North Carolina Natural Heritage Program
Dedicated Nature Preserves
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A Dedicated Nature Preserve (DNP) is an ecologically important area in which an estate, interest, or right in the natural area has been transferred to the State in any manner authorized in G.S. 113A-164.6. The intention of the dedication is to protect and preserve the biodiversity and natural character of the site.

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Projection: NC State Plane, **datum:** NAD83, **units:** meters

Attributes

MA_ID
Managed Area Identifier. A number that uniquely identifies the Dedicate Nature Preserve.

ACRES
Acreage of polygon.

TYPE
The type of protection an area within a DNP receives (see Articles of Dedication for individual area for details). Values can be:

Value	Definition
Buffer	An area that buffers the primary area. Some management, for purposes other than natural area protection, are allowed in these areas.
Exclude	Area is not part of the dedication agreement.

Future Inventory	Area not yet inventoried; dedication status undetermined.
Primary	The highest quality area of the preserve, and the area which receives the greatest protection.
Restoration	A primary area in which activities which will restore of character of the natural area are allowed.
SMA	An acronym for "Special Management Area." Details of activities allowed in these areas are specific to the dedication agreement.
Watershed	Details of activities allowed in these areas are specific to the dedication agreement.

MA_NAME
Managed Area Name. The name of the Dedicated Nature Preserve.

OWNER
The owner of the property.

OWNER_TYPE
The ownership of the DNP is placed into four types:

Federal	The Government of the United States of America owns the property.
Local Government	A local government entity, e.g., county or city, owns the property.
Private	A private individual or organization owns the property.
State	The State of North Carolina owns the property.

NOTES
Miscellaneous notes.