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NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS
Shiloh Landing

Tarboro, NC, July 19, 2015– From July 19 until August 1, 2015 the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service in Edgecombe County will host the North Carolina Youth Conservation Corps (NCYCC) in Tarboro, NC to assist in the development of Shiloh Landing. During NCYCC’s two week stay they will develop a nature trail, informational kiosks, picnic tables, benches, and a canoe and kayak launch platform on the property.

The North Carolina Youth Conservation Corps is a summer program sponsored by the Conservation Trust for North Carolina. NCYCC is a comprehensive youth development program that uses the natural world as a platform for teaching environmental stewardship, job and life skills, leadership, community service, and personal responsibility. It is composed of 8 to 10 young people who work under close supervision of two highly trained adult leaders. The crews work 7 hours a day, 5 days a week, for 4 to 7 weeks on local, state, federal, or land trust properties. The work varies depending on the geographic location and goals of the sponsoring partner.

Shiloh Landing is an environmental/historic site located north of Tarboro, at a major bend in the Tar River. The Tar River is part of a growing network of paddle trails in eastern North Carolina. Due to the site’s close proximity to the Tar River and its history of being flooded, it is a sensitive ecosystem feature that dictates that human modification be limited. Also of great importance, Shiloh Landing played a role in American slave trade. Our goals for the project are to protect and educate citizens about this environmentally sensitive landscape and honor its history by creating a historical interpretation and commemorative site that can be enjoyed for all.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Jamilla Hawkins at 252-641-7821 or by email at jamilla_hawkins@ncsu.edu. You can also learn more about the North Carolina Youth Conservation Corps (NCYCC) by visiting their website at http://www.ctnc.org/connect/nc-youth-conservation-corps-2/.