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TO PRESERVE OPEN LAND, TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND TO OFFER A PLACE FOR EQUESTRIAN PURPOSES



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THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION



The accreditation seal is awarded to land trusts meeting the highest national standards for excellence and conservation permanence.

One thing that unites us as a nation is land: Americans strongly support saving the open spaces they love. Since 1978, The Walthour-Moss Foundation has been doing just that for the people of Moore County. On Wednesday, February 27, The Walthour-Moss Foundation announced it has achieved national recognition – as just one of approximately 400 land trusts across the nation accredited by the Land Trust Alliance.

“Accreditation demonstrates The Walthour-Moss Foundation’s commitment to permanent land conservation in Moore County,” said Landon Russell, Executive Director. “We are a stronger organization for having gone through the rigorous accreditation program.”

The Walthour-Moss Foundation provided extensive documentation and was subject to a comprehensive third-party evaluation prior to achieving this distinction. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission awarded accreditation, signifying its confidence that The Walthour-Moss Foundation has demonstrated their commitment to professional excellence and maintaining the public’s trust in their work. Accredited land trusts steward approximately 20 million acres of land – the size of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

“It is exciting to recognize The Walthour-Moss Foundation with this national mark of distinction,” said Tammara Van Ryn, executive director of the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. “Donors and partners can trust the more than 400 accredited land trusts across the country are united behind strong standards and have demonstrated sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship.”

The Walthour-Moss Foundation has a mission dedicated to preserving open land, protecting wildlife habitat, and providing a place for equestrian purposes. It is the only nature preserve in North Carolina, and one of the few in the entire country, with a stated mission designating it as a place for equestrian activity.

The Walthour-Moss Foundation was named to the North Carolina Longleaf Honor Roll by the North Carolina Longleaf Coalition in October 2018. In February 2017, the Foundation was recognized by the United States Forest Service and the North Carolina Forest Service for outstanding resource management and exemplary improvements to the wildlife, soil and water, timber, recreation and aesthetics of North Carolina’s forests for this and future generations. In 2013, 2,500 acres of the Foundation’s 4,181 acres were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office and the United States Department of the Interior deemed this property to be of state and national significance due to its long history of conservation and the integrity of the landscape.

BUSHWHACKER CLUB LONGLEAF PINE PLANTING

On Sunday, February 3 twenty members of The Walthour-Moss Foundation Bushwhacker Club planted 1,000 longleaf pine seedlings in the Foundation's North Country. The seedlings were planted in an area that had been thinned of slash pine in 2016. The slash pine was removed from that section of the North Country in an effort to convert the area back to native longleaf pine forest.

Thank you to our forester Terry Sharpe for leading the seedling planting day and to the Nature Conservancy of the Sandhills for loaning WMF twenty dibblers. Many thanks to the following Bushwhacker Club volunteers who made quick work of planting 1,000 seedlings:

Jordan Baker	Bob Lynch
Daisy Baker Hartney	Page and Matthew Nesser
Margaret Coombe	Dennis Paules
Nancy Fenn	Irene Russell
Joan and Andy Flester	Landon Russell
Karleen Hubley	Priscilla and John Sabol
Kerry Kaylor	Terry Sharpe
Diane and Bill Logan	Trish and Mike Warren



TOP: VOLUNTEERS GATHER FOR A PHOTO AFTER PLANTING 1,000 LONGLEAF PINES. LEFT: MIKE AND TRISH WARREN, RIGHT: DENNIS PAULES, MARGARET COOMBE AND, KERRY KAYLOR

BUSHWHACKER CLUB BLUEBIRD BOX CLEANING

For the past eight years, volunteer members of The Walthour-Moss Foundation Bushwhacker Club have met in early February to clean and repair the Foundation's bluebird boxes. On Sunday, February 10, twenty enthusiastic volunteers turned out to remove previous nesting debris from nest boxes, trim branches growing around the boxes and rub plain soap on the inside roof of each box to deter wasps from building nests. Almost all of the Foundation nest boxes are used each spring, primarily by Eastern Bluebirds, and also by Carolina Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, White-breasted Nuthatches, and Brown-headed Nuthatches.

