

**NORTH CAROLINA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA  
WORK SESSION AGENDA  
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**WORK SESSION**

NC State Fairgrounds  
Gov. James G. Martin Building  
1025 Blue Ridge Road  
Raleigh, NC 27607  
November 19, 2019  
**6:00 p.m.**

**BUSINESS SESSION**

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Chairman John Langdon

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B. September 18, 2019 Business Session Meeting Minutes

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D. CCAP Job Approval Authority

Mr. Jeff Young

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| B. Consideration of post-approval contract  | Caldwell SWCD       |
| C. Extension for Expired Lagoon Management Incentive Contracts                                | Bladen SWCD         |
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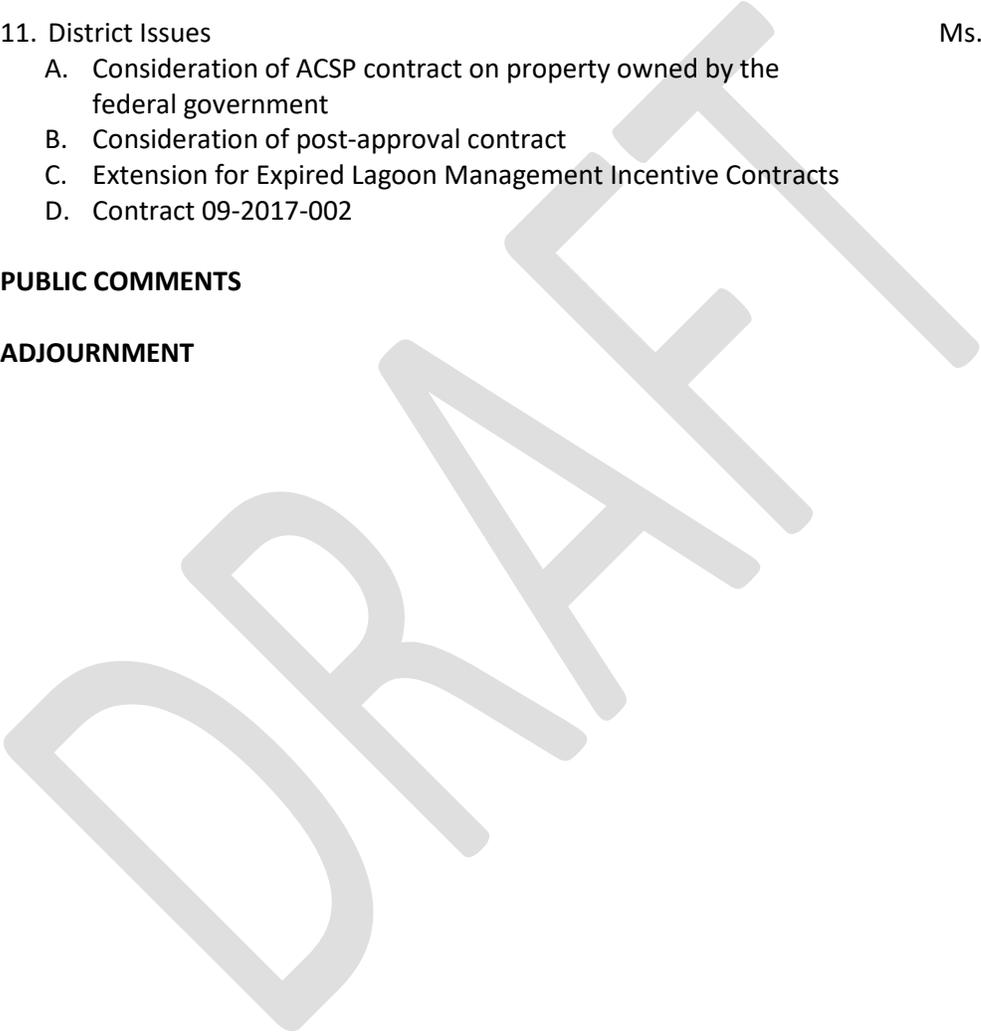
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Dietrich Kilpatrick	Helen Wiklund	Cayle Aldridge
Myles Payne	Ralston James	Josh Vetter
Derek Potter	Julie Henshaw	Tom Hill
Mike Willis	Kelly Hedgepeth	Lisa Fine
Commission Counsel	Eric Pare	Tom Ellis
Phillip Reynolds	Rick McSwain	Bill Yarborough
Guests	Bryan Evans	
Vernon Cox	Kristina Fischer	

Chairman Langdon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Chairman Langdon inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. Commissioner Willis declared a conflict of interest for Agenda Item 11 and will recuse himself tomorrow.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Langdon asked for comments on the agenda. None were declared.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Langdon asked for comments on the minutes. Commissioner Collier stated the minutes are in order.
  - 2A. **September 17, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes**
  - 2B. **September 18, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes**

3. **Division Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Director Vernon Cox. Director Cox stated the report will be presented at the Business Meeting tomorrow. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Director Cox stated the NC Sedimentation Control Commission has scheduled a meeting tomorrow afternoon with regards to permits for stream restoration.

Commissioner Willis stated there will be a good representation at the meeting. Commission Counsel will also be attending the meeting and asked for a headcount.

4. **Association Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Commissioner Payne. Commissioner Payne stated the report will be presented at the Business Meeting tomorrow. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. There is one correction in the report. The State Conservation Farm Family Celebration was held on September 24, not on September 18.

In response to a question from Chairman Langdon, Director Cox stated that Commissioner Green is doing well and gaining strength, but speaking is a challenge. Mr. Bryan Evans, Mr. David Williams and Director Cox visited Commissioner Green yesterday.

5. **NRCS Report:** Chairman Langdon asked if Mr. Tim Beard will be in attendance to present tomorrow. Director Cox stated either Mr. Beard or Ms. Armstrong will be presenting the report at the Business Meeting tomorrow.
6. **Consent Agenda:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Eric Pare, Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth, and Mr. Jeff Young to present. Copies of the reports are included as an official part of the minutes.

#### **6A. Supervisor Appointments:**

- Jacelyn Rice-Boayue, Mecklenburg SWCD, filling the appointed term of James Wally for 2018-2022 with an attached resignation letter
- Gilbert A. Lewis, Jr., Robeson SWCD, filling the elected term of David W. Hedgpeth (deceased) for 2018-2022
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**6B. Supervisor Contracts:** 11 contracts; totaling \$55,508

#### **6C. Technical Specialist Designation:**

- Dr. Stephanie Kulesza, NCSU, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences Assistant Professor, Waste Utilization Planning/Nutrient Management (WUP/NM) category

#### **6D. CCAP Job Approval Authority (JAA)**

- Ms. Jessica Perrin, Durham SWCD, Watershed Conservationist, Community Conservation - Riparian Buffer

7. **Report on Conditional Supervisor Appointments:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Eric Pare to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Mr. Pare stated at the November 14, 2018 Commission Meeting, there were three seats for supervisor reappointments where the nominee had not attended 2/3 of the regularly scheduled district board meetings. Based on precedent, these supervisors would continue as conditional appointments, until meeting the 2/3 attendance requirement. Mr. McLaurin attended two out of seven meetings due to health issues. Mr. Ragan and Mr. Liverman meet the 2/3 attendance

requirements and the Commission can consider Mr. Ragan and Mr. Liverman fully appointed. Mr. Pare will e-mail the districts that Mr. Ragan and Mr. Liverman are fully reappointed tomorrow. Director Cox will prepare a letter for Chairman Langdon's signature to Mr. Ragan and Mr. Liverman acknowledging their due diligence in meeting the requirement. Commission Counsel, Mr. Reynolds, stated Mr. McLaurin's absence is considered excused due to illness. Director Cox will prepare a letter to Mr. McLaurin for Chairman Langdon's signature acknowledging Mr. McLaurin's circumstances and extending his conditional appointment, which will be reviewed by Mr. Reynolds.

8. **Hurricane Florence Disaster Response Update:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Ms. Henshaw stated this is an update to the September allocations totaling \$381,200 to 11 districts for Disaster Pasture Renovation, Non-Field Farm Road Repair, and Pond Repair.
9. **Consideration of Community Conservation Assistance Program Regional Applications:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Tom Hill to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Mr. Hill stated the Division is requesting the Commission's action on the FY2020 regional allocations and requests the Commission for Just-in-Time allocations for the next highest-ranking projects for funds for FY 2019-2020. Mr. Hill provided an update to the scoring of highest ranking to lowest ranking and photographs of the projects by region and a map of the distribution of projects for FY 2020. The current CCAP balances, State Appropriations balances and Regional Application Funding available per region was highlighted. A PowerPoint presentation will be provided at future meetings highlighting the regions on a map, the recommended regional projects, the list of counties by region and the amounts allocated to each district.

Chairman Langdon called a break at 7:08 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Commission Counsel, Mr. Reynolds, asked to follow-up on the November 14, 2018 conditional appointment of Mr. McLaurin. The Commission updated the Policy for Supervisor Appointment on May 17, 2016, which falls under NC General Statute 139-7. Mr. Reynolds reviewed the statute and stated the Commission can choose to terminate the conditional appointment of Mr. McLaurin or continue it under the same condition or appoint the individual to the full term for 2018-2022. Commissioner Collier stated would it be appropriate to extend Mr. McLaurin's conditional appointment for one more year with the same stipulations for attendance. Mr. Reynolds stated the Division should provide an update prior to next November so that if there is consideration to not continue the conditional appointment, Mr. McLaurin can be notified and be given an opportunity to address the Commission. Chairman Langdon stated the Commission approves this conditional reappointment to November 2020 for Mr. McLaurin.

10. **Consideration of Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program Regional Applications:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Joshua Vetter to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Mr. Vetter stated the Division is requesting the Commission's action on the regional application projects. AgWRAP has two funding groups, i.e., District Allocations at 70% and Regional Allocations at 30% of available funding. FY2020 funds available for regional applications currently total \$442,594. This year there are two batching periods. The Regional Application Process was highlighted. There are 11 regional applications under

consideration. A ranking system of the applications was reviewed by the AgWRAP Review Committee. Batch 1 has 6 projects being recommended for the Commission's approval totaling \$148,000.

- 11. District Issues:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Ms. Hedgepeth stated there are four district issues.

**11A. Consideration of ACSP Contract on Property Owned by the Federal Government:** Ms. Hedgepeth stated Rule 02 NCAC 59D .0105 states the Commission must approve contracts on government-owned land. This farm is on the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge in Dare SWCD, and the contract calls for land smoothing and planting cover crops. Dare SWCD will be in attendance tomorrow.

**11B. Consideration of Post-Approval Contract:** Commissioner Willis recused himself from this item. Caldwell SWCD has a new staff member who was not familiar with CS2 and did not know that this contract was pended despite receiving the engineering approval for the project. This is a post approval for a Pond Sediment Removal project. Caldwell SWCD will be in attendance tomorrow.

**11C. Extension for Expired Lagoon Management Incentive Contracts:** Ms. Hedgepeth stated there are six contracts for the Lagoon Management Incentive. The Commission's policy states the district must apply for an extension by June 1. The contract expiration date was June 30, 2019. These six extension requests were received on July 11, 2019, along with the Requests for Payment (RFP), a timeline, and letters of explanation. Division staff met with district staff before the deadline, at which time, the district had time to submit these contracts electronically, yet the deadline was missed. The producers should not be penalized. District staff also reached out for assistance to the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts due to the overload of work. The Requests for Payment are signed and in order. Bladen SWCD will be in attendance tomorrow.

**11D. Contract 09-2017-002:** Ms. Hedgepeth stated Bladen SWCD submitted Contract #09-2017-002, which was set to expire, and the Division did not receive an extension request. The Division received a handwritten RFP on July 11, 2019. The contract expired on June 30, 2019. The district provided a letter of explanation and is asking to use the current year funds to pay for this 2017 contract for \$8,736 for cover crops. The extension request could have been submitted electronically to meet the deadline. The Division contacted district staff to submit the form to get an extension, yet the deadline was missed, and the contract canceled on July 1. The RFP was approved and signed by the district's board chair. The district chairman and district staff person will be in attendance tomorrow.

**Public Comments:** Commissioner Kilpatrick stated a good friend and supervisor, Mr. Billy Hodges, passed away three weeks ago. Mr. Hodges was a board member in Craven SWCD and had previously recommended Commissioner Kilpatrick to replace him.

Commissioner Kilpatrick stated the Division should ask the Technical Review Committee (TRC) to investigate earlier planting dates for cover crops, i.e., wheat due to climate change and more wet weather and not enough dry days, the planting season is shorter.

Ms. Hedgepeth stated the Technical Review Committee (TRC) has already reviewed the planting dates, but it has not been presented to the Commission. The dates are proposed to be changed as part of review of all the BMPs and reviewed the ideal planting dates vs. hard planting dates. This will be presented to the Commission in March or May for the next program year.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.



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Vernon N. Cox, Director  
Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Raleigh, N.C.



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Helen Wiklund, Recording Secretary

***These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on January 5, 2020.***



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Kelly Hedgepeth	R. Dean Moore	Jason Byrd
Jeff Young	Jack Adams	

Chairman Langdon called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Chairman Langdon inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. Commissioner Willis declared a conflict of interest for Agenda Item 11 and will recuse himself.

Chairman Langdon welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone of the cell phone policy.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Potter motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Payne seconded. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Collier motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Commissioner Willis seconded. Motion carried.

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- 3. Division Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Director Vernon Cox. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Director Cox highlighted the following:

- Personnel Updates
- 2019 Budget Update Vetoed by Governor Cooper and Mini-Budget (\$429) approved for \$1M for Hurricane Florence Stream Debris signed on November 18, 2019
- 2019 Farm Act (SB 315) Update
- NC Sedimentation Control Commission Update
- AgWRAP Contracts Installed and Funds Expended by BMPs Highlighted
- AgWRAP Well Use Survey Results
  - Responses from 71 Districts (74 Counties)
  - Inadequate water supply for irrigation and livestock operations, most wells used for micro-irrigation systems on specialty crops and green industry. Beef operations are the most common type of livestock operation.
  - Several districts would like to see larger allocations or wells added to the regional applications
- January Commission Meeting in Charlotte
- Commissioner Green continues to improve and is looking forward to returning to the Commission

- 4. Association Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Commissioner Payne. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Commissioner Payne highlighted the report including the following:

- 2020 Annual Meeting in Charlotte on January 6, 2020
- State Conservation Farm Family Celebration was on September 24, 2019
- 2020 National NACD Meeting will be in Las Vegas and the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the NC Foundation will present our Strategic Visioning Project
- 2019 North American Envirothon
- 2019 State Fair exhibit was a success
- Executive Director Evans' contract has been renewed and he intends to register as a lobbyist with the NC General Assembly in January

- 5. NRCS Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Tim Beard. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

- NRCS received an allocation of approximately 14% for operating expenses based on the 2019 Budget
- Language changes to the cost share rate for the 2018 Farm Bill
- Recipients to be announced for the Feral Swine Eradication Pilot Program
- New trainings tool created for employees called Conservation Assessment Ranking Tool (CART)
- Accomplishments for FY2019 were highlighted
  - EQIP—598 applications; \$20M; CSP—135 applications; \$5M

- RCPP deadline application is December 3, 2019
- EWP-FPE received 13 applications and will rank the applications; approximately \$8M currently available
- Highlighted the timeline of the EWP Program, the policy, how NRCS administers the program, and establishing deadlines with almost 400 EWP sites
  - EWP needs to improve and be more efficient and establish a pilot program to be effective

A discussion ensued on the current EWP Program and the expediency of carrying out EWP during natural disasters. The sponsors need to know what their responsibilities are, and they need to be more involved after a weather event. There should be a model of success stories to pass on to the rest of the counties across the state. NRCS is considering developing emergency-type teams to help carry out normal business. Mr. Beard acknowledged that inexperience of the area/local staff with EWP is a weakness. Chairman Langdon stated that whether on a national or regional level, NRCS should create a war room dedicated to hurricane events and strategically deploy resources to manage after the event.

Chairman Langdon commended NRCS that Chief Lohr attended the NC Foundation for Soil and Water's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in September.

- 6. Consent Agenda:** Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Payne motioned to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner Kilpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**6A. Supervisor Appointments:**

- Jacelyn Rice-Boayue, Mecklenburg SWCD, filling the appointed term of James Wally for 2018-2022 with an attached resignation letter
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**6D. CCAP Job Approval Authority (JAA)**

- Ms. Jessica Perrin, Durham SWCD, Watershed Conservationist, Community Conservation Riparian Buffers

Chairman Langdon called a break at 10:10 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:22 a.m.

- 7. Report on Conditional Supervisor Appointments:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Eric Pare to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Mr. Pare stated in November 2018, three supervisors that did not meet the 2/3 meeting requirements and were given one year to meet the requirements. As of November 2019, Mr. Ragan's and Mr. Liverman's attendance improved, however, Mr. McLaurin has not met the 2/3 requirement due to illness and hospitalization. Mr. McLaurin attended only two meetings and has been unable to meet the requirements.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the conditional supervisor reappointments. Commissioner Collier motioned to recommend the conditional reappointment of Mr. Edward McLaurin for 12 months to allow an opportunity to improve his health and attendance and Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collier motioned to reappoint Mr. Ragan and Mr. Liverman, since they met the conditional requirements and Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

- 8. Hurricane Florence Disaster Response Update:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Ms. Henshaw provided an update on the allocations that were made since the September 2019 Commission Meeting. The allocations totaled \$381,200 to 11 districts for Non-Field Farm Road Repairs, Pond Repairs and Disaster Pasture Renovations.

