

## Honored to Lead & Excited for What's Ahead



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Dear Steve,

Born, raised, and now back home in Wadesboro, NC, I know rural America — not just as a place, but as a way of life. Too often misunderstood and overlooked, "the country," as we call it, is full of untapped potential to help drive America forward. That's why I am deeply honored and proud to step into the role of Chair of the New Rural Project's Board of Directors.

**Help us continue to fight for rural NC!**

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our former Chair, Doug Wilson, who will continue serving NRP in a new capacity. I also want to thank our dedicated board members, staff, stakeholders, and supporters — because of you, this young but dynamic organization has already made a lasting impact.

Through NRP, barber shops, beauty salons, phone banks, and canvasses (i.e., Front Porch Conversations) have become spaces for meaningful community conversations. These conversations have led to real change — supporters stepping up to serve on local boards, leading revitalization efforts, and even running for office and winning. In fact, because of our collective efforts, we helped defeat the supermajority in North Carolina — our candidate won re-election to the NC House in both 2022 and 2024.

But we're just getting started. To keep this momentum going, we need you with us.

**[Join us as we continue building a stronger, more engaged rural America.](#)**

Now is not the time to step back — it's time to push forward. We must continue organizing, strengthening coalitions, and taking action to engage our rural communities. Recent events in North Carolina and across the country serve as a clear reminder that we must stay vigilant, standing alongside our rural neighbors to defend the progress we've made.

Together, we will push back against efforts to roll back hard-won gains and advocate for new initiatives that uplift the most vulnerable, ensuring a more just and equitable future for all. To join us in the fight, I ask you to financially support **[the fight for rural North Carolina!](#)**

Looking forward to working together,

**Jamie Hildreth**  
Board Chair  
New Rural Project



**PLEASE HELP US PROTECT RURAL NC!**



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