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Conservation of Working Lands Threatened by  
Conversion to Other Land Uses

Protection of working lands from conversion to other, mostly residential and commercial, uses is one of the major challenges facing state and local governments. Working lands are typically defined to include those lands used in agriculture, forestry and horticulture. However, coastal communities have engaged in protecting fish houses and public (but privately owned) marinas to protect the commercial fishing industry and the public's access to the water, respectively. Driving these programs has been their popularity with voters in rapidly urbanizing communities. As an indirect measure of this popularity, direct federal payments to farmers for the 2004-2005 year were \$72.9 billion. (USDA, Amber Waves, 2006) These types of programs are complex because of the necessity, in most instances, of maintaining a viable enterprise. It is not enough to merely exclude other activities from the land protected. What is presented is a brief discussion of the legal and other tools available for this purpose. A discussion of the application of these tools to North Carolina follows.

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