Thank you to the following Bushwhacker Club volunteers who turned out to complete this important task:

Jordan Baker	Karleen Hubley
Donna Baker	Kerry Kaylor
Daisy Baker Hartney	Bob Lynch
Ron Baldwin	Norman Minery
Tet Van Vlissingen	Page and Matthew Nesser
and Mike Bissict	Kay Newman
Markie Clowes	Maggie and
Terry and Charlie Cook	Michael Robertson
Nancy Fenn	Elizabeth Rose
Joan and Andy Flester	Landon Russell
Linda Gibbs	Priscilla and John Sabol
Wendy Good	Kinsley and Adam Smith
Barry Hartney	



TOP LEFT: BARRY HARTNEY CLEANS A BLUEBIRD BOX, TOP RIGHT: MIKE BISSICT CUTS BRANCHES AWAY FROM BOX. BOTTOM: THE GROUP GATHERS BEFORE HITTING THE WOODS TO CLEAN BOXES.

2019 PRESCRIBED BURN PLAN

The Walthour-Moss Foundation will conduct prescribed burns on approximately 1,000 acres in 2019. Our prescribed burn teams started burning in late January and will continue through June. On burn days, we will send an email notice along with a map of the area, post the information on our Facebook page and post notices at major Foundation entrances. For your safety, we request that you do not ride, walk or drive through the burn area while it is being burned or for several days after the burn.

2019 Prescribed Burn Plan

1. COMPLETE, North Country, above Firestone Lake
2. North Country, South of Moor Meadow
3. Main Foundation, North side Firelane 3
4. Main Foundation, Equestrian Road
5. COMPLETE Main Foundation
6. Main Foundation, Firelane 1 ext., Firelane 3, and Carrolls Branch
7. Main Foundation, Firelane 2, Firelane 1 ext.
8. Main Foundation, Carrolls Branch, Firelane 2, and Long Branch
9. COMPLETE, Main Foundation, Firelane 2, and Long Branch

WMF BRICK CAMPAIGN

In April of 2018, in conjunction with the celebration of The Walthour-Moss Foundation's 40th anniversary, a brick patio was installed at the Implement Shed at Lyell's Meadow. The creation of the patio was made possible by several generous local businesses, contractors, and donors.

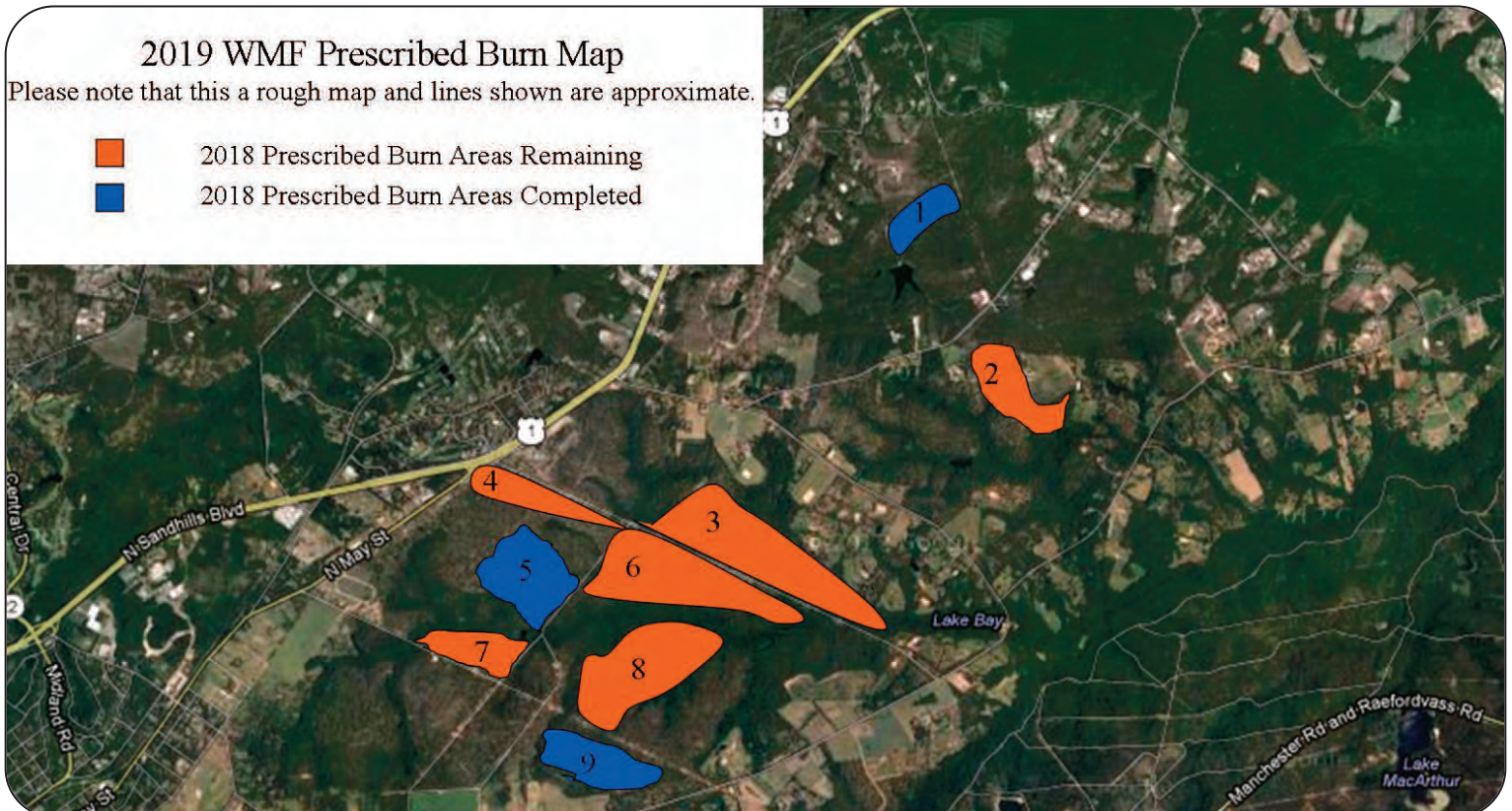
To support the long-term preservation of The Walthour-Moss Foundation lands, the bricks used to create the patio are available for purchase at the gold and silver level. Gold level bricks are limited in number and placed in the center of the patio. The cost of each gold level brick is \$300.00. Silver level bricks are available for \$125.00 each and are spaced throughout the remainder of the patio. All bricks can be engraved with up to three lines of twenty characters each.

