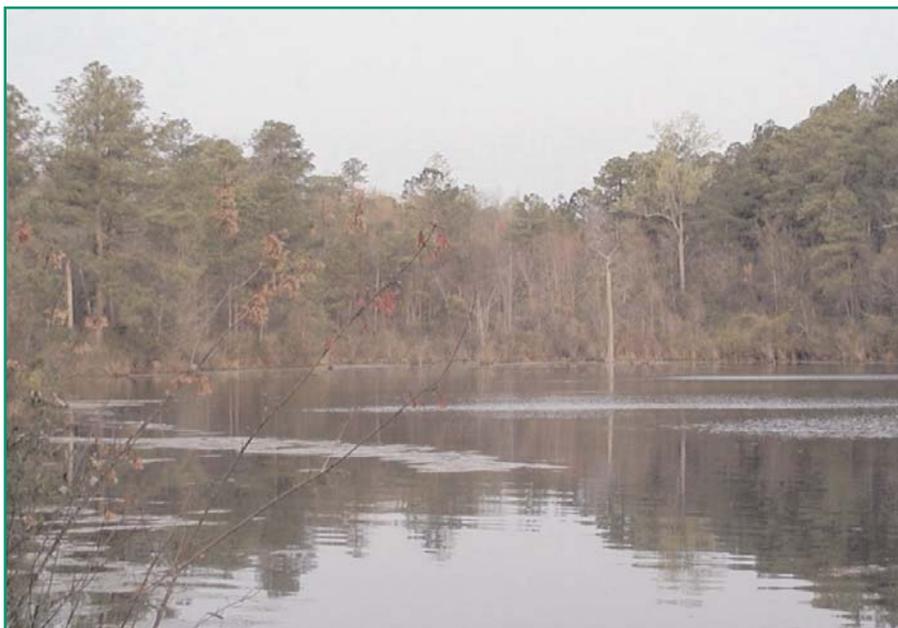


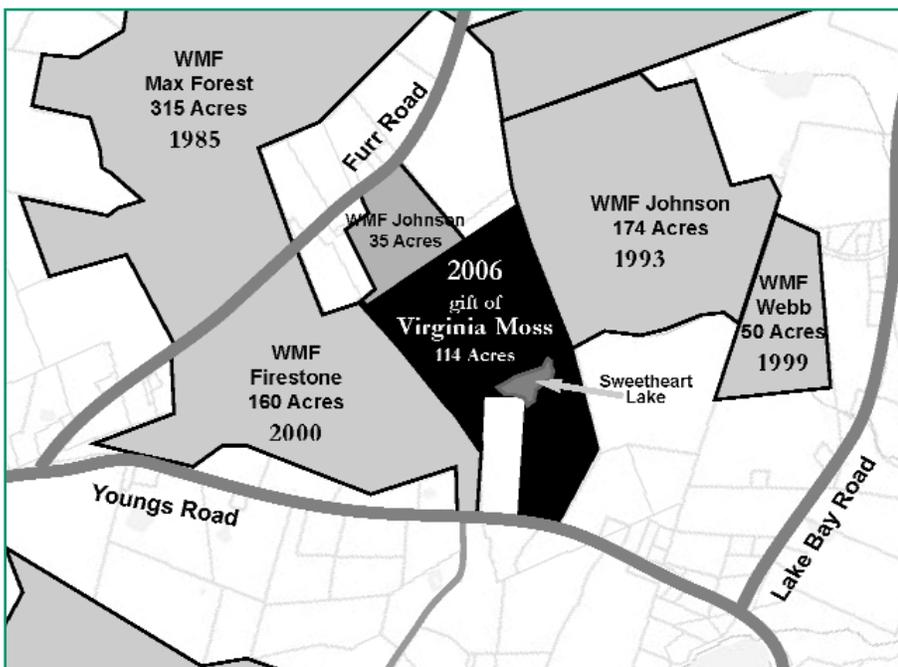
THE MISSION OF THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION

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

Virginia Walthour Moss bequeaths 114 acres of land in the North Country to The Walthour-Moss Foundation



Morning mist on Sweetheart Lake — centerpiece of the 114-acre tract of land given to the Walthour-Moss Foundation by Virginia Walthour Moss upon her death in January.



This wonderful bequest by Virginia Moss literally completes the North Country circle, joining the Johnson tracts (acquired in 1993) with the Firestone tracts (acquired in 2000).

