

Meet SCNRC member Willard Swift

Willard Swift contributes his love for the outdoors to his childhood growing up on the Mitchell River. A childhood that instilled a lifelong passion for preservation of natural resources – which Willard has tried to incorporate into his educational, career, and personal goals.

After graduation from Appalachian State University, Willard was a teaching coach before working for the federal government and then private industry. Willard is retired and enjoys hunting, fishing, organic gardening and beekeeping. He, and his wife Lottie reside on a 130+-acre farm near Mountain Park that they developed with conservation in mind.

Willard's commitment to protect natural resources is what he says brought him to the committee. He challenges commissioners and other leaders to maintain and control development with natural creations in mind.