

## **Filter Strip**

### Definition/Purpose

A Filter Strip means an area of permanent perennial vegetation for removing sediment, organic matter, and other pollutants from runoff and waste water to improve water quality. Benefits may include reduced soil erosion, sedimentation and pathogen contamination and pollution from dissolved, particulate, and sediment-attached substances. (DIP)

### Policies

1. All NRCS standards and NC Agriculture Cost Share Program policies relative to vegetation must be followed.
2. BMP soil, nitrogen, and phosphorus impacts are required on the contract. Include the planted acreage and drainage area as well. Refer to the Minimum NCACSP Effects Requirements table later in this section for the correct methods of calculation.
3. Minimum life of BMP is ten (10) years.

### Standards

N. C. NRCS Technical Guide, Section IV, Standard #393 (Filter Strip).