The commemorative brick campaign represents a unique opportunity to create a permanent marker for the donor, a pet or equine friend, or to memorialize or honor someone with a gift that will be used for the long-term preservation of The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Brick contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law and contributions received are deposited into our endowment for the long-term preservation of the forest. To date, over \$29,000 has been raised. To secure your gold or silver level brick(s) please contact Landon Russell at 910-695-7811 or email director@walthour-moss.org.

2019 WMF Prescribed Burn Map

Please note that this is a rough map and lines shown are approximate.

- 2018 Prescribed Burn Areas Remaining
- 2018 Prescribed Burn Areas Completed



PRESERVE OUR FOREST GOLF TOURNAMENT

The seventh annual Preserve Our Forest Golf Tournament to benefit The Walthour-Moss Foundation was held at the historic Donald Ross Mid-Pines Country Club course on Tuesday, January 29 after being postponed twice due to rain and cold temperatures. The day started with clear skies and most of the sixteen teams were able to finish before the rain eventually moved in.

Congratulations to the winning foursome of Bill Gozzi, Randall Phillips, Todd Phillips and Dick Walsh who finished with a score of forty-seven. George Graham, Dan Pajak, Dusty Rhodes, and Rick Thompson placed second with a score of fifty. Galen Miller, Mario Kelso, and Dwayne Sellers finished third with a score of fifty-one.

Cindy Haegele took home the prize for the longest putt on Hole 18. Dean English took home the prize for Closest to the Pin on Hole 11.

At registration, each golfer was given a WMF logo golf towel, WMF poker chip ball markers, chocolates and peppermints, and a choice of special mini liquor bottles provided by Republican National Distributing Company and Kitty Cremins. A drawing for door prizes sent every player home with additional loot. Door prizes included green and cart fees from various local golf courses, cider from James Creek Cider House, horse supplies from Tractor Supply Company, gift certificates to Java Bean Coffee Plantation and Nature's Own to name a few. Many, many thanks to our prize donors for their generosity.

For the seventh year running, our organizer Dick Walsh outdid himself organizing the tournament and gathering prizes. Hats off and thank you to Dick for another successful tournament!

The tournament grossed over \$11,000.00, which will be used to preserve and protect the longleaf pine habitat stewarded by The Walthour-Moss Foundation.



