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Part 1: Introduction

North Carolina's cities and towns, natural areas, and public lands have benefited greatly from conservation initiatives starting as early as the eighteenth century, but efforts to control pollution and save natural areas remain controversial as the state faces serious environmental issues and intense competition for available land. Despite the progress made during the last quarter of the twentieth century, several factors—such as urban growth, a proliferation of new highways, extensive development of resorts and vacation homes in the [Coastal Plain](#) ^[11] and [Mountain](#) ^[12] regions, the advent of large-scale industrial livestock operations, the clearance of natural forest habitats for huge pine plantations, mounting soil erosion, and polluted water flowing into streams and estuaries—continue to threaten North Carolina's rural landscapes, natural habitats, and environmental resources.

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