTH CAROLINA'S
CONSERVATION INITIATIVE**

SOUND CARE

PROGRESS REPORT 2010

Sound CARE...and down the home stretch we come!

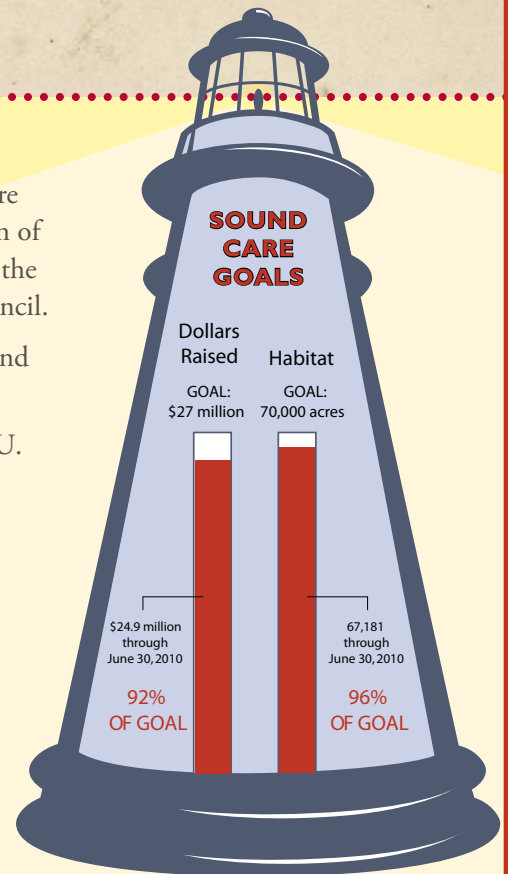
Seven years ago we embarked on a journey to raise \$27 million to conserve 70,000 acres in North Carolina and on the breeding grounds important to our state. The Sound CARE Initiative was the first of its kind for Ducks Unlimited...a comprehensive state campaign that included all sources of revenue raised in the state for waterfowl and wetlands conservation. With just a few months to go until the campaign ends on December 31st, I am happy to report that we are very close to attaining our goals. However, we have not reached them quite yet.

Rather than cruise to the finish line, we are in a full-out sprint, building momentum over the past six months to meet AND surpass these goals. But we will need everyone's support as we come down the home stretch. To celebrate Sound CARE we are already planning an event in early March 2011, to recognize all of our supporters and unveil our accomplishments. Stay tuned. You will hear more about this event in the near future, and I hope you will attend. The satisfaction of supporting such a noble cause as Ducks Unlimited and Sound CARE is something that we can be proud of each and every day. The work we have completed both in North Carolina and on the breeding grounds will ensure wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. Please join me in making Sound CARE an overwhelming success!

*Jim Cerza, State Chairman
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Sound CARE Project Highlights (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)

- Restored 1,048 acres on the Goose Creek Game Land (Pamlico County) and a 14-acre impoundment on the Caswell Game Land (Caswell County) along with the acquisition of the 1,430-acre Whitehall Tract (Bladen County). All projects were in partnership with the Wildlife Resources Commission and the North American Wetlands Conservation Council.
- Dedicated the E. Merle Edwards Wetland Restoration Project at Gull Rock Game Land (Hyde County).
- Honored John and Laura Farley for their long-time support and dedication to NCDU. Funds raised from the event will go toward projects in North Carolina and on DU's Coteau Ranch in North Dakota.
- On November 17th, Mr. Dohn Broadwell will be honored at Suggs Mill Pond Game Land (Bladen County). Funds raised from the event will go towards a project on the game land and also towards the Western Boreal Forest, a critical breeding area for ring-necked ducks that migrate to North Carolina.
- Ducks Unlimited received a \$375,000 grant from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office / Smithfield Foods Environmental Enhancement Grant and will partner with the Wildlife Resources Commission to acquire more land for public recreation along the Cape Fear River



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