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ON THE COVER: Santiago Avila sits on the concrete berm of a highway overpass, from which he can see his community, Dreamland, a mobile home park on the outskirts of Sanford, North Carolina. Dreamland represents both the good and the bad of such parks in North Carolina. Inset: Some mobile homes in Dreamland. Credit: Adam Rust/Community Reinvestment Association of North Carolina.

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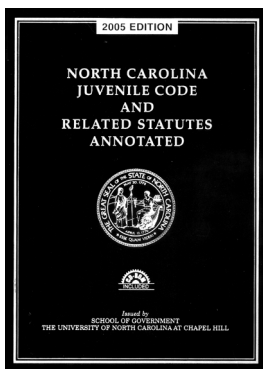
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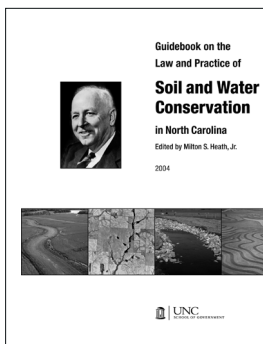


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