**Hurricane Matthew Disaster Response Update:** Deputy Director Williams provided an update on the following:

- Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program
  - NRCS has submitted \$26.2M for funding with one contract in Scotland county
  - Division is providing the non-federal match to the local sponsors estimated at \$5.63M from Hurricane Florence plus a separate funding source
  - With Hurricane Florence, there is \$11M available in total appropriation with \$1.5M transferred from the Division of Water Resources
  - Sixty applications for Hurricane Florence funding
- Hurricane Matthew Debris Removal
  - Expended \$12.7M of the \$24.9M that has been contracted to 56 local sponsors, completed almost 1,600 miles of debris removal. Existing contracts that are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2019 are being extended to December 31, 2020.
  - \$1.85M being allocated to requesting local sponsors who have spent 60% of their existing contracted funds
- S.L. 2019-250 signed by Governor Cooper on November 18, 2019 includes \$5M for debris removal
  - Provides a provision to allow previously appropriated disaster funds from Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence to be used for Hurricane Michael, Hurricane Dorian and any future named storms
- A map was shown of 46 counties impacted by Hurricanes Michael and Dorian that are eligible for stream debris funds

- Will use the same Eligibility and Prioritization criteria for allocating additional appropriated funds

Director Vernon Cox stated funding for an on-going maintenance program with a local match would benefit local governments.

- Other completed Disaster Activities were highlighted with regards to Road and Pond Repairs, Lagoon Management, Pasture Renovation, and Winter Forage
- Putting together a plan/program throughout the partnership

**9. Consideration of Community Conservation Assistance Program Regional Applications:**

Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Tom Hill to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Mr. Hill discussed the regional applications for FY2020. A map of the regional applications was highlighted with 22 districts applying and 37 applications received totaling \$342,541.

- Eastern Region Applications; totaling \$70,000
- Central Region Applications; totaling \$107,150
- Western Region Applications; totaling \$165,139
- Total Funds Available for Regional Applications \$150,559
- Eastern Region Recommendations; totaling \$50,000
- Central Region Recommendations; totaling \$47,150
- Western Region Recommendations; totaling \$50,186

The CCAP Advisory Committee is also requesting a Just-in-Time Allocation for funding for the next highest-ranking projects should funds become available during the year from project completions or cancellations.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the CCAP Regional Applications. Commissioner Payne motioned to approve the applications and Commissioner Willis seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion on the Just-in-Time Allocation. Commissioner Payne motioned to approve the Just-in-Time Allocation and Commissioner Willis seconded. Motion carried.

**10. Consideration of Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program Regional Applications:**

Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. Joshua Vetter to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Mr. Vetter asked funding approval for six AgWRAP regional application projects.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the six AgWRAP regional applications. Commissioner Potter motioned to approve the applications and Commissioner Payne seconded. Motion carried.

- 11. District Issues:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

**11A. Consideration of ACSP Contract on Property Owned by the Federal Government:** Ms. Hedgepeth stated that Mr. Paul Wright and Ms. Ann Daisey from the Dare SWCD will present Contract # 28-2020-001 for a contract on Federal property totaling \$22,500 for 91 acres of cover crop and 100 acres of land smoothing. Ms. Daisey stated the Dare SWCD Board is asking for the Commission's approval for the contract. The property is located on mainland Dare County near East Lake. In 1988, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife purchased the land from Mr. Wynne as part of the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. Mr. Wynne continues to farm the property and is one of Dare's largest producers. The farm is close to the Alligator River and drainage connects to Mill Tail Creek and goes into the Albemarle Sound. The practices are intended to improve water quality and soil health as well as reduce nutrient loss and soil erosion. This area is dependent on clean water for tourism and commercial fisheries.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve ACSP Contract # 28-2020-001. Commissioner Collier motioned to approve the contract and Commissioner Kilpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**11B. Consideration of Post-Approval Contract:** Commissioner Willis recused himself from this item. Ms. Hedgepeth stated this is a post-approval request for Contract # 14-2018-801 from Caldwell SWCD for pond sediment removal for \$7,500. Mr. Jack Adams and Ms. Savannah Starnes from the Caldwell SWCD are presenting the request. Mr. Jack Adams stated this contract was received in April 2018 and approved on May 8, 2018. The contract was pended in CS2, but the contract must be approved before construction begins. The necessary documentation was added to CS2 except for a Job Approval Authority (JAA) letter from Mr. Dalton Buchanan, which is being held until the contract is approved and RFP documents are generated.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion for post-approval of Contract # 14-2018-801. Commissioner Kilpatrick motioned to approve the contract and Commissioner Payne seconded. Motion carried.

**11C. Extension for Expired Lagoon Management Incentive Contracts:** Ms. Hedgepeth stated these are for six contract extension requests from Bladen SWCD. The Commission policy states the application must be filed by June 1 and the Request for Payment (RFP) received in house by June 30, otherwise the contracts will expire. These six contracts were not received until July 11, 2019, even though Formsite was available to upload the extensions. Mr. Dean Morris and Mr. Willie Beard from the Bladen SWCD will present the issue. Mr. Morris stated these six contracts were not given the proper attention and that he takes full responsibility for not uploading the proper documentation. The farmers submitted their records, but the data was not entered by the deadline. Mr. Morris stated the farmers should not be penalized. Mr. Beard stated there is no excuse for this oversight. The farmers did what they were supposed to do, and the district does not want the farmers to be punished.

Chairman Langdon stated there is a certain expectation to live up to, and we are mandated to follow the rules. The Commission recognizes Bladen County has been hit hard and that they

have a tremendous workload due to the hurricanes. Mr. Morris admitted that he dropped the ball on these contracts. This is the first time in 26 years that Bladen SWCD did not meet the deadlines. Mr. Morris did not reach out for help because he thought he could handle it. Deputy Director Williams stated funding was available to hire temporary staff, obtain equipment to do a better job or facilitate inspections for debris removal, etc. Commissioner Willis commended Mr. Morris and stated there are several districts, in your shoes, and the work is being done.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the six expired contracts. Commissioner Potter motioned to approve the payment of the contracts and Commissioner Collier seconded. Motion carried.

**11D. Contract 09-2017-002:** Ms. Hedgepeth stated this is from Bladen SWCD for a 2017 cover crop contract, which missed the deadline of June 30 and was received on July 11. The contract was canceled, and the district is asking to use current year funds to pay the contract, since there was no extension requested. Mr. Morris stated it took a while to implement the contract due to being hit by two hurricanes. This was an oversight, it was addressed in the program review, and completed successfully.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve Contract # 09-2017-002. Commissioner Payne motioned to approve Contract # 09-2017-002 and Commissioner Kilpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Chairman Langdon called Mr. Bill Yarborough, special assistant to Commissioner Troxler and past Commission member to the podium. Mr. Yarborough stated at the September Commission Meeting, an EWP Pilot Program was discussed, which has gone forward. Mr. Yarborough suggested that Director Cox and Mr. Beard get together to discuss. For a successful EWP Program, adequate staff is required. There is a resolution from the Haywood SWCD Board for staff to help in times of emergency and natural disaster. Mr. Yarborough stated we need a program to allow us to be trained and prepared to implement EWP during the next disaster event. In Soil & Water, we can make programs that work, we need to be prepared, use our resources, and use the districts.

Chairman Langdon invited Mr. Yarborough to the January Commission Meeting to share these thoughts.

Director Cox stated the Division of Energy, Mining, and Land Resources (DEMLR) Meeting is canceled and will revisit addressing the permitting issue for streambank stabilization and stream restoration projects.

Mr. Reynolds stated he was invited by the Mr. John Payne, special deputy Attorney General, to this meeting and it will be rescheduled to resolve the issue. Mr. Reynolds stated he will speak more to Mr. Payne and DEMLR about this issue, on the Commission's behalf, which can be resolved with clear and transparent communication. It is important not to move forward with enforcement in Jackson County. Director Cox stated it is not about enforcement; the issue is they are not allowing us to proceed because a permit is required. Commissioner Willis stated projects are on hold in Jackson County, and after 45 days, there is still no meeting. Mr. Reynolds stated "on hold" is enforcement and will be glad to communicate that message. Director Cox stated his intent was to explain and emphasize the importance of the issue we are dealing with and he welcomes Mr. Reynolds' help. The Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Sedimentation Control Commission are trying to achieve the same goal. Our

responsibilities are to address soil erosion. Mr. Reynolds stated that until a meeting is rescheduled, more conversations are needed. Chairman Langdon stated Commissioner Willis is on the Sedimentation Control Commission, the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and a district supervisor. Director Cox stated it is not a Commission issue, but an issue in Area 1, between three agencies, i.e., the NC Department of Agriculture, the NC Department of Environmental Quality, and NC DEMLR. Director Cox asked for the meeting to address concerns expressed by Commissioner Willis to the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Funding for these projects come from the NC Agriculture Cost Share Program or NRCS. Mr. Reynolds agreed that this is more than a Commission issue.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.



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Vernon N. Cox, Director  
Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Raleigh, N.C.



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Helen Wiklund, Recording Secretary

***These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on January 5, 2020.***



**NORTH CAROLINA  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
September 17, 2019**

Cabarrus District Office  
715 Cabarrus Avenue West – Room 103  
Concord, NC 28207

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Guests</b>
John Langdon	David Williams	Kristina Fischer
Wayne Collier	Jeff Young	Ken Parks
Dietrich Kilpatrick	Helen Wiklund	Tom Ellis
Myles Payne	Ralston James	Allie Dinwiddie
Derek Potter	Julie Henshaw	Daniel McClellan
Mike Willis	Kelly Hedgepeth	Rick McSwain
<b>Commission Counsel</b>	Michael Shepherd	Bryan Evans
Phillip Reynolds	Sandra Weitzel	Michelle Lovejoy
<b>Guests</b>	Bill Yarborough	
Vernon Cox	Blount Knowles	

Chairman Langdon thanked Ms. Vicky Porter, chairwoman of Cabarrus SWCD, for hosting the Commission. Ms. Porter welcomed the Commission and staff and stated that she previously served on the Commission as a member and as Commission chair. Chairman John Langdon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Chairman Langdon inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. Chairman Langdon declared a conflict of interest for Agenda Item 10A and will recuse himself. Commissioner Collier declared a conflict of interest for Agenda Item 10A and will recuse himself. Commissioner Willis declared a conflict of interest for Agenda Item 11 and will recuse himself.

Chairman Langdon welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone of the cell phone policy.

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Langdon asked for comments on the agenda. Mr. Reynolds stated Agenda Item 10 will be separated into Items 10A and 10B.
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Langdon asked for comments on the minutes. Commissioner Collier stated the minutes are in order.

**2A. July 16, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes**

**2B. July 17, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes**

3. **Division Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Director Vernon Cox. Director Cox stated the report will be presented at the Business Meeting tomorrow. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.
4. **Association Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Commissioner Payne. Commissioner Payne stated the report will be presented at the Business Meeting tomorrow. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.
5. **NRCS Report:** Chairman Langdon asked if Mr. Tim Beard will be in attendance to present tomorrow. Director Cox stated Mr. Beard will be presenting the report at the Business Meeting tomorrow and NRCS Chief Lohr will be in attendance.
6. **Consent Agenda:** Chairman Langdon recognized Mr. David Williams, Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth, and Mr. Jeff Young to present. Copies of the reports are included as an official part of the minutes.

**6A. Supervisor Appointments:**

- Richard N. Reid, Alamance SWCD, filling the appointed term of Fred Bowman for 2018-2022 with an attached resignation letter
- Jordan K. Jones, Forsyth SWCD, filling the appointed term of Edward C. Wall for 2016-2020 with an attached resignation letter

**6B. Supervisor Contracts:** 13 contracts; totaling \$122,036

**6C. Technical Specialist Designation:**

- Mr. Carl Kirby, USDA, NRCS Soil Conservationist, Waste Utilization Planning/Nutrient Management (WUP/NM) category

7. **Disaster Response Program:** Chairman Langdon recognized Deputy Director David Williams to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

**7A. Hurricane Matthew:**

**7A.1. Consideration of Pond Repair Cost Share Greater than \$100,000:** The Commission had previously delegated the Division the authority to approve pond repair contracts not to exceed \$100,000. Duplin County submitted a pond repair project exceeding \$100,000 that included two ponds. A design was developed and the cost estimates to repair the ponds totaled \$500,000. To reduce costs, the project was redesigned to include only one pond embankment, and the low bid received was for \$397,032. USDA originally pledged to contribute \$179,939 towards the project, however, USDA increased the funding to the maximum amount of \$200,000. The Division recommends the Commission authorize this contract up to \$150,000, and also recommends the Commission increase the cap up to \$150,000 for Division-approved disaster pond repair. Due to construction and engineering oversight costs for pond repair contracts, the Division is likely to have several more pond repair contracts that are in excess of \$100,000.

**7A.2.a. Allocation Policy for Stream Debris Removal Funds:** The current policy of the Commission is to approve additional allocations only for those local sponsors who have already spent at least 60% of their previously allocated funds. The Division recommends revising the policy to also allow local sponsors to request additional funds to address the stream segments in their existing contracted scope of work for which they have received bids exceeding their existing allocation.

**7A.2.b. Hurricane Florence Stream Debris Removal Funding:** There are five priorities being managed for Hurricane Florence Stream Repair Funding. The Division proposes to allocate \$3.87M to address the vegetative debris removal needs not being covered by EWP, using a similar allocation methodology as used for Hurricane Matthew. The funds requested by local sponsors to address vegetative debris removal needs to restore drainage and prevent flooding is \$14.7M. The procedures and funding amounts do not need Commission approval. This is for informational use only.

Chairman Langdon called a break at 7:04 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

**7B. Hurricane Florence Update:** Ms. Henshaw highlighted the Just-in-Time allocations approved by the Director since the July Commission meeting totaling \$337,498.

**7B.1. Consideration of Additional Allocations for Pasture Renovation:** Several districts have inquired to receive additional funds for the Disaster Pasture Renovation BMP. The Division requests using a Just-in-Time allocation process through October 31, 2019, with the Division Director's approval. The allocations will be reported at the next Commission meeting.

**8. Agriculture Cost Share Program Policy Revisions:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

**8A. Solids Separation from Tank/Raceway-Based Aquaculture Production:** The BMP updates were highlighted, and the changes are on pages 2 and 3. The Technical Review Committee (TRC) has advised that the trout fisheries in the western part of the state need help with their waste management BMPs. The TRC is proposing changes to the BMP for Tank/Raceway-based Aquaculture Production to address the needs of these trout operations. The proposed changes include an increase of the lifetime cap from \$15,000 to \$35,000, which aligns the cap with the other waste management practices.

**8B. Livestock Feeding Area:** *This item has been removed from the agenda.*

Chairman Langdon recognized Director Vernon Cox to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

- 9. Structural Use Policy:** Item 9 shows a list of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that include structures. The existing policy regarding the use of structures includes some restrictions on the use of the facilities, as it relates to allowing various types of equipment to be stored in the facilities. The Commission has the authority to revisit the policy to align the policy with current practices.

Chairman Langdon stated the times, industry, and cultures change and an analysis needs to be done to decide what will benefit the staff, districts, and customers. All aspects should be reviewed and ironclad, even if this policy does not change.

Director Cox stated Agenda Item #8 was removed because the Livestock Feeding Area is a BMP listed in the Structural Use Policy and the BMP will be revisited later.

- 10. Soil and Water Conservation Commission Contracts:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Commissioner Collier recused himself from Item 10A.

**10A. Commission Contract:** Contract #26-2019-309 is for a non-field farm road repair for \$6,321 and ranked 9 out of 12.

Chairman Langdon recused himself from Item 10B and passed the gavel to Commissioner Collier.

**10B. Commission Contract:** Contract #51-2020-401-09 is for a non-field farm road repair – supplement for \$1,014 and ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 2 contracts.

Commissioner Collier passed the gavel back to Chairman Langdon.

- 11. District Issues:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Commissioner Willis recused himself from Item 11A.

**11A. Request for Exception to ACSP Component on Average Cost List:** Caldwell SWCD is requesting the Commission grant permission to pay 75% of actual cost for 60 feet of HDPE pipe. With multiple cost estimates collected, the differences between the bids warrant a comparison between the average cost and actual cost. The average cost has not been adjusted since 2001.

**Public Comments:** Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth stated the Technical Review Committee (TRC) is reviewing the incentives with regards to Agenda Item #8. The Technical Review Committee (TRC) plans to look at the practices and the caps, and whether these BMPs should remain incentive practices. The TRC would like a member of the Commission to participate in the work group. The meetings will be in Raleigh starting in the fourth quarter of 2019 and should be finished during the first quarter of 2020.

Mr. Bill Yarborough stated the Commission should consider taking this opportunity to inform NRCS Chief Lohr what the state is able to do in support of the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program, when properly administered. Chief Lohr and his staff need to establish a pilot program that will work

like EWP was intended and what the authority says it can do. Mr. Yarborough stated the problem with EWP is with the policies, not the statutory authority of the program.

Commissioner Collier thanked the NC Farm Bureau for the opportunity to attend the ground-breaking ceremony for the Plant Science Lab Building on Centennial Campus at NC State University.

Commissioner Collier watched a documentary, *Human Nature*, featuring Dr. Rodolphe Barrangou. The documentary is about the greatest scientific discovery in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, which shows how to develop a process to split DNA and put a gene in a specific place. It has revolutionized the genetics process. It is called CRISPR-Cas9. The row crop farmers, animal science researchers, and human medicine will be affected by this process.

Mr. Bryan Evans stated Mr. David Harris visited with Commissioner Green, and his speech is improving. Commissioner Green is at home and receives physical therapy and uses a modified walker.

