I have always lamented the fact that the public was prohibited access to the CCC statue in Stokes State Forest. The entire CCC complex around the lake formerly known as Skellenger Lake (built by the CCC's) should be preserved as a national and State Historic Site.

During the Great Depression my family camped in Stoke State Forest and knew some of the former members of the CCC's. As a boy I helped clean the log cabins built by the CCCs with a former CCC boy (Earl Lukens) who stayed on and worked for the State Park.

The public is not aware that much of Stokes State Forest was built by the CCC's

The CCC contribution to the Nation and the State must be remembered. The CCC contribution includes a work ethic passed down through the generations.

Preservation must be part of the State "Request for Expression of Interest" for the future of the former School of Conservation.

Respectfully,
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