A LEGACY OF LOVE FOR THE LAND

During their remarkable lives, Virginia Walthour Moss and W.O. “Pappy” Moss acquired—and gave away—thousands of acres of land. Their foresight and extraordinary generosity have left a indelible legacy to all of us who are privileged to live in the Sandhills.

When Pappy and Ginnie arrived here in 1934, they set up housekeeping over a livery stable at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Broad Street. By 1937 they had moved to Mile-Away Farm (a mile away from the train station in Southern Pines) and began to acquire land between May Street and Youngs Road. They would continue this process for the next 30 years. But in the early 70’s Pappy and Ginnie developed a new plan, one which would have a profound impact on the future.

Upon his death in 1976, Pappy Moss bequeathed 1739 acres to create the Foundation. During the next thirty years, land would be purchased through the generous support of the community, but the largest single contributor would be Virginia Moss herself. At the time of her death, Mrs. Moss had given 768 acres of land.

In January, the Walthour-Moss Foundation learned that Mrs. Moss had bequeathed 114 acres of additional land in the heart of the Foundation North Country. This magnificent tract includes Sweetheart Lake and joins together three North Country parcels purchased between 1993 and 2000. Her wonderful gift effectively completes the “North Country circle” — and brings the total gifts of land by the Ginnie and Pappy Moss to over 2500 acres.

Forest Management Program for 2006 Includes Substantial Prescribed Burning Effort

The Land Stewardship Plan for The Walthour-Moss Foundation for the first quarter of 2006 included the controlled burn of approximately 800 acres. These burns were conducted primarily during the time period from January until March of this year. The areas were burned in accordance with the overall Master Management Plan adopted by the WMF Board of Directors in 2004.



Pine straw, turkey oaks and other unwanted species choke the forest floor, inhibiting the growth of wiregrass and longleaf seedlings. These areas have been identified in the WMF Management Plan and are being burned in a "mosaic" pattern—returning diversity and vitality to the forest.

The goal of this plan is to create—over time—an open long leaf pine savannah comprised of those species that have evolved within a fire regime. This is the vanishing historic landscape of the South that the WMF is uniquely positioned to help restore. Within this threatened eco-system exists a unique group of flora and fauna.

The Master Management Plan involves the creation of approximately 90 discrete land parcels. Each parcel is defined by its physical setting in the landscape and most often is limited by natural boundaries such as streams and

ridges—and sometimes by historical trails. The purpose of creating these land discrete parcels is to over time create a mosaic of landscape elements expressing the diverse attributes of the long leaf pine eco-system.

Several types of parcels had a prescribed burn this year. Some of the burns were of areas that were mechanically thinned last year of long leaf pines to a basal area appropriate for a healthy forest. The purpose is to enhance wildlife habitat and create a diversity of vegetation. The oak understory was also thinned as a by-product of this effort. Several burns will be required to remove the litter from the forest floor.



Fire moves through the forest as prescribed burns begin to clear the understory, reduce fuel loads and return nutrients to the soil.

It is estimated within 5-7 years these areas will be restored to an open pine savannah that will be sustainable with periodic burns.

Several of the prescribed burns this winter were in areas that had previously been unmanaged. These areas are characterized by a dense understory of oaks. The controlled burns were successful in reducing the fuel load but will require subsequent burns to begin

to significantly reduce the oak understory. Sufficient fuel loads will continue to be required to create a fire of enough heat to control the oaks. However, most of the longleaf pines are capable of surviving these burns. Over time the resulting landscape will be a combination of majestic longleaf pine and an open wiregrass savannah.



Following the burn, much of the combustible material has been removed and the oaks have been compromised.

Other areas experiencing a prescribed burn in the first quarter of 2006 were those parcels which are currently in a three-year managed rotation. This rotation has been extremely effective in creating and preserving the open pine landscape. Because of continued prescribed burning, these areas exhibit a number of plant species which are endemic to a healthy longleaf pine eco-system in a fire regime program.



Within a few short days, wiregrass reappears and the miracle of the forest begins again.