Chairman Langdon reminded everyone the meeting is at 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Ms. Michelle Lovejoy stated the address for the luncheon tomorrow is at The Farmstead located at 8063 Mauney Road in Mount Pleasant.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



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Vernon N. Cox, Director  
Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Raleigh, N.C.



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Helen Wiklund, Recording Secretary

***These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on November 20, 2019.***



**NORTH CAROLINA  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
September 18, 2019**

Cabarrus District Office  
715 Cabarrus Avenue West – Room 103  
Concord, NC 28207

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Guests</b>
John Langdon	Kelly Hedgepeth	Rob Baldwin
Wayne Collier	Helen Wiklund	Daniel McClellan
Dietrich Kilpatrick	Kristina Fischer	Odessa Armstrong
Myles Payne	Ralston James	Bryan Evans
Derek Potter	Michael Shepherd	DeWitt Hardee
Mike Willis	Lisa Fine	Tom Ellis
<b>Commission Counsel</b>	Ken Parks	Rick McSwain
Phillip Reynolds	Sandra Weitzel	Bill Yarborough
<b>Guests</b>	Brad Moore	Randy Trevor
Vernon Cox	Dick Fowler	Allie Dinwiddie
David Williams	Blount Knowles	Tammi Remsburg
Julie Henshaw	Jack Adams	Tim Beard
Jeff Young	Bill Davis	Matthew Lohr

Chairman John Langdon called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Chairman Langdon inquired whether any Commission members need to declare any conflict of interest, or appearance of conflict of interest, that may exist for agenda items under consideration, as mandated by the State Ethics Act. Chairman Langdon declared a conflict of interest for Agenda Item 10B and will recuse himself. Commissioner Collier declared a conflict of interest for Agenda Item 10A and will recuse himself. Commissioner Willis declared a conflict of interest for Agenda Item 11A and will recuse himself. Chairman Langdon reminded everyone to silence their cell phones.

Chairman Langdon asked Mr. Tim Beard to introduce Chief Lohr. Mr. Beard introduced Mr. Matthew Lohr, the new Chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Mr. Bill Bailey, the Southeast Regional Coordinator for the USDA Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) Business Center. Chief Lohr stated he is a fifth-generation farmer from Harrisonburg, Virginia. Secretary Perdue and Under Secretary Northey both recognize that the commitment to America's farmers and ranchers begins with putting people in leadership positions who understand farming and ranching. Chief Lohr's farm won the Virginia Clean Water Farm Award and he and his family raise chickens, cattle, and sweet corn. Chief Lohr is a former Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture and he also spent four years working for Farm Credit of the Virginias. North Carolina is the

30<sup>th</sup> state Chief Lohr has visited to demonstrate his commitment to see conservation practices on the ground and supporting the needs of the producers. NRCS plays an important role to help the farmers in crisis. Chief Lohr stated President Trump signed the Farm Bill in December and NRCS is writing the rules and regulations that will guide implementation of the Farm Bill conservation programs.

Chairman Langdon asked Commissioner Potter and Special Assistant to Commissioner Troxler, Mr. Bill Yarborough, to share some concerns to take back to Washington.

Commissioner Potter stated his concern is with the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP). North Carolina has had back-to-back disasters over several years. In the eastern part of the state, the EWP Program has been advertised but with little to no results. During an emergency, something needs to be done immediately. EWP has not gotten on the ground quick enough to repair the resources, which are deteriorating. The Farm Service Agency responded very quickly by providing emergency money through the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) after last year's storm.

Chief Lohr stated the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) is aimed at helping communities and the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is meant to help farmers. EWP also requires a local sponsor, which is usually a county or municipality. There must be a way to improve EWP because communities are depending on the resources. Tim Beard's staff is working to improve the process, so it is quicker and more efficient the next time.

Commissioner Potter stated it is about preparing for the next storm and the coast needs help through EWP with stream debris removal and erosion repair. Chief Lohr stated Secretary Purdue wants to serve the farmers and ranchers and the Southeastern states are on his radar, and he is looking at the program.

Chairman Langdon called Mr. Bill Yarborough, special assistant to the Commissioner and past Commission member to share his views on EWP. Mr. Yarborough stated that with all the devastation experienced in North Carolina in the past years, NRCS should use North Carolina as a pilot program to demonstrate that with the right policies and the right partnerships, including the local sponsors, the State of North Carolina, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), we are able to respond in a timely manner and successfully implement EWP the next time a disaster happens. Chief Lohr asked for a proposal for improving EWP. Chief Lohr is willing to look at and implement a proposal that identifies a process to bring the right resources together. Chairman Langdon thanked Chief Lohr for his time.

Mr. Bill Bailey stated he is the Southeast Regional Coordinator for FPAC and was also a 20-year soil and water district supervisor. Mr. Bailey represents Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Puerto Rico that all sit in the bullseye of hurricanes. We have been in a reactionary role rather than a response role, when it comes to disasters. Through Chief Lohr, Secretary Perdue, and Under Secretary Northey, we are looking internally to make things better by eliminating redundancy and having one common goal to serve our producers.

Mr. Reynolds stated Agenda Item 10 is now separated into two items 10A and 10B and Agenda Item 8 was removed from the agenda at the work session.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Potter motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Willis seconded. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Collier motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Commissioner Kilpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**2A. July 16, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes**

**2B. July 17, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes**

3. **Division Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Director Vernon Cox. Director Cox addressed the following items in his report. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.
  - Personnel Updates
  - 2019 Budget Act Updates
    - Governor Cooper vetoed the budget and we will continue to operate under the terms of the 2018 budget until resolved
  - 2019 Farm Act (SB 315) Updates
    - Regulations of Industrial Hemp are being reviewed
  - Job Approval Authority Update
  - Cost Share Program Average Cost Review Update
    - Will hire a temporary position to review the average costs components
  - AgWRAP Survey submitted for Well Use to the districts and will present the results at the November Commission meeting
  - Interim Performance Milestones in the Cost Share Program Contract Policy for Wells
  - November Commission meeting is at the Fairgrounds and March 2020 Commission meeting is in downtown Raleigh; visit the Legislature, Governor's mansion, etc.
4. **Association Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Commissioner Payne. Commissioner Payne addressed the following items in his report. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.
  - All Legislative actions continue to progress
  - State Conservation Farm Family celebration will be at Whitaker Farms on September 24
  - August SE NACD Meeting was in Gatlinburg and Commissioner Kilpatrick was inducted into the SE NACD Hall of Fame
  - Room block at the Hilton in Charlotte for the Annual Meeting will open October 1
  - 2019 NCF Envirothon was a success and the North Carolina Envirothon team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - A new building is being built on the State Fairgrounds that will provide space for the Soil and Water Conservation and Forestry Service displays during the North Carolina State Fair

5. **NRCS Report:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Odessa Armstrong. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

- Personnel Updates
- Two agreements are in process
  - Division agreement for \$750,000 for technical assistance
  - RC&D agreement for \$1M administration
- 2018 Farm Bill gives the USDA opportunities for non-competitive renewals of Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) projects totaling \$50M due by September 30
- Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) application deadline is September 30
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) has been allocated \$12M
- Conservation Assessment Ranking Tool (CART) will replace Toolkit
- NRCS is revising MOUs and they will be in place by the end of the year
- EWP easement applications are under consideration
- One Hurricane Florence EWP project has been completed
- Need to identify EWP weak links at the state and national levels

Chairman Langdon stated an EWP pilot program needs to be created with a dedicated manager that can identify the weaknesses and make it successful as a prototype for the Southeast.

Mr. Bill Yarborough stated NRCS needs to identify the weak links in EWP and develop new policies to implement the program effectively.

Ms. Armstrong stated a timeline needs to be created to identify where the application is in the process so people are held accountable and can identify how long NRCS is taking to process the contracts.

Deputy Director Williams stated Chief Lohr and Under Secretary Hubbard need to know the number of NRCS employees in North Carolina is too few.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Chairman Langdon asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Payne motioned to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

**6A. Supervisor Appointments:**

- Richard N. Reid, Alamance SWCD, filling the appointed term of Fred Bowman for 2018-2022 with an attached resignation letter
- Jordan K. Jones, Forsyth SWCD, filling the appointed term of Edward C. Wall for 2016-2020 with an attached resignation letter

**6B. Supervisor Contracts:** 13 contracts; totaling \$122,036

**6C. Technical Specialist Designation:**

- Mr. Carl Kirby, USDA, NRCS Soil Conservationist, Waste Utilization Planning/Nutrient Management (WUP/NM) category

Chairman Langdon asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. Chairman Langdon called a break at 9:22 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:28 a.m.

7. **Disaster Response Program:** Chairman Langdon recognized Deputy Director David Williams to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

**7A. Hurricane Matthew:**

**7A.1. Consideration of Pond Repair Cost Share Greater than \$100,000:** The Division is dealing with pond repairs. The Division received one pond repair contract that will be over \$100,000 and several more contracts at or above \$100,000. The Division needs approval for this one contract and is also asking for approval to increase the Division's delegation authority up to \$150,000.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Collier motioned the Commission authorizes the Division to contract up to \$150,000 on pond repair contracts and Commissioner Payne seconded. Motion carried.

**7A.2.a. Allocation Policy for Stream Debris Removal Funds:** In July, the Commission approved reapportioning the disaster funds for Hurricane Matthew for stream debris removal. One district is receiving some bids that are \$100,000 higher than the funds allocated. The Division wants to expand the opportunity to include not only those that spend 60% of their funds, but also to include the local sponsors that do not have enough money to cover the bids on their existing scope of work. The Division recommends adding the provision by revising the policy to also allow local sponsors to request additional funds to address the stream segments in their existing contracted scope of work for which they have received bids exceeding their existing allocation.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Payne motioned to approve the Division's recommendation to revise this policy to also allow local sponsors to request additional funds to address the stream segments in their existing contracted scope of work for which they have received bids exceeding their existing allocation and Commissioner Willis seconded. Motion carried.

**7A.2.b. Hurricane Florence Stream Debris Removal Funding:** The Division will have \$11M, if the Governor signs the mini budget bill, for Hurricane Florence stream repair. The Division has calculated that \$5.63M is needed to provide the non-federal match for EWP. The Division intends to allocate the remaining funds to meet the requests that did not qualify for EWP. The requested funds under Priority 2 address vegetative debris removal, and the Division has more requests than funds to cover this item. The Division will allocate \$3.87M for Hurricane Florence stream debris removal and hold \$500,000 to cover additional sites that may be approved for EWP funding.

Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Julie Henshaw to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

**7B. Hurricane Florence Update:** Ms. Henshaw highlighted the \$337,498 in Just-in-Time allocations that have been approved by the Director since the July Commission meeting.

**7B.1. Consideration of Additional Allocations for Pasture Renovation:** Several districts have asked to receive additional funds for the Disaster Pasture Renovation BMP. The Division requests approval to use a Just-in-Time allocation process through October 31, 2019 for this BMP, with the Division Director's approval. The allocations will be reported at the next Commission meeting.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Collier motioned to give the Division authority for the Just-in-Time allocation process through October 31, 2019, for Disaster Pasture Renovations. Commissioner Kilpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**8. Agriculture Cost Share Program Policy Revisions:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

**8A. Solids Separation from Tank/Raceway-Based Aquaculture Production:** The trout farms in western NC want to use this practice, but there are issues within the practice that make it prohibitive to use the system. The main change is the cost share cap was raised from \$15K to \$35K.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Payne motioned to approve the changes as presented. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion Carried.

**8B. Livestock Feeding Area:** *This item was removed from the agenda.*

Chairman Langdon recognized Director Vernon Cox to present. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes.

**9. Structural Use Policy:** Director Cox stated the Division may need to revisit the policies surrounding the acceptable use of storage structures and similar practices, as it relates to the storage of machinery and tools. The Cost Share staff noted an issue while conducting spot checks of some of the practices and there are other practices that may also be impacted. A list of the six Best Management Practices (BMPs) that could be impacted by a policy change was provided. It is recommended that the Cost Share Committee review the policy and make sure the policies are relevant for the operations.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Collier motioned to direct the Cost Share Committee to review the policies for the acceptable use of the listed structural BMPs. Commissioner Payne seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Langdon will represent the Commission along with Commission Counsel Phillip Reynolds and Vicky Porter or Tom Porter.

**10. Soil and Water Conservation Commission Contracts:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth to present.

**10A. Commission Contract:** Commissioner Collier recused himself from this item. Contract #26-2019-309 is for a non-field farm road repair for \$6,321 for Commissioner Collier and ranked 9 out of 12.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion. Commissioner Payne motioned to approve Contract #26-2019-309 and Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

**10B. Commission Contract:** Chairman Langdon recused himself from this item and passed the gavel to Commissioner Collier. Contract #51-2020-401-09 is for a non-field farm road repair – supplement for \$1,014 for Chairman Langdon and ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 2.

Commissioner Collier asked for a motion. Commissioner Willis motioned to approve Contact #51-2020-401-09 and Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collier returned the gavel to Chairman Langdon.

**11. District Issues:** Chairman Langdon recognized Ms. Kelly Hedgepeth. Ms. Hedgepeth stated that the Caldwell SWCD is requesting a variance from the Average Cost List for a 48” pipe because all estimates received by the District for this item have exceeded the average cost. Mr. Jack Adams and Ms. Savannah Starnes from the Caldwell District were introduced to present the request. A copy of the report is included as an official part of the minutes. Commissioner Willis recused himself from this item.

**11A. Request for Exception to ACSP Component on Average Cost List:** Mr. Adams stated Contract #14-2019-002 was originally for a 74-foot pipe with an average cost of \$2,553, but the pipe was reduced to a 60-foot pipe with an average cost of \$2,070. The district is asking for 75% of the actual cost of \$3,200, based on estimates from three local companies.

Chairman Langdon asked for a motion and stated the Division will be revising the average cost list. Chairman Langdon thanked Mr. Adams and Ms. Starnes for appearing before the Commission and identifying the need for an analysis of the average cost list. Commissioner Payne motioned to approve the request to pay 75% of the actual cost for this item. Commissioner Kilpatrick seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Ms. Hedgepeth stated that all the incentive practices within the Agriculture Cost Share Program are being reviewed. The Technical Review Committee (TRC) created a subcommittee called the Incentive BMP Workgroup and is requesting a Commission member to participate in the workgroup. The workgroup will convene on October 8-9 and should be completed by Christmas. Chairman Langdon stated the nominee’s name will be submitted later.

Chairman Langdon thanked Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation for hosting the Commission. Director Cox stated the NC Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation is hosting a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration luncheon at Tom and Vicky Porter’s at 11 a.m. Chief Lohr and Commissioner Troxler will be speaking at the luncheon.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.



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Vernon N. Cox, Director  
Division of Soil & Water Conservation, Raleigh, N.C.



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Helen Wiklund, Recording Secretary

***These minutes were approved by the North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission on November 20, 2019.***

# Personnel

- **New Hire:**

- **Envir. Specialist (CREP – Bryan Colvard) – Stuart Coale**
- **Regional Coordinator (Western NC) – Cayle Aldridge**

- **Vacancies:**

- **Envir. Specialist (CREP – Suzanne Hartley) – Advertising**



# 2019 Budget Act

- ***Vetoed by Governor***
  - ***House Override***
  - ***No Action by Senate***
- **Mini-Budget (S429): \$1M for Hurricane Florence Stream Debris**
- **2019 Storm Recovery Act (H200) : Ratified 11/14/19**
  - **\$5M for Stream Debris Removal**
  - **Flexibility using funds for Matthew, Florence, Michael, Dorian or future storms.**
  - **Governor Signature????**



# 2019 Farm Act (SB 315)

- Legislative Conference Committee
  - Smokeable Hemp (Resolved)
  - Agritourism: shooting sports compliant with local zoning???
- JAA Workgroup
  - Continues work on policies and practices.



# NC Sedimentation Control Commission

- NCASWCD Area 1: Permit required for stream restoration projects on **Agricultural Land???**
- Contrary to agricultural exemptions in Sedimentation Pollution Control Act.
- Letter sent to DEMLR Director and SCC Chair.
- Meeting scheduled for 11/20/19 @ 2:00 p.m.



# AgWRAP Contracts Installed & Funds Expended by BMP (2012 – 2020)

PRACTICE	CONTRACTS	COST SHARE
Water Supply Well & Pump	352	\$ 2,047,722
Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Pond	78	\$ 1,472,784
Agricultural Pond Sediment Removal	65	\$ 244,893
Agriculture Pond Repair/Retrofit	38	\$ 538,198
Micro-Irrigation System	37	\$ 87,228
Ag Water Collection System	11	\$ 50,615
Streamside Pickup	6	\$ 21,861
Conservation Irrigation Conversion	2	\$ 12,066
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>\$ 4,475,367</b>



# AgWRAP Well Use Survey Results

- Ten questions regarding how AgWRAP wells are currently being used and how they may be used in the future.
- Survey open: September 9 – October 25
- Responses from **71 Districts (74 counties)**
- A similar number of Districts have installed AgWRAP wells to address **inadequate water supply for irrigation and livestock operations.**
- Most wells installed for irrigation have been for **microirrigation systems.**
- **Specialty crops and green industry** are the most common types of irrigation operations that have installed AgWRAP wells
- **Beef operations** are the most common livestock operation type that have installed AgWRAP wells



# AgWRAP Well Use Survey Results

- Majority of respondents (70 percent) foresee the **demand for AgWRAP wells increasing** in the future.
- Most districts feel that the biggest increase in demand for AgWRAP wells will come from **specialty crop operations**.
- Most districts predict the use of **microirrigation systems** will increase more than other types of irrigation.
- 70 percent of respondents have had cooperators inquire about installing **more efficient irrigation systems**.



