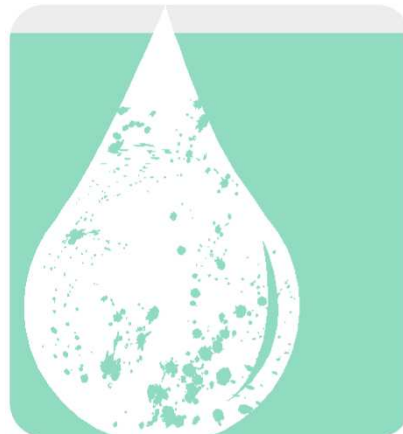


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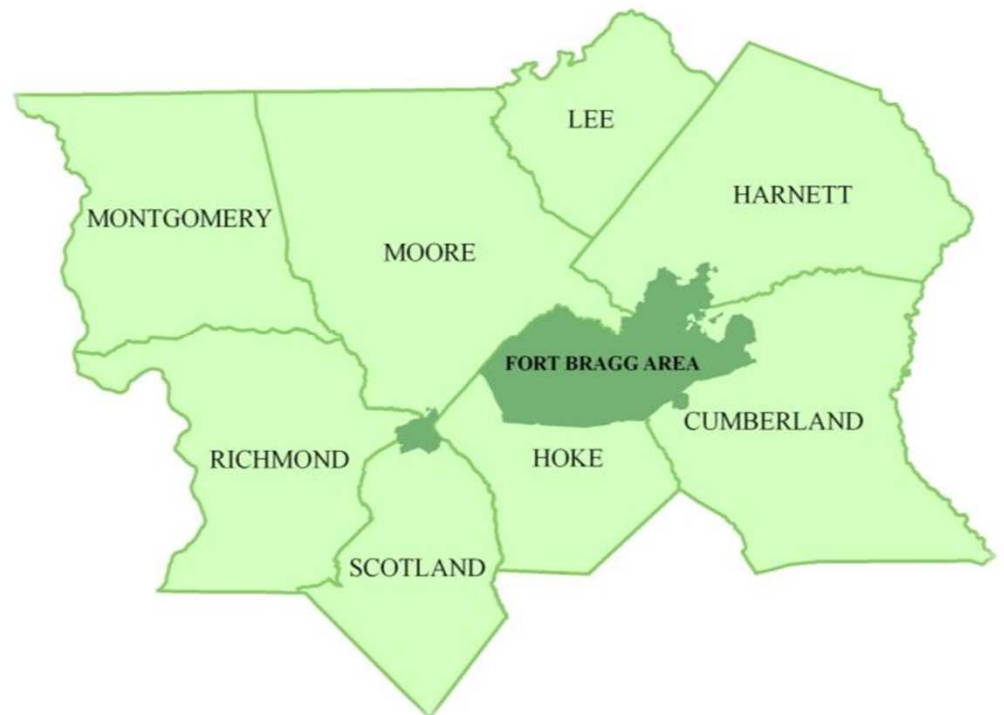
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**Executive Director**



# About Sustainable Sandhills

*Sustainable Sandhills is a nonprofit dedicated to conserving the natural resources of the eight-county region surrounding Fort Bragg.*

*Through education, demonstration and collaboration, we are changing the ways we live, work and play.*



# About Sustainable Sandhills

*Our programs educate and raise awareness*



- **Air Quality**
- **Green Living & Design**
- **Green Business & Schools**
- **Solid Waste Reduction**
- **Green Growth & Infrastructure**
- **Local Food Systems**



## Host Organizations

- **City of Fayetteville** (2 @ 42 weeks)
- **Cumberland County Schools** (2 @ 42 weeks)
- **Harnett County Schools** (1 @ 42 weeks)
- **Moore County Schools** (1 @ 42 weeks)
- **Fayetteville State University** (1 @ 28 weeks)
- **Sustainable Sandhills** (2 @ 28 weeks)

**Nine interns total**

# Internship Structure

- **City of Fayetteville**
  - Building energy assessments
- **Public School Systems – *behavior change***
  - One established program (Cumberland)
  - Two emerging programs (Harnett & Moore)
- **Fayetteville State University**
  - Greenhouse gas emissions inventory
- **Sustainable Sandhills**
  - Green business program certification











## Key Lessons Learned

- Hosts with capacity to supervise and mentor
- Other partners to assist (WRP, CC's, vendors)
- Interns who enjoy working independently
- Monthly meetings to share experiences
- Task diversity
- Interns sharing experiences in community