TODD PHILLIPS, RANDALL PHILLIPS, DICK WALSH, AND BILL GOZZI



DAN PAJAK, RICK THOMPSON, GEORGE GRAHAM, AND DUSTY RHODES



JOEL MARTIN, PATRICIA TOCCO, DEBORAH DARBY, AND FRED KNIGHT



ANNE THOMPSON, JANE PAJAK, MICKEY WIRTZ, AND DIANE TATE



MADELINE BARRY AND CINDY HAEGELE

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NC LONGLEAF HONOR ROLL AWARD PRESENTATION



Photo by Sarah Crate

MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LONGLEAF COALITION PRESENT WMF WITH NC LONGLEAF HONOR ROLL



On Thursday, January 17, members from North Carolina Longleaf Coalition presented The Walthour-Moss Foundation with the North Carolina Longleaf Honor Roll award in recognition of the Foundation's role as a private landowner in managing and improving longleaf pine forest, a natural, economic and cultural pillar of North Carolina.

Accepting on behalf of The Walthour-Moss Foundation were Stephen Later, Chairman, Norman Minery, Vice President, and Landon Russell, Executive Director.

After the presentation, coalition members were invited to take a short tour of the Foundation, led by Terry Sharpe, who serves as the Foundation's forester. The group visited an area where longleaf restoration is in progress as well as an area being restored to create a vernal pool.

For more information about this award, please visit www.nclongleaf.org.

WMF 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 27, 2019

HORSE COUNTRY HOEDOWN

Yee Haw and Giddy Up! Boots and jeans are welcome at the Horse Country Hoedown on Saturday, April 27 from 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm.

Hope y'all will join us for a toe-tapping, boot-stomping, knee-slapping, horse-loving good time in support of The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Tickets are \$100 per person, \$200 per couple, or \$500 per host ticket. For tickets, please visit our website at www.walthour-moss.org, call 910-695-7811 or email director@walthour-moss.org.

MAY 7, 2019

ANNUAL MEETING

The Walthour-Moss Foundation annual meeting will be held at Lyell's Meadow on Tuesday, May 7 at 5:00 pm. The community is invited to join us for an update on the Foundation's current activities.

JUNE 8, 2019

WMF FUN DOG SHOW

On Saturday, June 8, please join us at Lyell's Meadow for our fabulously fun dog show. Classes to include Cutest, Best Trick, Best Coiffed, Junior Handler, Look Alike, Best Rescue, and Best in Show! \$5 per class.

Online entries accepted from June 1 through June 6th. Entries will also be accepted on the day of the show starting at 8:30 am. The fun dog show starts at 9:00 am.

OCTOBER 6, 2019

HORSE COUNTRY SOCIAL

Come one, come all, and join us for the eighth annual Horse Country Social on Sunday, October 6 from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm at Lyell's Meadow. Tickets available for purchase by mail, phone and online starting August 1. Ticket price \$35 per adult and \$15 per child.

OCTOBER 27, 2019

TRICK AND TREAT TRAIL RIDE

Starting from Lyell's Meadow, the Trick-and-Treat Trail Ride through The Walthour-Moss Foundation will be held on Sunday, October 27 starting from Lyell's Meadow. A marked trail decorated in Halloween style will be open to riders from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Carriages are welcome from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Gallop like a ghoul, trot along like Ichabod Crane, or walk and wander. There will be no time limit. Costume classes for riders and carriage drivers! Funds raised are tax-deductible and will be used for The Walthour-Moss Foundation trail repair. Plan to bring a picnic lunch or purchase food at our on-site concession stand.

DECEMBER 2019

PRESERVE OUR FOREST GOLF TOURNAMENT

Attention Golfers! The eighth annual Preserve Our Forest Golf Tournament will be held in December 2019. Please stay tuned for further details!

ANNUAL WAIVER REMINDER

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN AND RETURN
A WAIVER EACH CALENDAR YEAR!**

The Walthour-Moss Foundation continues annually to collect waivers from our local and out of town users. The waivers are necessary to maintain our insurance and keep our insurance rates down.

If you ride, drive a carriage, walk or run on The Walthour-Moss Foundation, please sign and return a waiver each and every calendar year. Copies are available at the kiosks at Equestrian Road, Moor Meadow, and Magnolia Hill, online at www.walthour-moss.org or by calling 910- 695-7811.



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or via email at director@walthour-moss.org or logon to our website at
www.walthour-moss.org.

HORSE COUNTRY HOEDOWN

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TOE-TAPPING, BOOT-STOMPING,
KNEE-SLAPPING, HORSE-LOVING GOOD TIME!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

5:30 PM UNTIL 9:30 PM

LYELL'S MEADOW SHED

\$100 PER PERSON

HOST TICKETS \$500, INCLUDES 2 TICKETS

**For tickets, please call
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