# AgWRAP Well Use Survey Results

## Additional Comments:

- Several districts commented they do not have a large enough AgWRAP allocation to meet current and future demand for wells and **would like to see larger allocations or wells added to the regional applications.**



# January SWCC Meeting

- Location: Charlotte (University Hilton)
- Work Session: January 5<sup>th</sup> (a.m.)
- Meeting: January 5<sup>th</sup> (p.m.)





## Association Report to the Commission

November 20, 2019

### **2020 Annual Meeting**

We are actively planning for the 2020 Annual meeting which will be held at the University Hilton in Charlotte, NC. The room block is open, and registration has started. Deadline for early registration is December 1. Rooms are still available, but are filling quickly.

### **State Conservation Farm Family Celebration**

The State celebration was held on September 24 at Whitaker Farms. The Randolph District did an outstanding job in coordinating and hosting the event. The Whitaker's highlighted great conservation and production practices. We are proud to have them as our Conservation Farm Family for 2019.

### **2020 NACD Meeting**

The National NACD meeting will be held in Las Vegas, NV February 8-13, 2020. Our Association and Foundation will be presenting in a breakout session on our Strategic Visioning project.

### **2019 North American Envirothon**

We are conducting our final accounting of funds for the event. All the bills have been paid and every word we have received holds it as a tremendous success. We are thankful for all the support shown from the conservation partnership.

### **State Fair**

This year we were in our new location. We had a 40' X 40' space that was considerably larger than what we have occupied in the past. As the building is completed, we will start the planning process of determining the layout and needed displays to enhance our appearance. Traffic flow was good in the new location. We thank the fair staff and Commissioner for this new facility.

### **Executive Director**

We have renewed our contract with our Executive Director, Bryan Evans. Bryan will start his 4<sup>th</sup> year as our Executive Director on November 16. We anticipate his registering as a lobbyist in North Carolina with the start of the 2020 calendar year.

# Natural Resources Conservation Service

## North Carolina - The Update



### Program Updates

#### Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

EQIP is NRCS' flagship financial assistance program for working lands, helping producers make improvements to benefit agriculture and conservation.

Implementation of EQIP in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 continues under current regulations consistent with the new Farm Bill provisions. Interim rule and associated policies are under development in preparations for FY 2020 program delivery.

#### Changes to EQIP include:

- Nationally, EQIP funding increases from \$1.75 billion to \$2.025 billion over four years
- Adds potential resource concerns related to beneficial cost-effective operation changes.
- Raises cap for producers under the Organic Initiative to \$140,000 over six years.
- New enrollment option through incentive contracts to address priority resource concerns.
- Requires advance payment option be offered to historically underserved producers.
- Authorizes direct program assistance to irrigation districts, including acequias and other entities, for purposes of improving water use efficiencies.
- Expedites review and revision of Conservation Practice Standards.
- Expands Conservation Activity Plans to include planning for soil health, resource conserving crop rotations, and precision conservation management. Soil testing and remediation are also covered as eligible practices.
- Recognizes the need to assist producers in adapting to and mitigating against weather volatility, including drought.

#### EQIP Program Estimates FOR NORTH CAROLINA FY 2019

##### Total general EQIP

Applications 563      Total FA Amount \$17,025,507

##### Total EQIP RCPP

Applications 35      Total FA Amount \$3,022,696

#### Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

CSP is the largest conservation program in the US with 80 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled nationally. Implementation in FY 2019 continues under current CSP regulations consistent with new Farm Bill provisions. Interim rule and associated policies under development in preparations for FY 2020 program delivery.

#### Changes to CSP include:

- CSP renewals were not permitted under previous authority; contracts expiring in 2019 may receive one-year extension.
- NRCS now enrolls eligible, high-ranking applications based on dollars rather than acres. For FY 2019, NRCS can spend up to \$700 million nationally in the program, which covers part of the cost for producers implementing new conservation activities and maintaining their existing activities.

Conservation activities expanded to include:

- Soil health planning
- Building soil organic matter through resource conserving crop rotations
- Activities that help producers adapt to, or mitigate, increasing weather volatility.

- Higher payment rates are now available for certain conservation activities,

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including cover crops and resource-conserving crop and grazing rotations.

- CSP now provides specific support for organic and for transitioning to organic production activities.

### CSP Program Estimates for NORTH CAROLINA FY 2019

#### **Total general CSP**

Applications 77 Total FA Amount \$4,600,610

#### **Total CSP GCI**

Applications 56 Total FA Amount \$386,505

#### **Total CSP RCPP**

Applications 2 Total FA Amount \$16,523

### **Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)**

Implementation in FY 2019 continues under the current ACEP regulation consistent with new Farm Bill provisions. Interim rule and associated policies are under development in preparations for FY 2020 program delivery. The Farm Bill authorized \$450 million nationally for ACEP implementation in each of FY 2019 through 2023.

#### **Changes to ACEP include:**

- Authorizes assistance to partners who pursue 'Buy-Protect-Sell' transactions.
- Increases flexibility for partners to meet cost-share matching requirements.
- Identifies water quality as a program purpose for enrollment of Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE). NRCS can now authorize restoration of easement lands to native vegetation.
- Expands wetland types eligible for restoration and management under WRE.
- \$3 million is set aside for enhanced public access to WRE lands.
- Requires a conservation plan on highly erodible land that would be protected by an Agricultural Land Easement (ALE).

### **Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)**

NRCS in North Carolina accepted requests for assistance to help communities protect eligible infrastructure such as roads, bridges, houses, and businesses from erosion and watershed hazards caused by Hurricane Florence and associated flooding – through the EWP.

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NC is making excellent progress towards completing agreements. One sponsor was able to get their formal agreement signed before the end of Fiscal Year 2019. Five sponsors will have all agreement documents ready to submit to FPAC in Fall of FY 2020. The remaining 40 sponsors hope to have their agreement forms completed by the end of November 2020. NC NRCS has held 30 joint teleconference meetings with sponsors to review agreement forms and answer questions. Overall, NC NRCS is making excellent progress with sponsor beginning EWP projects within 12 months of sponsors' requesting assistance.

### **EWP Floodplain Easements**

In response to recent flooding impacting many parts of North Carolina, NRCS announced the availability of funding conservation easements on agricultural lands damaged by flooding and other natural disasters. Funds are made available through the floodplain easement component of EWP— Floodplain Easements (EWP-FPE). In May of 2019, NRCS promoted the program and received letters of interest from potential applicants. NRCS is currently working with those individuals to apply for current available funding under the program. All landowners interested in EWP-FPE had until October 25, 2019, to apply.

#### **Total FPE Estimates**

- Total estimated cost of fully implemented FPE with residences or other structures is estimated to be \$26,450,000. However, there are four site that estimated cost have yet to be determined. Total estimated number of applicants for FPE with residence is 13.
- Total estimated number of applicants for FPE on agricultural lands, 13.
- Total estimated cost of fully implemented FPE on agricultural lands, \$16,700,000.
- Total estimated FPE financial assistance funding needed is \$48,315,700.
- Sign-up for FPE with residential and other structures is February, 28, 2020, and April 30, 2020 for FPE with commercial properties.

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# Natural Resources Conservation Service

## North Carolina - Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program



### Introduction

The Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program was established by Congress to respond to emergencies created by natural disasters. EWP is designed to help people and to conserve natural resources by relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by hurricanes, floods, fires, drought, windstorms and other natural disasters. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) administers the EWP Recovery Program.

Financial and technical assistance may be made available through the EWP program by the NRCS State Conservationist (STC) when a watershed impairment is determined to exist. Assistance is available to eligible sponsors (state and sub-units of governments and tribes) who have a legal interest in, or responsibility for, the structures/infrastructure threatened by damages associated with the natural disaster. Sponsors must have exhausted or have insufficient funds or other resources available to provide adequate relief from the applicable hazards and install measures to protect life, infrastructure, buildings and other structures from further damage due to subsequent storms. Farm fields, forests and lands are not considered property eligible for EWP assistance.

EWP work is not limited to any one set of measures. It is designed for installation of recovery measures to safeguard lives and property as a result of a natural disaster. NRCS completes a Damage Survey Report (DSR) which provides an on-site case-by-case evaluation of the measures necessary to repair or protect a site.

Watershed impairments that EWP addresses are debris-clogged stream channels or drainage canals that threatens structures, undermined and unstable streambanks or drainage canal banks, jeopardized water control structures and public infrastructures, wind-borne debris removal, and damaged upland sites stripped of protective vegetation by fire or drought.

EWP funds cannot be used to solve problems that existed before the disaster. Nor can they be used to improve the level of protection above that which existed prior to the disaster. EWP cannot fund operation and maintenance work or repair private or public transportation facilities or utilities.



EWP work cannot adversely affect downstream water rights, and EWP funds cannot be used to install measures not essential to the reduction of hazards. In addition, EWP funds cannot be used to perform work on measures installed by another federal agency.

### Declaration of an Emergency

NRCS may be involved in two different types of emergencies:

- Presidentially Declared Disaster
- Local Disaster

Through Public Law 93-288, the President of the United States can declare an area a "major disaster area". When a Presidentially declared disaster occurs, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for coordinating all disaster activities. EWP program assistance may be provided if the NRCS STC determines the EWP program is applicable.

In the absence of a Presidentially declared disaster and when local conditions warrant, the NRCS STC may declare a "local" disaster and provide assistance to eligible sponsors who request EWP program assistance. FEMA is usually not involved in recovery activities for local disasters, creating a greater coordination role for NRCS. In addition, funding may not be immediately available for local disasters; Congress may need to obligate EWP funding specifically for non-declared disasters. In a declared emergency, NRCS will take the lead to inform potential sponsors and public about the EWP program and how to apply for assistance.

EWP can be used whenever a natural disaster creates a sudden watershed impairment that is a threat to life and/or property. Normal rainfall events and required maintenance activities do not meet these criteria. The term "property" applies to significant structures such as dwellings, office buildings, utilities, bridges, and roads. Land is not defined as property for the EWP program.

Funding for EWP is not a budgeted line item for NRCS. Funding for this program is in the form of supplemental appropriations from Congress on an as needed and available basis.

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Therefore, funding to carry out this program is never guaranteed to be available at all times.

### Types of Emergencies

There are two categories of emergency work within the EWP program:

- Urgent and Compelling (Exigency)
- Emergency (Non-exigency)

**Urgent and Compelling** -- An imminent threat to life and property exist and requires immediate federal action. Work must generally be completed within 10 days of accessing the site in order to protect life and property.

- Between hurricanes Florence and Michael, NRCS did not receive request fore Urgent and Compelling EWP nor were a vast majority of sponsors ready to implement.

**Emergency** -- A situation where the threat to life and property is high enough to constitute an emergency, but the situation is not considered urgent and compelling. Work in this category does not require immediate action, but should be completed within 220 days from the start of work.

- [Between hurricanes Florence and Michael, NRCS received a total of 54 requests from sponsors for emergency assistance under EWP.](#)
- [Typically, as stated above, work should be completed within 220 days upon approval for funding individual site projects under EWP. However, NRCS requested a waiver to operate outside of typical EWP timeframes. This was due to the size and impact of both hurricanes Florence and Michael. Under Hurricane Florence 68 counties in North Carolina were eligible to receive emergency assistance through USDA, and 21 counties were identified as eligible after the impacts of Hurricane Michael. Additionally, operating outside of typical EWP timeframes provided local sponsors the time they need to meet all program and application requirements for EWP.](#)

### Eligible Sponsors

EWP assistance must be administered through an eligible project sponsor. A project sponsor is any legal subdivision of a State government including State agencies, cities, counties, towns, municipal authorities (i.e., drainage districts), Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Watershed Conservation Districts, Native American Tribe or Tribal organization as defined in section four of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. section 450b), etc.

### A project sponsor must:

- Have a legal interest in, or responsibility for, the areas threatened by a watershed emergency,
- Be capable of obtaining necessary land rights and required permits,
- Be capable of performing all required operation and maintenance (O&M) responsibilities,
- Be capable of administering the EWP grant and procuring contracts and services when part of a locally led agreement, and
- Provide local cost share of construction cost.

### Applying for EWP

Following a natural disaster, if a sponsor believes they are eligible for EWP assistance, the following steps will be used for requesting assistance.

- Sponsor submits a formal letter of request to the NRCS STC within ten (10) calendar days of the disaster for exigency sites ([North Carolina did not have request for Urgent and Compelling EWP](#)), and within sixty (60) calendar days of the disaster for non-exigency sites ([North Carolina NRCS had a total of 54 request for EWP assistance from both storms](#)).
- NRCS field staff will contact the sponsor to schedule site visits to review each site.
- NRCS and the sponsor will complete a damage survey report (DSR) for each site damaged from natural disasters. Sponsors will determine priorities for emergency assistance and coordinate work with other Federal and local agencies. ([North Carolina NRCS had a total of 397 eligible EWP sites. As of October 30, 2019, 380 DSRs have been completed with 17 remaining DSRs expected to be completed by 12/31/19](#)).
- Completed DSRs will be transmitted by NRCS field staff to the sponsor and the EWP State Program Manager (PM) for review and final determination of eligibility within sixty (60) calendar days of the sponsor's request for assistance.
- Funding will be requested from NRCS National Headquarters for approved eligible sites.
- Upon receipt of funding, NRCS will enter into an agreement with the sponsor to repair eligible sites approved for funding ([North Carolina NRCS has a total of 43 expected agreements, with one agreement completed and signed by sponsor representative and Tim Beard in FY19. With FY19 funding swept and in process of being](#)

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[returned for FY20, six sponsors have completed forms packets submitted to FPAC Grants and Agreements and 36 sponsors that are continuing to work on completing their agreement documentation, which represents a total of 43 agreement packages\).](#)

- No reimbursable work shall be started until a signed agreement by all parties is in place.

### EWP Sponsor Responsibilities

For North Carolina, all EWP work is being done through locally-led agreements with eligible/capable sponsors. The work can be done either through sponsor procurement of services, as well as potentially by the sponsor's crews. Sponsor responsibilities are defined for each project. The list of sponsor responsibilities shown below are typical.

- Providing written request to the NRCS State Conservationist and application documentation.
- Managing requests for assistance from landowners.
- Conducting outreach to under-served populations.
- Participating with NRCS's Damage Survey Report team.
- Helping establish the priorities of the work.
- Obtaining real property rights, including rights for relocation of fences, bridges, and items needed to complete the design, as well as obtaining federal, state, tribal and local permits.
- Developing engineering designs and construction documents.
- Relocation of utilities and engineering designs required for project completion.
- Providing the required local match of the costs and local contracting for construction.
- Accepting the completed work and construction inspection while under construction.
- Submits a "request for reimbursement" form to government, along with supporting documents, and a monthly EWP progress report.
- Executing the operation and maintenance of the completed project according to the plan.

### EWP Sponsor Responsibilities

NRCS leads a team of stakeholders to complete a Damage Survey Report (DSR). This report provides a case-by-case investigation of the work necessary to restore a site.

- NRCS EWP program manager sends Electronic Disaster Report (EDR) within 5 days of natural disaster event. Also notifies state and federal agencies.
- Helping the sponsor through the application process.
- NRCS mobilizes a response team to assist the sponsor in evaluating damages.
- Completes the Damage Survey Report (DSR).
- NRCS State Conservationist requests funds. Project is put on a national EWP waiting list until Congress approves funding. Funding can take a few days to several months.
- NRCS executes a project agreement with sponsor, outlining the details of the cost share and responsibilities of the stakeholders.
- NRCS concurs with plan and specifications as prepared by the sponsor.
- NRCS evaluates and approves requests for reimbursement to ensure all costs are verified and eligible.
- NRCS deposits payments in sponsor's account.

### EWP Time Line

- Natural Disaster Occurs ([Hurricane Florence made landfall in North Carolina on September 14, 2018 as a Category 1 storm and Tropical Storm Michael moved over the Carolinas October 10—12, 2018\).](#)
- 1-5 days later: State's EWP manager submits electronic disaster report to NHQ. State office may drive around area, take photos, approximate at needed assistance to nearest \$million dollar.
- 1-60 days later: EWP Sponsors submit request for assistance to state conservationist ([North Carolina NRCS initially announced in October 2018, that December 28, 2018, was the deadline for request from sponsors for EWP. However, North Carolina NRCS extended the deadline to submit requests until the end of fiscal year 2019, which ended September 29, 2019. This extension was due to the size and scope of both storms and the time local sponsors needed to determine their assistance needs\).](#)
- 60 – 120 days later: Damage survey reports are completed for all sites, uploaded to EWP Tool, and reviewed and submitted by North Carolina program manager and North Carolina state conservationist ([120 days from the initial submittal for request deadline is June 28, 2019. However, as stated above, North Carolina NRCS continued to assist local sponsors with requests past the 60-day deadline.](#)

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North Carolina NRCS has a total of 397 EWP sites; 380 DSRs have been completed and the final 17 DSRs are to be completed by 12/31/19).

- DSRs are reviewed by NHQ and then funds were appropriated by Congress, are allocated by NHQ, and sites are then awarded funding.

