

Wetlands Restoration System

Definition/Purpose

A Wetlands Restoration System means a system of practices designed to restore the natural hydrology of an area that had been drained and cropped.

Policies

1. Wetlands Restoration System components must adhere to existing policies and standards.
2. Elements and items already a part of the NCACSP Average Cost Guide will be paid at 75% of average cost; includes grading, vegetation, pipe drops and surface inlets and animal guards. Other approved BMPs such as cropland conversion to grass, trees or wildlife plantings may be incorporated into the Wetlands Restoration System. For components not found in the Average Cost Guide cost will be based on 75% of actual cost with area office approval required.
3. 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.
4. Minimum life of BMP is ten (10) years.

Standards

N. C. NRCS Technical Guide, Section IV, Standard #657 (Wetland Restoration)