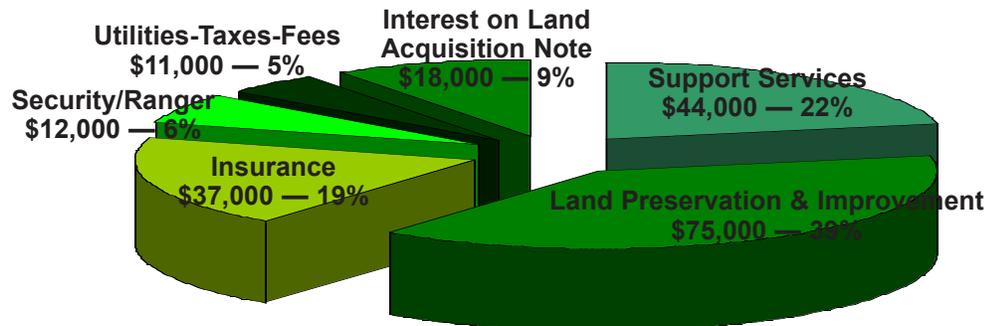
Land Improvement Projects and Annual Operations Will Require \$197,000 in FY 2006

FOCUS ON ANNUAL OPERATIONS

The cost of operating The Walthour-Moss Foundation is estimated to be \$197,000 for fiscal year 2006. Land improvement projects (habitat enhancement, trail maintenance & repair, crossing construction and erosion control) account for the largest portion of the costs—almost 40%. Insurance on the 4000+ acres under the Foundation's protection will cost \$37,000 this year or 19% of overall expenses. Support services (office expenses, accounting services, resource development/communications) amount to about 22%. Interest on the remaining balance of the note (which the Foundation used to finance the purchase of the Burns and Gregson/Johnson tracts) is currently estimated at 9% or about \$18,000 annually. This expense will continue to fall as more contributions are received for the Land Preservation Campaign Phase II. The remaining costs (security, taxes, utilities and fees) amount to \$21,000 or 11% of the overall expenses for 2006.

These expenses are born almost completely through gifts to the Foundation. In a given year,

THE WALTHOUR-MOSS FOUNDATION ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES FY 2006



some modest income may be generated by pinestraw sales, the sale of timber (in areas which have been thinned for forest/habitat improvement) and income from the Virginia Walthour Moss Endowment.

These sources amounted to \$26,500 in FY 2005. But the largest portion of operations is funded each year from gifts from friends of the Foundation—almost all from Moss Society members. During the two years, 98% of all support for annual operations and land acquisition came from Moss Society members. In FY 2004 and 2005 the Foundation received gifts from 85 Moss Society members. These 85 generous individuals collectively supported the Land Preservation Campaign Phase II

and underwrote the annual operations of the Foundation. The Walthour-Moss Foundation Board of Directors is grateful for this extraordinary level of support.

But it's clear that as the goal of recent Foundation land acquisitions is met, the ongoing challenge will be to provide the resources necessary to protect what has been achieved, to continue to maintain the land and to improve it. It's important that every person who uses and enjoys the Foundation become a Moss Society member—and that every member continue to support the vision by becoming a Sustaining Member. In this way we ensure that the legacy of Ginnie and Pappy Moss will live on for the generations to come.

SUSTAINING THE VISION — MOSS SOCIETY MEMBERS

Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society Members — supporters of The Walthour-Moss Foundation who make a commitment of \$5000 or more for the support of the mission of the Foundation. Gifts may be made in many forms and may be pledged over five years.

Sustaining Members are those generous Moss Society members who, having completed their original gift, have chosen to make a renewed Moss Society commitment of \$5000 or more to the Walthour-Moss Foundation. The ongoing support of *Sustaining Members* is helping to ensure that the Foundation continues to be a force for the preservation of open land and the protection of wildlife habitat in the Sandhills.

Moss Society Legacy Members are those thoughtful and generous individuals who have made a provision in their estate plans to benefit The Walthour-Moss Foundation. Legacy gifts have a far-reaching and lasting effect on the the future of this precious natural resource. They provide funds to enable the Foundation to acquire additional open land as it becomes available in the future. Legacy gifts also strengthen the Foundation's endowment, providing resources to maintain and improve Foundation land—year after year.

The Walthour-Moss Foundation is grateful to all of our Moss Society Members, Sustaining Members and Legacy Members. We have worked hard to ensure the accuracy of our current listing. However, if your name is listed incorrectly or was not listed, we sincerely apologize and ask you to please bring it to our attention.

The Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society

SUSTAINING MEMBERS AS OF APRIL 15, 2006

Jackie and Rick Allenbaugh ♡	Alan and Rhonda Dretel ♡	Will and Kay Redding ♡
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Aggie and David Cohen ♡	Walter and Sofie Moyle ♡	Wade and Caroline Young ♡
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Lynn and David Dillard ♡	Cindy and Dennis Paules ♡	<i>and two donors who wish to remain</i>
Nancy Doubleday ♡	Marret and Hu Poston III ♡	<i>anonymous</i>
Peter Doubleday ♡	George [⊗] and Betsy Rainoff ♡	

LEGACY MEMBERS

of the Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society

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Betsy and Larry Best	Fitzgerald Hudson [⊗]	Rick and Patricia Smith
Jack [⊗] and Marcie Caffey	Andrea and Dick Moore	Jan and Bill Taper
Mott and Bo Carter	Virginia Walthour Moss [⊗]	Anne and Dick Webb
Lynn and David Dillard	Neil Schwartzberg	

The Ginnie and Pappy Moss Society

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Mary and Harrison Edwards	Mike and Diane Paget	George and Mickey Wirtz
Effie and Nick Ellis	Dominick and Cindy Pagnotta	Dave and Boots Wright
May and Denny Emerson	Charlotte Parks	<i>and two donors who wish to remain</i>
Rebecca Estes	The Richard J, Reynolds III and Marie	<i>anonymous</i>
Libby Evans	M. Reynolds Foundation	
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Walthour Moss Foundation Trail Maintenance and Improvement

For those of us fortunate enough to be able to spend time in The Walthour-Moss Foundation, either on foot, on horseback or by carriage, we sometimes may take for granted the miles upon miles of trails.



Trail maintenance and improvement is a constant challenge for The Walthour-Moss Foundation. But open, inviting trails like this one create a memorable experience for those who traverse the forest.

Although there is not a definitive measurement of the total number of miles of trails and firelanes within the Foundation, there are probably several hundred miles to explore and to enjoy. It's a unique joy to be able to wander aimlessly through this wonderful property. The trails traverse the varied landscape of the Foundation and provide crossings at streams of various sizes.

Each year, the Foundation invests thousands of dollars caring for the trails and crossings—while at the same time working proactively to sustain and enhance the ecosystem which surrounds them. As with any well-managed property, ongoing maintenance occurs throughout the year. A recent example was the failure of a bridge component at Three Bridges on the main Foundation. Over a

period of four days this situation was remedied at considerable expense. But the repairs allowed all of us to continue to safely utilize this important crossing of Carol's Branch.

Each summer substantial trail maintenance and repair is required after the thunderstorm season passes. Recent initiatives to reduce erosion and siltation of the wetlands has reduced this annual challenge somewhat. Protecting the Foundation requires stewardship and resources. But without this ongoing improvement the Foundation would—over time—become a very different place. Imagine a favorite trail disappearing or stream crossing vanishing. Although a wonderful forest would remain, its accessibility would severely change our experience of it.

Area Conservation Groups Sponsor a “Field Day” on the Foundation

Eight area conservation groups sponsored a “field day” on The Walthour-Moss Foundation on April 6th. These included the Moore Soil & Water Conservation District, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the US Fish & Wildlife Service, the Sandhills Ecological Institute, the NC Forest Service, the Moore County Farm Service Agency, the Sandhills Area Land Trust, and the NC Wildlife Resource Commission. The Foundation was chosen as the site for the event because of the important work being done on Foundation land to preserve the longleaf forest and improve wildlife habitat. Speakers included Larry Earley, author and photographer, whose book *Looking for Longleaf*

has become recognized as a definitive work on the state of the longleaf pine ecosystem in America. Larry spoke about the importance of fire in the longleaf pine ecosystem. “With no fire, you’ve got no forest. Or it’s a different kind of forest. It’s a forest that is imprisoned by thickets of scrub oaks. Fire keeps the forest open. What we see on the Walthour-Moss Foundation is a forest which has a history—and a future.” Following presentations by several state and local wildlife and forest management professionals, the group toured locations within the Walthour-Moss Foundation where a number of habitat improvement projects are currently underway.



Kerri Brust, Wildlife Biologist with the Sandhills Ecological Institute, describes the location of Red-Cockaded Woodpecker family groups within the Walthour-Moss Foundation. Over fifty people attended the event on the Foundation April 6, 2006.



**Land Management and Wildlife Habitat
Improvement Programs Continue to Enhance
the Vitality and the Beauty of
The Walthour-Moss Foundation**

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