1 – 220 days after sites are granted funding (220 Days from June 28, 2019, would be February 3, 2020—this depends upon when the funds are approved for individual sites) the following actions occur in that time frame:

- NRCS and sponsor develop and submit forms for new agreement.
- The forms are submitted to FPAC, which delivers formal agreement document.
- Sponsor and NRCS review agreement document and sponsor signs formal agreement document.
- NRCS and sponsor meet to lay out project expectations as presented in formal agreement document.
- Sponsor secures all land rights and permits for project.
- Sponsor contracts out design services (if needed), and NRCS reviews and approves designs (if applicable).
- Sponsor bids out construction services and sponsor reviews proposals and selects contractor. The sponsor may host site visits pre-bid.
- Construction begins, Sponsor monitors construction on continuous basis, NRCS periodically inspects construction.
- Sponsor submits quarterly invoices and receipts for reimbursement, NRCS verifies construction receipts, NRCS approves and submits receipts to FPAC, FPAC pays sponsor.
- Sponsor completes project construction activities.

Extensions for EWP work may be granted up to 60-days beyond the 220-day window by having the sponsor and the State Conservationist submit an extension request to FPAC. Request for any additional extensions past 280 days must be documented with justification by the sponsor and submitted by the State Conservationist to NHQ for review and approval.

The following actions can occur outside the 220-day window as is expected the Sponsor invoices and receipts are all dated prior to the final 220<sup>th</sup> day.

- NRCS inspects and verifies completed project, Sponsor submits final payment and project closeout documents, NRCS produces project closeout documents and submits to FPAC. FPAC processes final closeout documents.

### By the Numbers As of November 1, 2019

- *Under Hurricane Florence 68 counties in North Carolina were eligible to receive emergency assistance through USDA, and 21 counties were identified as eligible after the impacts of Hurricane Michael.*
- *Between hurricanes Florence and Michael, NRCS received a total of 54 requests from sponsors for emergency assistance under EWP.*
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- *North Carolina NRCS expects all agreements to be funded and signed by February, 2020, and all construction and close-out to be completed by the end of calendar year 2020. Additional performance time may be requested prior to agreement expiration, for those projects that may exceed the 220 day performance time limit.*

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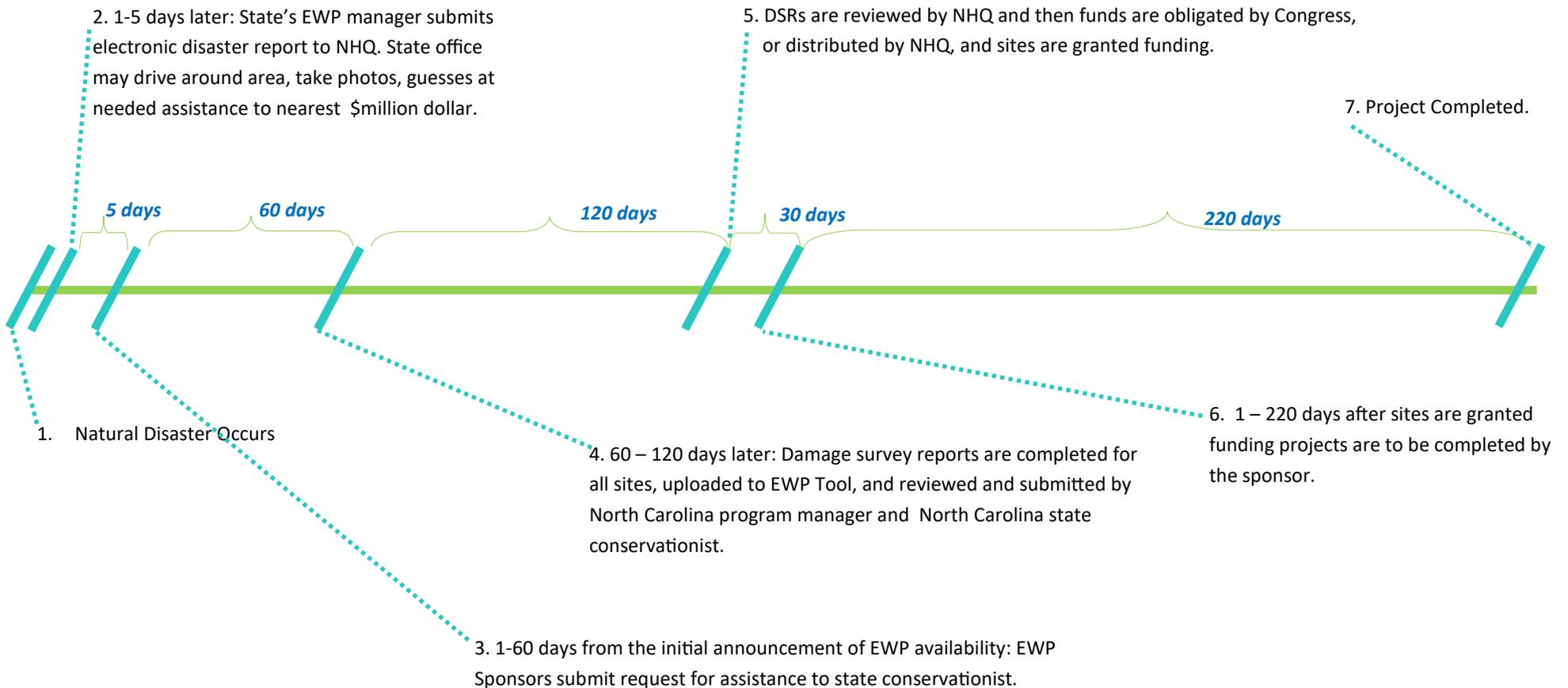
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## North Carolina - Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program



The following is a general timeline for EWP, and represents timeframes within police for administering EWP non-exigency projects. From start to finish, and following guidance within EWP policy, the timeframe could represent 430 days or less. North Carolina requested a waiver to operate outside of the general timeframe, allowing sponsors more time to sign-up for EWP recovery after the events of hurricane's Florence and Michael. North Carolina NRCS initially announced in October 2018, that December 28, 2018, was the deadline for requests from sponsors for EWP. North Carolina NRCS extended the deadline to submit requests until the end of fiscal year 2019, which ended September 29, 2019.





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**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR**

Complete and submit online on your district's SharePoint page; keep original for your file

The supervisors of the Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina have recommended the individual listed below for APPOINTMENT as a district supervisor in accordance with N.C.G.S. 139-7 for a term of office commencing November 16, 2019 and ending November 30, 2022 to fill the expired or un-expired term of Eric Spangler James Wally to                                                               

Name of nominee: Jacelyn Rice-Boayue  
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Business phone: 704-687-8322  
Occupation: Assistant Professor Department of Engineering Technology and Construction Management, UNC Charlotte  
Age: 36  
Education: PhD Environmental Engineering, Arizona State University  
Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: see attached  
Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: see attached

Other pertinent information: Dr. Rice-Boayue bring youth and diversity to our Board in addition to a wealth of knowledge in environmental issues  
Her interest in extending that expertise into community service makes her a strong Supervisor who can extend our community outreach with knowledge and authenticity

Dates of previous attendance at UNC School of Government training, if applicable: n/a  
Is nominee willing to attend a training session at the UNC School of Government within the first year after appointment? Check for "Yes"   
Has the nominee been contacted to determine their willingness to serve? Check for "Yes"   
Has the program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to the nominee? Check for "Yes"   
Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in local district meetings? Check for "Yes"   
Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in Area meetings? Check for "Yes"   
Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in State meetings? Check for "Yes"

**Signatures**  
I hereby certify that the board of supervisors considered the Guiding Principles for Supervisor Nomination for Appointment shown on the reverse of this nomination form when selecting the above supervisor candidate for nomination. I also certify that this recommendation has been considered and approved by a majority of the members of the board of supervisors and entered in the official minutes of the board.

X Barbara Blewett 10-17-2019  
SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date  
Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate.  
X Jacelyn Rice-Boayue 10/17/19  
Individual recommended for appointment Date  
Printed name: Jacelyn J. Rice-Boayue

On Aug 20, 2019, at 2:33 PM, James Wally <jhwally@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon Barbara,

Per our conversation earlier in the lunch hour, I wanted to send you this email to formally express my thanks for the offer of appointment to the Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, but to also decline this appointment.

Upon receipt of the I-9 form and other tax paperwork required for Supervisors, and learning that members of the Board of Supervisors are classified as temporary State of NC employees, I felt it prudent to double check my eligibility to serve. I took this new information and vetted it against my employer's HR policies for Secondary Employment and Conflicts of Interest. It is my judgement that my participation as a Supervisor would be diminished while concurrently remaining compliant with the these policies of which I am committed to following. Therefore, I feel the Board would be better served by someone who can fully participate, and this is why I am declining the appointment.

Since I am declining the appointment, I think it is appropriate that Anganette remove me from the email blasts sent out, and that the following link be corrected. It mistakenly showed me as seated:

[http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/districts/documents/District\\_Directory.pdf](http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/districts/documents/District_Directory.pdf)

I would like to personally thank you for allowing me to consider the opportunity, and also thank the Board for allowing me to explore the potential of joining. I wish you the best of luck in finding an appropriate appointment for the Supervisor seat, and look forward to still staying in contact with interesting initiatives that the Meck Soil and Water Conservation Board is involved in.

Respectfully,  
James Wally



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**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR**

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The supervisors of the Robeson Soil and Water Conservation District of Robeson County, North Carolina have recommended the individual listed below for APPOINTMENT as a district supervisor in accordance with N.C.G.S. 139-7 for a term of office commencing 12-01-2019 and ending 12-01-2022 to fill the expired or un-expired term of David W. Hedgpath 11/20/2019 11/2022

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 Mobile phone: 910-734-1385  
 Business phone: same as above  
 Occupation: Retired Agriculture Teacher  
 Age: 65  
 Education: Orrum High School / North Carolina State University - BS/MA  
 Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: Deacon - First Baptist Church, Fairmont, N.C.  
 Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: Agriculture Teacher / FFA Advisor ; FFA Federation Advisor, Region Teacher of the Year  
 Other pertinent information: Chairman of Deacon's Church Committees, Farmer

Dates of previous attendance at UNC School of Government training, if applicable: NA  
 Is nominee willing to attend a training session at the UNC School of Government within the first year after appointment? Check for "Yes"   
 Has the nominee been contacted to determine their willingness to serve? Check for "Yes"   
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X W. Kay McGirt 11-5-19  
 SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date  
 Printed name: W. Kay McGirt

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate.  
 X Gilbert A. Lewis JR 10/25/19  
 Individual recommended for appointment Date  
 Printed name: Gilbert A. Lewis, JR



**DIVISION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION**  
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 Appointed / Elected Seat  
 Current Term: 16-20

**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR**

Complete and submit online on your district's SharePoint page; keep original for your file

The supervisors of the Union Soil and Water Conservation District of Union County, North Carolina have recommended the individual listed below for APPOINTMENT as a district supervisor in accordance with N.C.G.S. 139-7 for a term of office commencing 2019 and ending 2020 to fill the expired or un-expired term of Jerry Davis. 11/2019 of 11/2020 of.

Name of nominee: Drew Medlin  
 Address of nominee, City, State, Zip: 1017 Cranston Crossing Place Indian Trail NC 28179  
 Email address of nominee: drew.medlin14@gmail.com  
 Home phone: N/A  
 Mobile phone: 204-226-8020  
 Business phone: N/A  
 Occupation: Full Time Farmer  
 Age: 35  
 Education: Associate Degree Ag Institute NCSU  
 Positions of leadership NOW held by nominee: Form Union County Board / Ag Small Farm Post member / UP Medlin Farms  
 Former occupations or positions of leadership contributing to nominee's qualifications: Ag Small Green Board Post Member  
 Other pertinent information: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of previous attendance at UNC School of Government training, if applicable: N/A  
 Is nominee willing to attend a training session at the UNC School of Government within the first year after appointment? Check for "Yes"   
 Has the nominee been contacted to determine their willingness to serve? Check for "Yes"   
 Has the program and purpose of the soil and water conservation district been explained to the nominee? Check for "Yes"   
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in local district meetings? Check for "Yes"   
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in Area meetings? Check for "Yes"   
 Is the nominee willing to attend and participate in State meetings? Check for "Yes"

**Signatures**

I hereby certify that the board of supervisors considered the Guiding Principles for Supervisor Nomination for Appointment shown on the reverse of this nomination form when selecting the above supervisor candidate for nomination. I also certify that this recommendation has been considered and approved by a majority of the members of the board of supervisors and entered in the official minutes of the board.

X [Signature]  
 SWCD Chair (or Vice Chair if Chair is being nominated) Date 7/27/19  
 Printed name: Walter Bacon

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate.

X [Signature]  
 Individual recommended for appointment Date 10-21-19  
 Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_



3230 Presson Road  
Suite B  
Monroe, NC 28112  
704.324.9228

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September 13, 2019

Allan Baucom  
Union County SWCD Chairman  
3230-B Presson Rd  
Monroe, NC 28112

Dear: Supervisors of the UC SWCD:

It is with deep regret that I will have to resign as a Supervisor of the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. As you all know my health has made it impossible to keep my commitments to the District and Board. I know that the Board will find a great individual to fill my position and that they will move the District forward.

Regards,

*Jerry Davis*

NC Cost Share Programs Supervisor Contracts  
Soil and Water Conservation Commission

County	Contract Number	Supervisor Name	BMP	Contract Amount	Comments
Bladen	09-2020-001	Albert Beatty	Livestock Mortality Management System-Incinerator	\$6,293	
Catawba	19-2020-004	Stephen Killian	Stocktrails and Walkways/Rocklined Outlet	\$2,452	
Chatham	19-2020-006	John Glosson	Livestock Mortality Management System-Incinerator	\$9,840	Disaster- Florence
Chatham	19-2020-202	Lynn Mann	Non-field Farm Road Repair	\$12,346	
Cumberland	26-2020-201	Reuben Cashwell	Non-field Farm Road Repair	\$4,875	Disaster- Florence
Harnett	43-2019-114	Gerald Temple	Non-field Farm Road Repair	\$2,755	Disaster- Florence
Lee	53-2020-006	Tony L. Ragan	Sod-based Rotation	\$2,276	
Robeson	78-2020-002	Walter K. McGirt	Cover Crop	\$8,000	
Warren	93-2020-002	Herman Collier	Sod-based Rotation	\$1,037	
Warren	93-2020-008	Herman Collier	Sod-based Rotation	\$634	
Washington	94-2020-005	Justin Allen	Cover Crop	\$5,000	

Total Number of Supervisor Contracts: 11  
Total \$55,508

## ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: NCACSP

Best management practice: Mortality Incinerator

Contract number: 09-2020-001

Contract amount: \$ 6,293

Score on priority ranking sheet: 35

Cost Share Rate :    %    If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? no

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

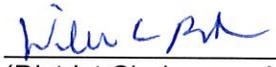
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Supervisor name: Albert Beatty

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(District Supervisor's signature)

10-16-19  
Date

Approved by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(District Chairperson's signature)

10-16-2019  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE  
NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS**

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Catawba Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: ACSP

Best management practice: Stock Trail/Rock lined outlet

Contract number: 18-20-01-03 Contract amount: \$ 2,452.00

Score on priority ranking sheet: 64

Cost Share Rate: 75 % If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 4th out of 9.

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? NO

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Stephen Killian

Stephen Killian  
(District Supervisor's signature)

9-6-19  
Date

Approved by:

Sessie Devine  
(District Chairperson's signature)

9-12-19  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE  
NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Chatham Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: NC Ag. Cost Share Program

Best management practice: Poultry Incinerator

Contract number: 19-2020-006 Contract amount: \$ 9,840.00

Score on priority ranking sheet: 660

Cost Share Rate : 75% If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): Ranked 2nd out of 6 projects considered, but was the only applicant to qualify for impaired/impacted funds, due to watershed.  
Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied?

NO

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: John Glosson

John Glosson  
(District Supervisor's signature)

10-17-19  
Date

Approved by:

[Signature]  
(District Chairperson's signature)

10-14-2019  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION  
**ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE  
NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS**

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Chatham Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: A CSP Hurricane Florence Disaster Program

Best management practice: Non-field Farm Road Repair

Contract number: 19-2020-202 Contract amount: \$12,340

Score on priority ranking sheet: N/A

Cost Share Rate : 75% If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): N/A

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No - disaster funds allocated on as needed basis

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Lynn Mann

Lynn Mann  
(District Supervisor's signature)

10-17-2019  
Date

Approved by: John Glosson

John D. Glosson  
(District Chairperson's signature)

10-17-19  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Comberland Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: NCA CSP - FFR

Best management practice: Now Field Farm Road Repair

Contract number: 36-2020-~~300~~301 Contract amount: \$ 4875

Score on priority ranking sheet: 100

Cost Share Rate : 75% If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Reuben Cashwell

[Signature]  
(District Supervisor's signature)

10/10/2019  
Date

Approved by:

[Signature]  
(District Chairperson's signature)

10/11/2019  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the HARNETT Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: Disaster

Best management practice: Non field farm Road Repair

Contract number: 43-2019-114 Contract amount: \$ 2,755

Score on priority ranking sheet: 150

Cost Share Rate: 40 % If different than 75%, please list % percent: 40%

Reason: Disaster repair Low specs

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Gerald Temple

Gerald Temple  
(District Supervisor's signature)

6-20-19  
Date

Approved by:

J. Kent Revel  
(District Chairperson's signature)

6-20-19  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Lee Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: NC ACSP

Best management practice: Sod-Based Rotation

Contract number: 53-2020-006 Contract amount: \$ 2276

Score on priority ranking sheet: 330

Cost Share Rate : 75% If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason:

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1 of 3

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

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Supervisor name: Tony L. Ragan

Tony L. Ragan  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(District Supervisor's signature)

10-8-19  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved by: Michael L. Gaster

Michael L. Gaster  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(District Chairperson's signature)

10-8-19  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Robeson Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control or the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application.

