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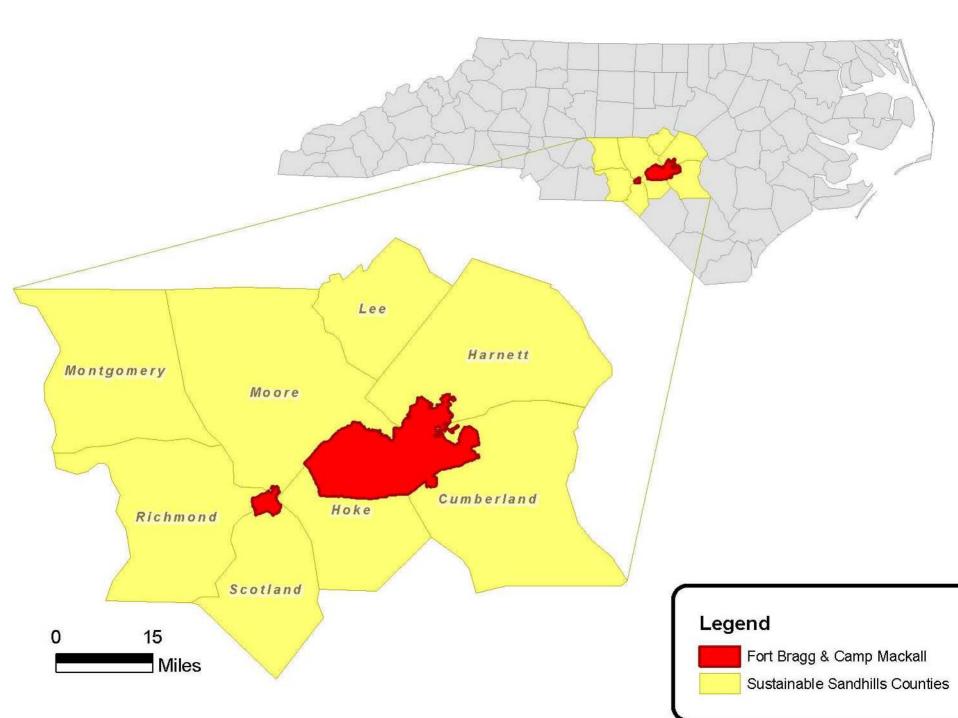
A Plan for Regional Sustainability

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Organizational Summary

- Board of Directors
- Five Community Resource Teams focused on Public Awareness Campaigns, Targeted Education Programs, and High Impact Projects
 - Land Use (USEPA grant)
 - Air Quality
 - Water Quality
 - Energy Use
 - Materials Use & Waste
- Leadership Council: Engages the 4 major sectors (Business, Government, Education, Nonprofit/Community) in a 12 month "Seeds of Sustainability" program (TNS). Graduate a group every year. Graduates recruit their replacements....





8 county population and % Sandhills Ecosystem Area (SEA)

- Cumberland (302,965, 11%): Fayetteville, Hope Mills, Spring Lake
- Harnett (101,542, 36%): Lillington, Erwin, Dunn
- Hoke (39,262, 59%): Raeford, Dundarrach
- Lee (49,162, 33%): Sanford
- Montgomery (27,501, 10%): Troy, Biscoe, Candor
- Moore (80,026, 58%): Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen
- Richmond (46,648, 67%): Rockingham, Hamlet, Hoffman
- Scotland (36,230, 41%): Laurinburg, Wagram
- Fort Bragg (see next slide for population; 95%+ SEA)

GRAND TOTAL 8 County POPULATION: 683,336 GRAND TOTAL 8 County AREA: 2,507,600 Acres 8 County Sandhills Ecosystem: 977,600 Acres (39%)

FORT BRAGG POPULATION

Fort Bragg Demographic Profile	Number
Active Duty Military (Includes Active AR & NG)	52,280
Annual Reserve Components	9,503
Temporary Duty Students	3,121
Mobilized Soldiers Assigned	2,742
Civilian Employees (APF, NAF, Contract)	8,757
Contractors	3,516
Active Duty Family Members	62,962
Retirees & Family Members	98,507
Total Population Supported	241,388



Project Definition

Project Team: SS Land Use Team, Center for Geographic Information & Analysis (CGIA), Sandhills Area Land Trust (SALT), NC Department of Commerce's Division of Community Assistance (DCA).

- 1. Collect and "cleanup" GIS datasets for 8 counties.
- 2. Engage planners in regional meetings to define model framework: questions the model should answer, priority layers, etc.
- 3. Broaden the audience and further refine priorities (by county).
- 4. CGIA creates a regional sustainability model to inform the regional planning process.
- 5. Regional meetings are held to build REGIONAL consensus on priorities, based on the principles of Sustainability.
- 6. Finalize the GIS model and integrate results into a regional GIS web mapping application (plus user manual, training workshops....).
- 7. Develop a REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN and assist our 8 county Project Partners in getting the Plan adopted!



Progress & One Year Plan

- 8/31/05: Internal SS Land Use Team meeting
- 9/27/05: 1st regional meeting held with planners/GIS staff.
 - 6 of 8 counties attended, but 8 of 8 are interested.
 - Long list of "questions for the model to answer" was generated.
- 11/1/05: 2nd regional meeting will be held with planners & GIS staff to refine the framework and expected priorities.
- 11/9/05: 1st county "outreach" meeting (Moore).
- 11/30/05: 2nd county "outreach" meeting (Richmond).
- By 2/28/06 all 8 counties will have been visited and their leaders engaged in the Sustainable Sandhills Initiative.
- 3/1/06-8/1/06: each county's planners and leaders will attend a local meeting to give input on priorities.