Our mission:
The Department of Applied Ecology exists to advance and share fundamental discoveries in ecology and apply them to our greatest environmental challenges.
Our approach:

- **Research** that transcends disciplines and spans scales.
- **Teaching and training** that instills in-depth understanding of ecological principles and their applications to our students.
- **Extension and outreach** that engages stakeholders and decision makers to inform, translate, and apply our research.
Our goals:

This 2019-2024 plan outlines **three goals** that work in concert to further our mission. Each has **measurable targets** that mark our achievements during this growth phase of the department.
Goal one:

I. Develop an Applied Ecology major

The rapid growth of the Applied Ecology minor, our strong and widely-recognized graduate program, and a growing list of in-demand, well-reviewed courses suggest that we are well positioned to develop a vibrant major that would add value to the college, university, and UNC system. This links closely with our third goal.
Goal two:

II. Recruit new, leading faculty

During this growth phase, the department will recruit new, leading faculty to maintain our outstanding scholarship, build our developing academic program and major, and shape the lives of the public and stakeholders through extension and outreach.
Goal three:

III. Build an active stakeholder group

An enthusiastic stakeholder group facilitates growth and engagement with citizens, agencies, and industries. Every facet of our work affects human well-being, from research and extension to preparing our future for global environmental change. We will connect with alumni, NGOs, industry partners, and the public by cultivating Friends of Applied Ecology.
Light the path with your support:

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