The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Best Management Practices: Cover Crop

Contract Number: 78-2020-002 Contract Amount \$ 8,000

Score on priority ranking sheet: 300

Cost Share Rate: 75% 90% other 100% (circle one)

Relative Rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 1<sup>st</sup> out of 14 projects

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts were denied? No

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts.: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Name: Walter K. McGirt

Walter K. McGirt  
(District Supervisor's Signature)

9-10-19  
Date

Approved by:

Joseph Paul Hall  
(District Chairperson's Signature)

11/5/19  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a grant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's Signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the <sup>WARREN</sup> 1 Water \_\_\_\_\_ Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: ACSP

Best management practice: <sup>3yr</sup> ~~3 yr~~: Sod-based Rotation <sup>17 months</sup>

Contract number: 93-2020-002 Contract amount: \$ 1037

Score on priority ranking sheet: 190

Cost Share Rate : 100% If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason: incentive

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 5 of 5

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Herman Collier

Herman Collier  
(District Supervisor's signature)

8-14-19  
Date

Approved by:

Charles Lynch  
(District Chairperson's signature)

8-13-19  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

[Signature]  
(SWCC Chairperson's signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

09-18-19  
Date

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## ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the \_\_\_Warren\_\_\_ Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: ACSP

Best management practice: 5 yr sod-based rotation (41 months)

Contract number: 93-2020-008                      Contract amount: \$ 634

Score on priority ranking sheet: 185

Cost Share Rate : 100%    If different than 75%, please list % percent: 75%  
Reason: Repair

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 2 of 2

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

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Supervisor name: Herman Collier

Herman Collier  
(District Supervisor's signature)

10-8-19  
Date

Approved by:

Charles Lynch  
(District Chairperson's signature)

10-8-19  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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(11/2012)

**ADDENDUM TO APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE  
NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION COST SHARE PROGRAMS**

As a Soil and Water District Supervisor, for the Washington County          Soil and Water Conservation District, I have applied for, or stand to benefit\* from, a contract under a commission cost share program. I did not vote on the approval or denial of the application or attempt to influence the outcome of any action on the application. The proposed contract is for the installation of the following best management practices.

Program: Agriculture Cost Share

Best management practice: Cover Crop

Contract number: 94-2020-005

Contract amount: \$5,000.00

Score on priority ranking sheet:

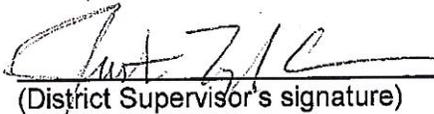
Cost Share Rate : 100% If different than 75%, please list % percent:  
Reason: Incentive practice

Relative rank (e.g., ranked 8th out of 12 projects considered): 5

Were any higher or equally ranked contracts denied? No

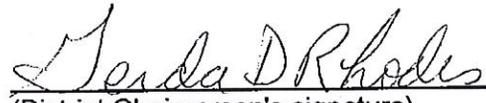
If yes, give an explanation as to why the supervisor's contract was approved over the other contracts:

Supervisor name: Justin Allen

  
(District Supervisor's signature)

10/14/2019  
Date

Approved by:

  
(District Chairperson's signature)

10/14/2019  
Date

The Soil & Water Commission has approved the subject application for a contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SWCC Chairperson's signature)  
(Pursuant G.S. 139-8(b)(2))

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Technical Specialist Designation Recommendations

November 20, 2019

1. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission has authority to designate water quality technical specialists based upon specific criteria and procedures (02 NCAC 59G). This authority extends to individuals who have been assigned approval authority by USDA NRCS, professional engineers subject to the "The NC Engineering and Land Surveying Act", or individuals that have completed the training requirements and demonstrated proficiency in a technical specialist category. Individuals must submit an application with evidence of expertise, skills and training required for each designation category.

Dr. Stephanie Kulesza, NCSU, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences Assistant Professor, has requested to be designated technical specialist for the Waste Utilization Planning/Nutrient Management (WUP/NM) category. She has successfully completed the required training and technical proficiency has been verified by DSWC staff. Therefore, I recommend this designation for approval.



## **Job Approval Authority (JAA) Recommendation**

November 20, 2019

The Soil and Water Conservation Commission has authority to grant job approval authority (JAA) to employees of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and the Division of Soil and Water Conservation (DSWC). JAA is granted to qualified applicants for specific technical skills related to AgWRAP and CCAP eligible best management practices. The Commission will not award JAA for practices requiring a design by licensed professional engineers or where there is an applicable approval authority through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Commission will reevaluate JAA for each participant every four (4) years or as deemed necessary. The Commission will rescind JAA when a participant is no longer employed by a SWCD or the DSWC. JAA may be reinstated if the participant is employed in any SWCD or the DSWC within four (4) years. The Commission may rescind JAA for one or all categories if the individual fails to comply with the associated technical standards, program policies, submits erroneous data, or uses their JAA in a fraudulent or criminal manner.

Ms. Jessica Perrin, Watershed Conservationist with the Durham County Soil and Water Conservation District, requested JAA for:

1. Riparian Buffers

Ms. Perrin has successfully demonstrated her technical competency as verified by the Technical Services Section Chief through examination of relevant documents. She is recommended to receive job approval authority for the category listed above.

**Conditional Supervisor Reappointments Update**

At the November 2018 Commission meeting three supervisors were recommended for reappointment conditional upon their improved meeting attendance over the next year since their attendance was below the 2/3 mark. Two supervisors have met the 2/3 mark. Mr. McLaurin recently attended two meetings, but has had continued health issues.

<b>Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Number of meetings</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Edward McLaurin	Chatham	7	2	28 (Illness)
Tony Ragan	Lee	8	8	100
Trey Liverman	Tyrrell	7	6	86

## Pare, Eric

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**From:** Pare, Eric  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 06, 2019 1:05 PM  
**To:** Brenda Williams  
**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: [Ext] Edward McLaurin

Thank you so much Brenda for letting me know. I will pass this on to the Soil and Water Commission on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr McLaurin will be in my prayers.

Eric Pare, Regional Coordinator  
NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation  
943 Washington Square Mall, Washington, NC 27889  
(252) 948-3899  
Cell (252) 495-4817  
Fax (252) 946-9215  
Eric.Pare@ncagr.gov

**From:** Brenda Williams [mailto:brenda.williams@chathamnc.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 05, 2019 10:23 AM  
**To:** Pare, Eric <Eric.Pare@ncagr.gov>  
**Cc:** Susannah Goldston <susannah.goldston@chathamnc.org>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: [Ext] Edward McLaurin

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Eric,  
Mr. McLaurin has indeed been sick. He has cancer and is still going through a lot of surgeries. He was unable to attend due to his cancer treatments but attended the September and October meetings. However he has had surgery again and we hope is well enough to continue attending meeting. If you need further information, just let me know.

*Brenda Williams  
District Administrator/Education Coordinator  
Phone 919-545-8440*

*Chatham Soil & Water Conservation  
Office number 919-542-8240  
1192 US HWY 64 W Business, Suite 200  
Pittsboro, NC 27312*

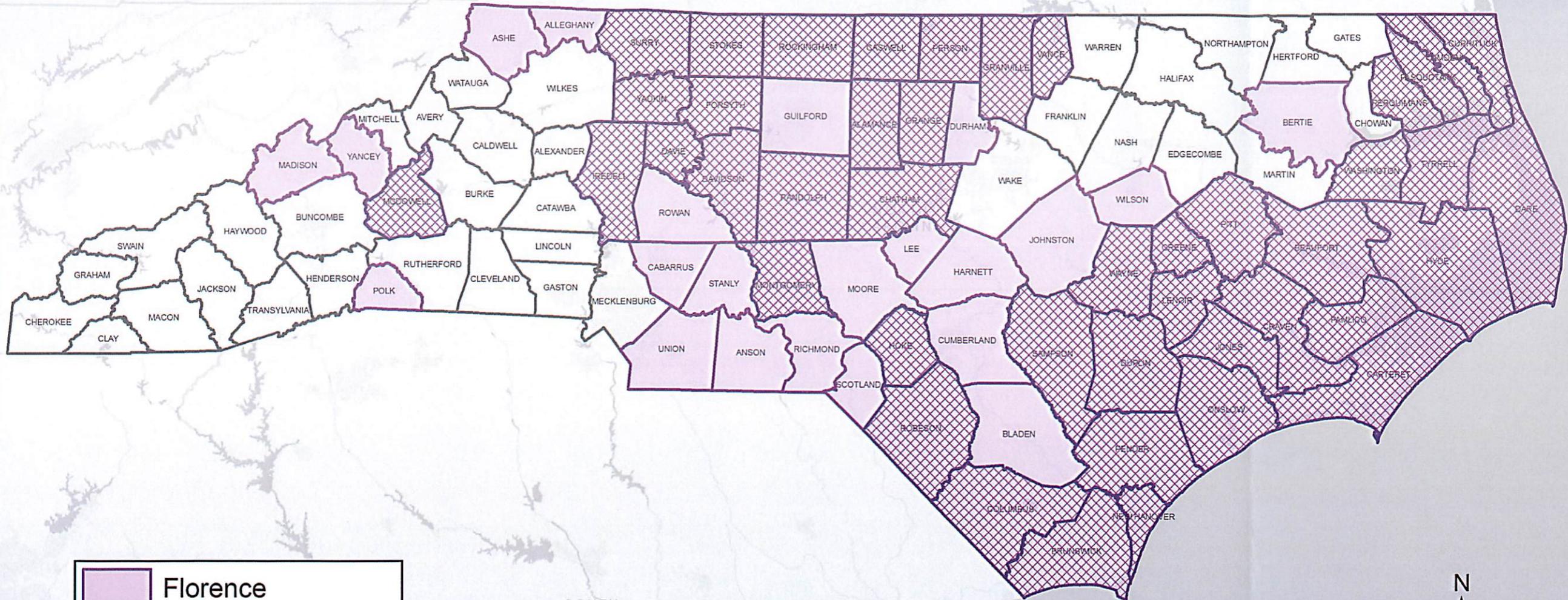
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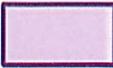
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**From:** Pare, Eric [mailto:Eric.Pare@ncagr.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 04, 2019 1:34 PM

**HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAM UPDATE****Allocations made from last Commission meeting**

<b>County</b>	<b>Best Management Practice</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Duplin	Non-Field Farm Road Repair	\$100,000
Duplin	Disaster Pasture Renovation	\$127,458
Guilford	Non-Field Farm Road Repair	\$ 9,500
Guilford	Non-Field Farm Road Repair	\$10,000
Harnett	Disaster Pasture Renovation	\$14,000
Harnett	Non-Field Farm Road Repair	\$ 15,200
Johnston	Non-Field Farm Road Repair	\$1,288
Jones	Disaster Pasture Renovation	\$18,000
Jones	Disaster Pasture Renovation	\$6,000
Lee	Disaster Pasture Renovation	\$4,951
Moore	Disaster Pasture Renovation	\$6,750
Pender	Disaster Pasture Renovation	\$15,741
Randolph	Non-Field Farm Road Repair	\$812
Robeson	Disaster Pasture Renovation	\$5,500
Sampson	Pond Repair	\$46,000
<b>Total (September 7 – November 12, 2019)</b>		<b>\$381,200</b>



	Florence
	Michael and Dorian



# Disaster Response Update

Soil & Water Conservation Commission

November 20, 2019

# Emergency Watershed Protection Program

- To date NRCS has submitted \$26.2 M in needs for EWP funding.
- 1 contract is in place (Scotland Co.)
- DSWC providing non-federal match for local sponsors (estimated \$5.63 M)
- Separate contract with local sponsor for state funding



NCDA&CS Division of Soil and Water Conservation  
Vernon Cox, Director  
October 22, 2019



# Florence Stream Repair

**\$11 Million Available Total Appropriation**

**\$1.5 M Transfer from Div. of Water Resources**

## ELIGIBILITY & PRIORITIZATION

1. Funds needed to provide non-federal match for EWP (\$5.47 M)
  2. Stream vegetative debris removal (\$15.2M requested)
  3. Instream debris and sediment removal (\$33.1M requested)
  4. Streambank stabilization (vegetative cover) with or without sediment removal (\$9.2M requested)
  5. Other Stream Repair needs (\$2.1M requested)
- \$7.03 M available to allocate for priority 2-3 needs.
  - Allocation to local sponsors who've submitted applications in FormSite (applications still coming in).



# Matthew Debris Removal

- \$12.7M expended of \$24.9M contracted to 56 local sponsors
- 1,573 miles of debris removal completed to date
- Currently processing contract amendments to extend Matthew contracts to 12/31/2020.
- \$1.85M being allocated to requesting local sponsors who've spent 60% of existing contracted funds



# Disaster Relief From Hurricane Dorian And Other Named Storms

- S.L. 2019-250 signed by Governor Cooper on Monday
- Includes \$5M for debris removal
- Streams impacted by Dorian (2019), Michael (2018), Florence (2018), and Matthew (2016) are eligible.
- Includes a provision to shift previously appropriated disaster funds to address needs from all of these storms plus future storms (funding shifts must be tracked and reported)
- Preparing to solicit applications for needs related to Dorian/Michael

# Prioritization for S.L. 2019-250 funds

## ELIGIBILITY & PRIORITIZATION

1. Funds needed to provide non-federal match for EWP
2. Stream vegetative debris removal
3. Instream debris and sediment removal
4. Streambank stabilization (vegetative cover) with or without sediment removal
5. Other Stream Repair needs

# Other Disaster Activities

- Road Repairs
  - Matthew – 122 repairs completed \$444,000
  - Florence – 175 repairs completed \$848,000
- Pond Repairs
  - Matthew – 9 completed \$917,000
  - Florence – 4 completed \$84,000
- Lagoon Management – 126 farmers assisted
- Pasture Renovation – 36 farmers assisted (968 acres)
- Winter Forage – 77 farmers assisted (4,957 acres)
- PLANNING: (Maintenance/Mutual Aid/EWP)



**Community Conservation Assistance Program Regional Allocations  
for the 2020 Fiscal Year**

<b>Current CCAP Balances</b>	
Cash Balance	\$ 396,706
Encumbered Contracts	\$ 347,205
<b>Rollover funds available from cash balance</b>	<b>\$ 49,501</b>

<b>State Appropriations</b>	
FY2020 CCAP State Appropriation	\$ 136,378
TA for Dare and New Hanover	\$ 25,320
<b>Total Available for BMP Installation</b>	<b>\$ 111,058</b>

<b>Regional Application Fund Availability</b>	
Total CCAP BMPs available	\$ 160,559
Repairs (CCR)	\$ 10,000
Statewide funds available	\$ 150,559
<b>Funding Available per Region</b>	<b>\$ 50,186</b>

Region	Allocation	Remaining
<b>East</b>		
Onslow, 3 marsh sills, critical area planting, wetland	\$ 20,000	
Carteret, 4 marsh sills	\$ 20,000	
Dare, 3 backyard rain gardens	\$ 5,000	
New Hanover, 1 backyard rain garden	\$ 3,000	
Hertford, 2 abandoned well closures	\$ 2,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$186</b>

<b>Central</b>		
Wake, 1 stream restoration	\$ 20,000	
Durham, 1 critical area planting	\$ 4,950	
Cabarrus, 1 stream restoration	\$ 19,000	
Orange, 1 critical area planting	\$ 3,200	
Johnston, 1 abandoned well closure	\$ 1,500	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 47,150</b>	<b>\$1,536</b>

<b>West</b>		
Henderson, 1 stream restoration	10,186	
Macon, 1 stream restoration, 1 wetland	20,000	
New River (Ashe), 1 stream restoration	20,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,186</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FY2020 CCAP Regional Applications  
East Region**

District	Region	Cooperator Name	BMP	Receiving Waters	Total Points	Amount Requested	Running Total
Onslow	East	Town of Swansboro	Critical area planting, Marsh sill	Bogue Sound	92	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Onslow	East	Barham, NC Coastal Federation	Marsh sill	White Oak River	90	\$ 5,000	\$ 12,000
Onslow	East	Town of Swansboro	Stormwater wetland	Halls Creek	85	\$ 3,000	\$ 15,000
Carteret	East	Rierner, North Carolina Coastal Federation	Marsh sill	Middens Creek	80	\$5,000	\$ 20,000
Carteret	East	North Carolina Coastal Federation	Marsh sill	Bogue Sound	77	\$5,000	\$ 25,000
Carteret	East	Marx, North Carolina Coastal Federation	Marsh sill	Core Sound	75	\$5,000	\$ 30,000
Dare	East	Knab	Backyard rain garden	Roanoke Sound	65	\$ 1,500	\$ 31,500
Carteret	East	Development, North Carolina Coastal Federation	Marsh sill	Newport River	63	\$5,000	\$ 36,500
Onslow	East	Clark, NC Coastal Federation	Marsh sill	Foster Creek/Bogue Sound	63	\$ 5,000	\$ 41,500
Pitt	East	Russian	Critical area planting, Stream restoration	Hardee Creek	55	\$20,000	Not sufficient funding available for this project to move forward
Dare	East	McCormick	Backyard rain garden	Kitty Hawk Bay	47	\$ 1,500	\$ 43,000
New Hanover	East	Gora	Backyard rain garden	Burnt Mill Creek	45	\$3,000	\$ 46,000
Dare	East	Town of Duck	Backyard rain garden	Currituck Sound	35	\$ 2,000	\$ 48,000
Hertford	East	Carr	Abandoned well closure	Buckhorn Creek	20	\$ 1,000	\$ 49,000
Hertford	East	Fodrie	Abandoned well closure	Beaman Branch	17	\$ 1,000	\$ 50,000

East Region



Onslow – Town of Swansboro, Critical area planting, marsh sill



Onslow – NCCF, Marsh sill



Onslow – Town of Swansboro, Stormwater wetland



Carteret – Riemer, Marsh sill

East Region



Carteret – Zahuranec, Marsh sill



Carteret – Marx, Marsh sill



Dare – Knab, Backyard raingarden



Carteret – Seaport Development, Marsh sill

East Region



Onslow – Clark, Foster Creek, Marsh sill



Pitt – Russian\Voytecki, Stream restoration



Dare – McCormick, Backyard rain garden



New Hanover – Gora, Backyard rain garden

East Region



Dare – Town of Duck, Backyard raingarden



Hertford – Carr, Abandoned well closure



Hertford – Fodrie, Abandoned well closure

**FY2020 CCAP Regional Applications  
Central Region**

District	Region	Cooperator Name	BMP	Receiving Waters	Total Points	Amount Requested	Running Total
Wake	Central	Martin	Stream restoration	Perry Creek-Neuse River	80	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Durham	Central	Durham Public Schools Facilities and Maintenance Services	Critical area planting	Third Fork Creek	80	\$ 4,950	\$ 24,950
Wake	Central	Russell	Stream restoration	Poplar Creek-Neuse River	62	\$ 20,000	Ineligible - District received maximum allocation
Cabarrus	Central	Moore, Hughs, Pericho	Stream restoration, Streambank and shoreline protection	trib of Reedy Creek	55	\$ 19,000	\$ 43,950
Wake	Central	Ross	Backyard rain garden	Upper Crabtree Creek	55	\$ 500	Ineligible - District received maximum allocation
Orange	Central	Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools	Critical area planting	Morgan CreaK	50	\$3,200	\$ 47,150
Wake	Central	Rolesville High School	Backyard rain garden, Cistern	Milburnie Lake-Neuse River	48	\$ 15,000	Ineligible - District received maximum allocation
Guilford	Central	Stoney Creek HOA	Streambank and shoreline protection	Rock Creek / Cape Fear	40	\$ 20,000	(\$16,964)
Johnston	Central	Tart	Abandoned well closure	Upper Hannah Creek	25	\$ 4,500	(\$21,464)
<b>Total needs including exceeded cap</b>							<b>(\$56,964)</b>

Central Region



Wake – Martin, Stream restoration



Durham – Fayetteville St. Elementary, Critical area planting



Wake – Russell, Streambank protection



Cabarrus – Moore, Hughes, Pericho, Streambank protection

Central Region



Wake – Ross, Backyard raingarden



Orange – Frank Porter Graham Elementary, critical area planting



Guilford – Stony Creek, Streambank and shoreline protection



Johnston – Tart, Abandoned well closure

**FY2020 CCAP Regional Applications  
West Region**

District	Region	Cooperator Name	BMP	Receiving Waters	Total Points	Amount Requested	Running Total
Henderson	West	Trubey	Streambank and shoreline protection	Marston Creek	70	\$ 10,186	\$ 10,186
Macon	West	Mountain View Intermediate School	Riparian buffer, Stormwater wetland, Stream restoration, Streambank and shoreline protection	Cullasaja River	70	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,186
New River (Ashe)	West	Todd Community Preservation Organization	Streambank and shoreline protection	South Fork of New River	70	\$ 20,000	\$ 50,186
Burke	West	Lafferty	Grassed swale	Drowning Creek	50	\$ 6,773	(\$6,773)
Macon	West	Mooney	Streambank and shoreline protection	Coweeta Creek	47	\$ 20,000	(\$26,773)
Caldwell	West	Wright	Stream restoration	Spainhour Creek/Lower Creek	45	\$ 20,000	(\$46,773)
Clay	West	Chatuge Golf Course	Streambank and shoreline protection	Lake Chatuge	45	\$ 14,000	(\$60,773)
Clay	West	Hinton Rural Life Center	Backyard rain garden, Bioretention area	Lake Chatuge	42	\$ 20,000	(\$80,773)
Catawba	West	Ingram	Streambank and shoreline protection	Catawba River	40	\$ 6,000	(\$86,773)
Mecklenburg	West	Yorkshire Homeowner's Association	Stream restoration, Streambank and shoreline protection	Polk Ditch	40	\$ 8,406	(\$95,179)

**FY2020 CCAP Regional Applications  
West Region**

District	Region	Cooperator Name	BMP	Receiving Waters	Total Points	Amount Requested	Running Total
Buncombe	West	Francine Delaney New School For Children	Critical area planting, Structural stormwater conveyance	Lower Hominy Creek	35	\$ 12,000	(\$107,179)
Caldwell	West	Lovins	Stream restoration	Brushy Fork/ Gunpowder Creek	22	\$ 5,000	(\$112,179)
Forsyth	West	Crossnore School	Cistern	Peters Creek	20	\$ 3,026	(\$115,205)

West Region



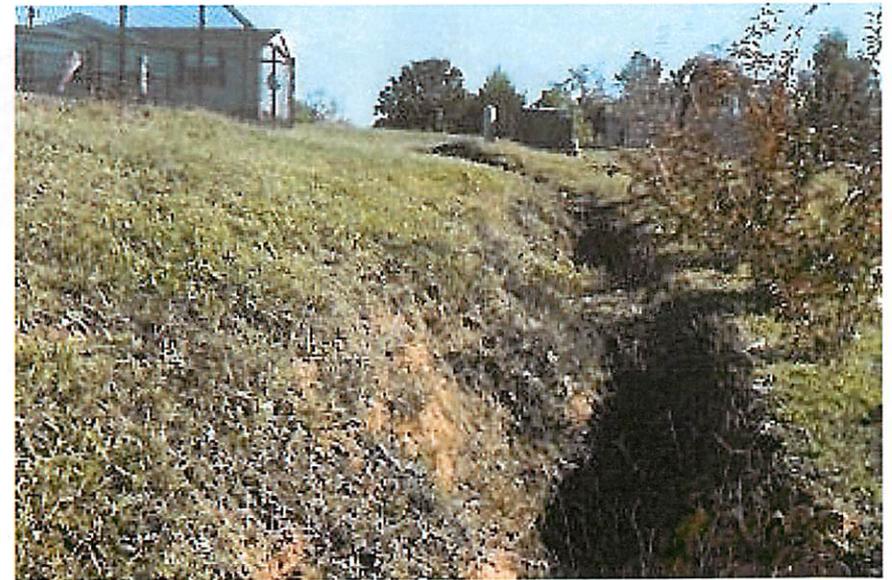
Henderson – Truby, Stream restoration



Macon – Cove Branch, Stream restoration, stormwater wetland



New River (Ashe) – Todd Island, Streambank stabilization



Burke – Lafferty, grassed swale

West Region



Macon – Mooney, Streambank stabilization



Caldwell – Wright, Stream restoration



Clay – Hinton Rural Life Center, bioretention area



Clay – Chatuge Shores, Streambank stabilization

West Region



Catawba – Ingram, Streambank stabilization



Mecklenburg – Yorkshire, Stream restoration



Buncombe – Delaney School, Critical area planting

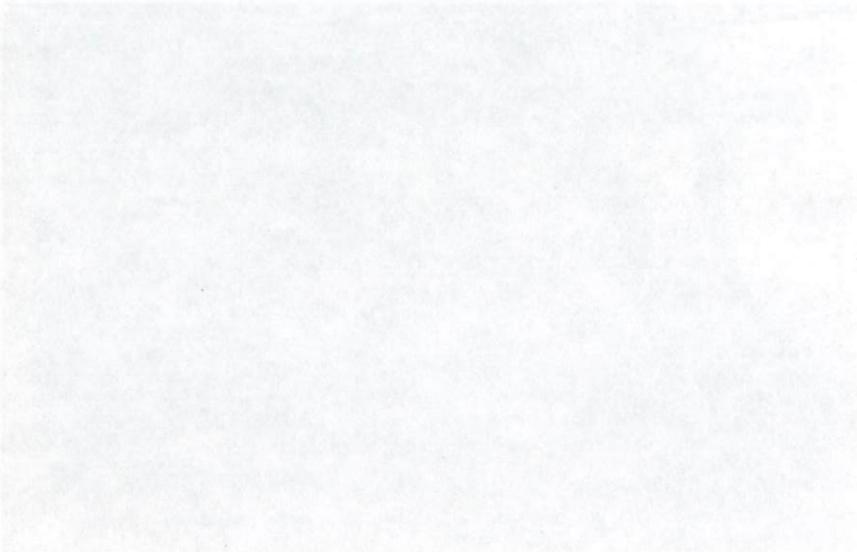


Caldwell – Lovins, Stream restoration

West Region



Forsyth – Crossnore School, Cistern





# REGIONAL APPLICATIONS

Presentation to the NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission for Approval  
November 2019

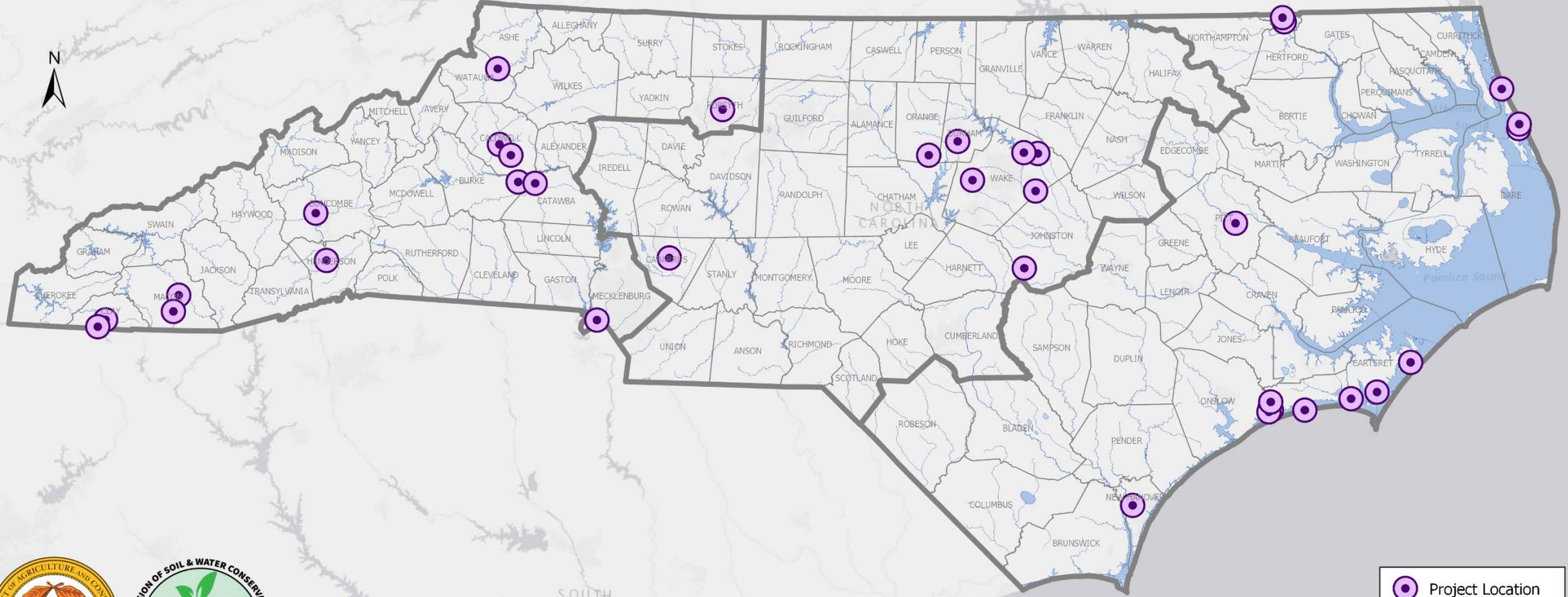


# CCAP REGIONAL APPLICATION LOCATIONS

NOVEMBER 2019



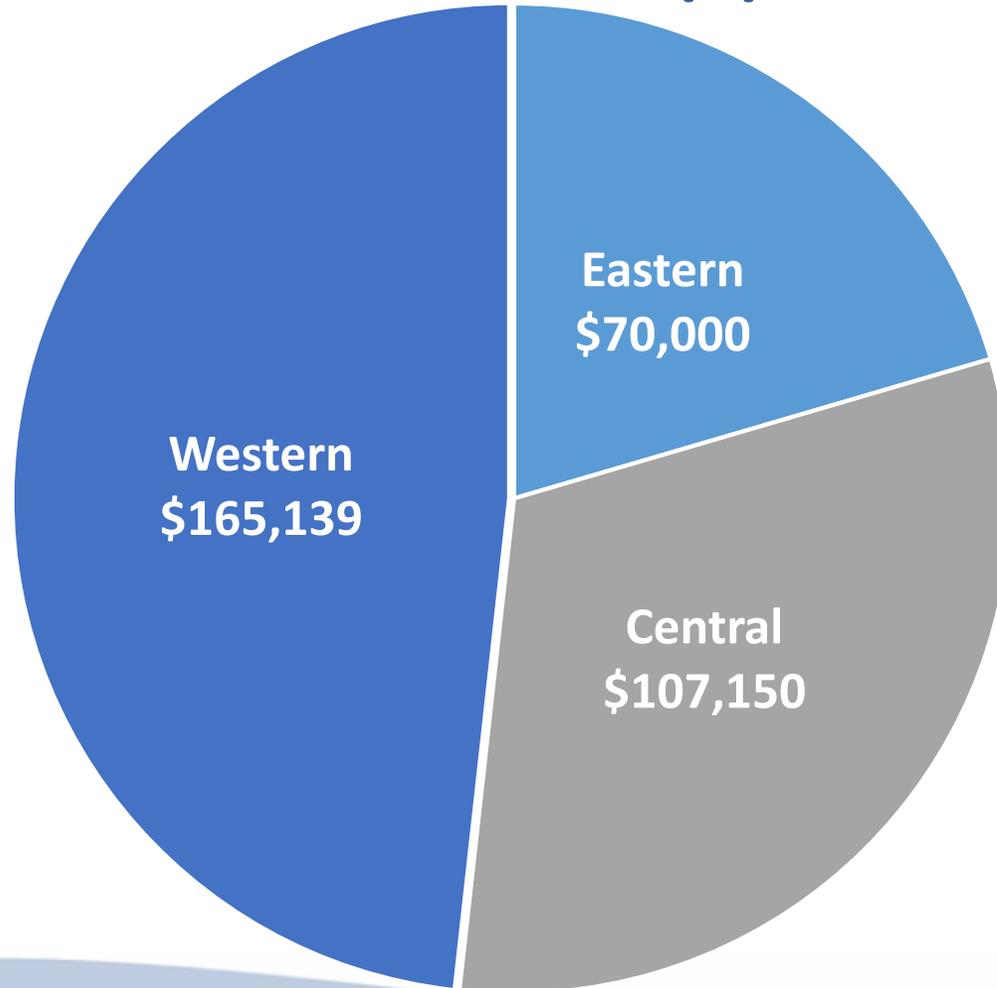
ATTACHMENT 9



- Project Location
- NC DSWC Regions
- County Boundary



# Fiscal Year 2020 Applications



- 22 Districts Applied
- 37 Applications Received
- Total Request = \$342,541

Funds available for Regional Applications = \$150,559



# Eastern Region Recommendations

- 7 Marsh Sills
- 4 Backyard Rain Gardens
- 2 Abandoned Well Closures
- 1 Stormwater Wetland
- 1 Critical Area Planting



*Total Recommended Allocation = \$50,000*



# Central Region Recommendations

- 2 Stream Restorations
- 2 Critical Area Plantings
- 1 Abandoned Well Closure



*Total Recommended Allocation = \$47,150*



# Western Region Recommendations

- 3 Stream Restorations
- 1 Stormwater Wetland



*Total Recommended Allocation = \$50,186*



# Requested Actions

- Approval of Allocations in Attachment 9.
- Just-in-time allocation ability to approve funds for additional projects based on highest score should funds become available from contract completions or cancellations.

*Takeaway – Districts submitted many good applications this year!  
Program funding is a limitation.*





# Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP)

## Regional Application Considerations

COOPERATOR	COUNTY	REGION	PRACTICE	OPERATION	BMP REQUEST
Frye Pond	Chatham	Central	Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Pond	IRRIGATION - Corn	\$ 25,000
Harvest Ridge Farms	Rockingham	Central	Agricultural Pond Repair/Retrofit	IRRIGATION - Tobacco, Corn, Strawberries and Pumpkins	\$ 25,000
Betts Farms	Wake	Central	Micro-Irrigation System Conversion	IRRIGATION - Hemp and Vegetables	\$ 25,000
Nicole Owens	Durham	Central	Ag Water Reuse and Collection System	IRRIGATION - High Tunnel Produce	\$ 18,000
Faith Farms	Cleveland	Western	Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Pond	IRRIGATION - Blackberries	\$ 25,000
Gail Jones	Rutherford	Western	Micro-Irrigation System Conversion	IRRIGATION - Vegetable crops	\$ 30,000
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 148,000</b>



# REGIONAL APPLICATIONS

## BATCH 1

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November 2019





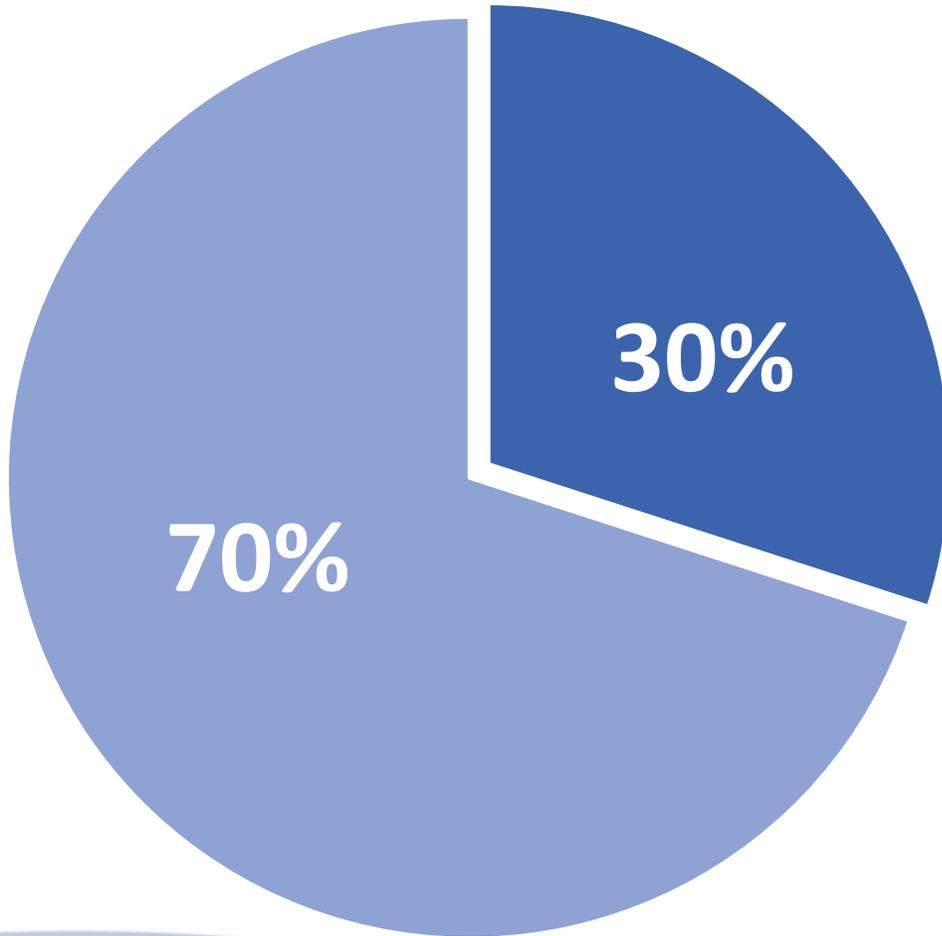
# Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program

- **PURPOSE:**

- Improve water use **EFFICIENCY**,
- Increase water **STORAGE**,
- Increase water **AVAILABILITY**,  
... for **AGRICULTURAL** purposes.
- Water **QUANTITY** program



# Fiscal Year 2020 Allocation Strategy



-  District Allocations
-  Regional Applications

Funds available for Regional Applications = \$442,594



# Regional Application Process

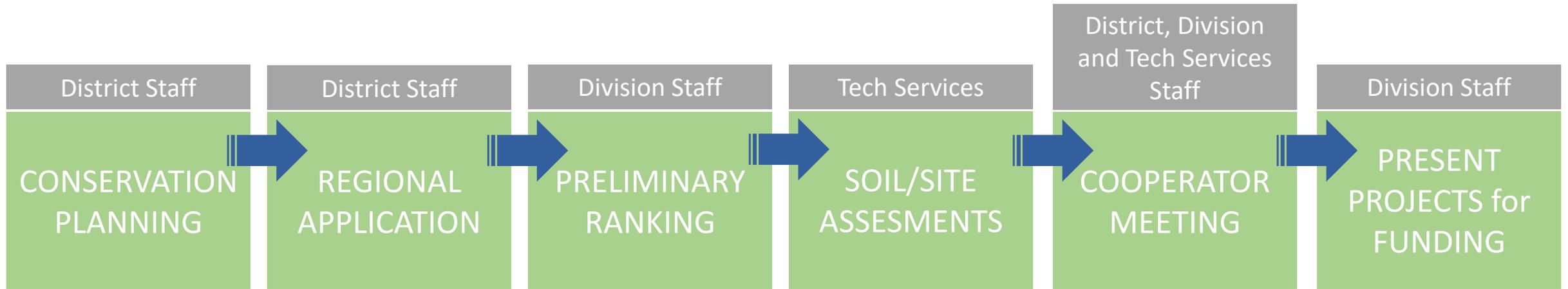
- Two Batching Periods

Activity	BATCH 1	BATCH 2
Ag Pond Applications Due	Sept 13, 2019	Nov 22, 2019
Other Practices Applications Due	Oct 25, 2019	Feb 21, 2020
Present to SWCC	Nov 20, 2019	Mar 18, 2020



# Regional Application Process

## Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse ponds



# Summary of AgWRAP Regional Applications - ATTACHMENT 10

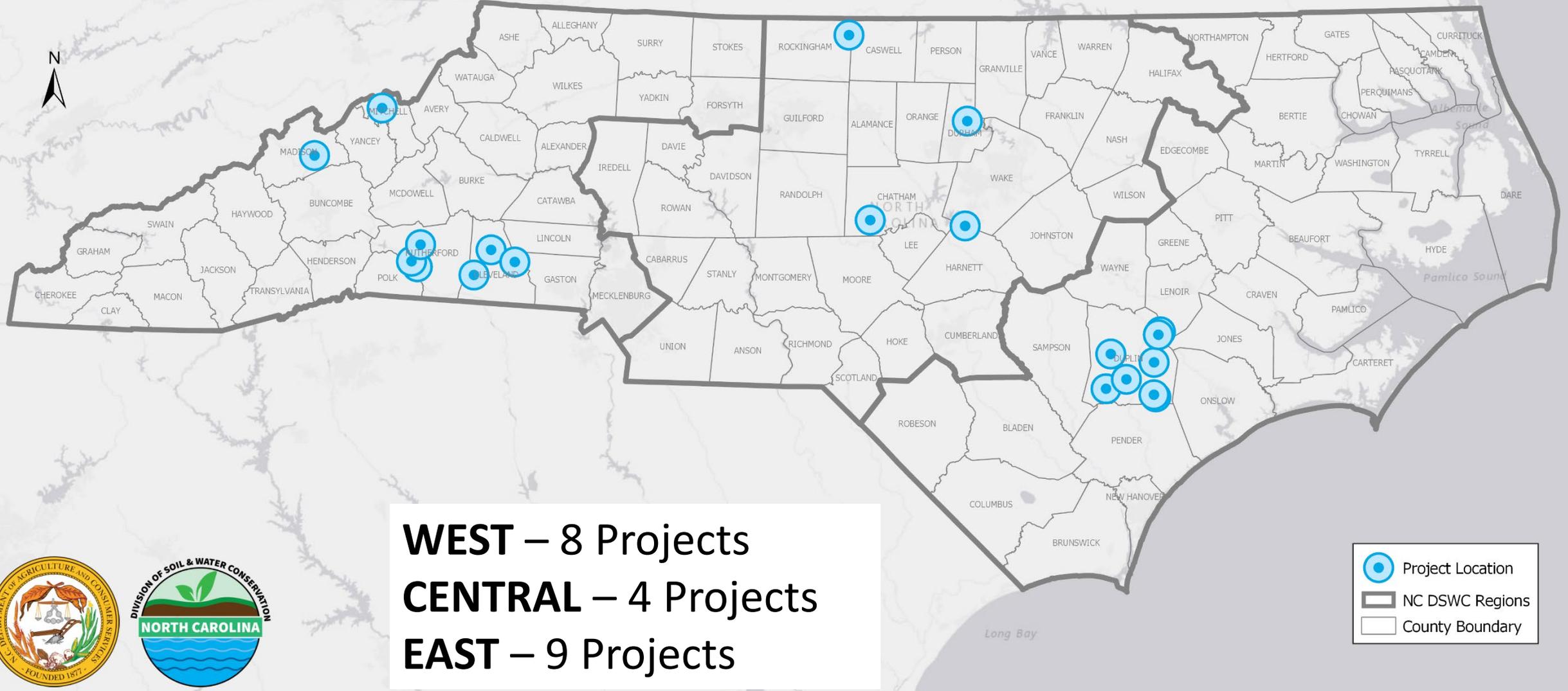
## Batch 1

- Received **21** applications (**11** were complete and ranked)
- Practice
  - **2** - Agricultural pond repair/retrofits
  - **6** - NEW Agricultural Water Supply ponds
  - **2** - Irrigation Conversions
  - **1** – Agricultural Water Collection and Reuse System
- Type of operation
  - **7** - Crops
  - **4** - Livestock



# AgWRAP REGIONAL APPLICATION LOCATIONS

NOVEMBER 2019



# AgWRAP Ponds Regional Application Ranking

- Ranking system reviewed and approved by AgWRAP Review Committee
- Forwarded **3** Pond projects to Technical Services staff for site assessments



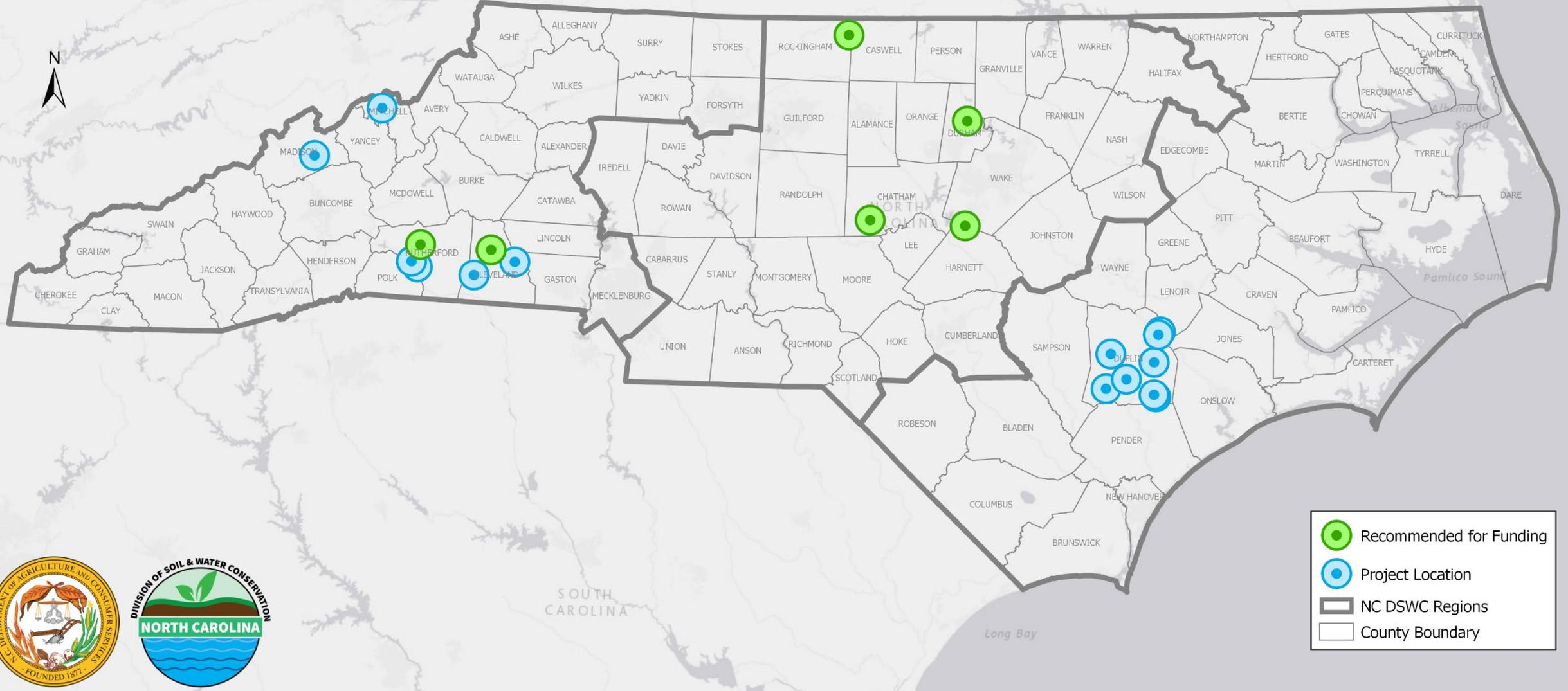
# Summary of RECOMMENDED AgWRAP Regional Applications – Batch 1

- Recommending **6** projects for funding
- Practice
  - **1** - Agricultural pond repair/retrofits
  - **2** - NEW Agricultural Water Supply ponds
  - **2** – Micro-Irrigation Conversions
  - **1** – Agricultural Water Collection and Reuse System
- Type of operation
  - **6** - Crops



# AgWRAP REGIONAL APPLICATION LOCATIONS

NOVEMBER 2019



- Recommended for Funding
- Project Location
- NC DSWC Regions
- County Boundary



# RECOMMENDED AgWRAP Regional Applications

COOPERATOR	COUNTY	REGION	PRACTICE	OPERATION	BMP REQUEST
Frye Pond	Chatham	Central	Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Pond	IRRIGATION - Corn	\$ 25,000
Harvest Ridge Farms	Rockingham	Central	Agricultural Pond Repair/Retrofit	IRRIGATION - Tobacco, Corn, Strawberries and Pumpkins	\$ 25,000
Betts Farms	Wake	Central	Micro-Irrigation System Conversion	IRRIGATION - Hemp and Vegetables	\$ 25,000
Nicole Owens	Durham	Central	Ag Water Reuse and Collection System	IRRIGATION - High Tunnel Produce	\$ 18,000
Faith Farms	Cleveland	Western	Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Pond	IRRIGATION - Blackberries	\$ 25,000
Gail Jones	Rutherford	Western	Micro-Irrigation System Conversion	IRRIGATION - Vegetable crops	\$ 30,000

Total BMP Request = **\$148,000**



# RECOMMENDED AgWRAP Regional Applications

- Take action to approve the funding for all 6 AgWRAP Regional Application projects presented to you.



# AgWRAP Ponds Regional Application Ranking

- Top Reasons for low ranking scores:
  - Proposed pond volume far exceeded water demand
    - Especially Livestock
  - Incomplete and/or incorrect applications





10/23/2019

Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
1614 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1614

Subject: ACSP approval – federal land

Dear Sirs,

As required by rule 02 NCAC 59D .0105 for the Agricultural Cost Share Program (ACSP), Dare Soil and Water Conservation District submits a request for the approval of implementing the conservation practices of land smoothing and cover crops on farmland in Dare County. The farmland associated with this contract is located on federal land of the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge, located on mainland Dare County near East Lake. Producer, Ernie Wynne, with his father, has been farming in Dare County since 1984, planting their first crop of wheat on the new ground. In 1988, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service purchased his land and the surrounding land to create the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. Since his father's passing, Wynne, his wife and son have continued farming the land and have grown field corn, popcorn, sorghum, wheat, oats, soybeans, sunflowers, millet and rice. We have addressed the requested policy information below.

- Despite limited land for farming in Dare County, it does exist. Dare Soil and Water Conservation District is recommending this contract be approved to help improve local water quality as this region is financially dependent on clean water for tourism and commercial fisheries. Approval of this contract will permit the district to carry out an additional division cost share program that is in line with both the division and district mission "To foster voluntary, incentive-driven management of soil, water and related natural resources for the benefit of the environment and all citizens." In addition, by implementing these best management practices (BMP) on federal lands, it parallels the refuge's goals to protect habitat and water quality.
- ACSP cost share funds are necessary for the practice of land smoothing because no other federal or state programs exist to fund this BMP. Supporting practices (filter strips) are currently in place to achieve the proper function of the selected BMP.
- This project will demonstrate conservation practices to neighboring Dare County farmers and property owners. Farmers nearby will see the benefits provided by this practice; reduced nutrient loss and soil erosion. By implementing these conservation practices we will not only see improved water quality, but improved soil health, thus improving production. Publicizing this project through local marketing outlets in the county and district will inform property owners of soil and water cost sharing opportunities and encourage land owners to contact the district for technical assistance.

Dare Soil and Water Conservation District is eager to continue its conservation momentum with the implementation of the ACSP. Dare SWCD is typically known for its beautiful beaches, but we are proud to say that agriculture is part of our community, both historically and currently, as it is across the state of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ricki Shepherd".

Ricki Shepherd, Board Chairperson

**CALDWELL COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

120 HOSPITAL AVENUE NW., LENOIR NC 28645

**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

NCDA&CS Division of Soil & Water Conservation  
1614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1614

Dear Chairman Langdon,

Construction began on a pond sediment removal for contract 14-2018-801 on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and concluded with an As-Built survey by Division staff on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It came to our attention on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 that the construction for contract 14-2018-801 had been completed despite the contract being labeled as "pending" in CS<sup>2</sup>. Savannah Starnes filled the Conservationist vacancy in our district on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 without prior experience with the CS<sup>2</sup> contracting system. It was not brought to Savannah's attention that a pending contract must be "approved" before construction can officially start until she attempted to create the Request for Payment documents for the landowners. Savannah has added all necessary documentation to the contract in CS<sup>2</sup> except a Job Approval Letter from Dalton Buchanan which is being held until the contract is approved and Request for Payment documents can be generated.

The board would like to request that the Commission approve the 14-2018-801 contract post-completion so that Savannah can proceed with the Request for Payment process. Savannah understands that future contracts must be labeled as "approved" by Division personnel on CS<sup>2</sup> prior to the beginning of construction and is unlikely to repeat the mistake.

Sincerely,

Jack Adams- District Secretary/Treasurer

Caldwell County Soil and Water Conservation District



**Bladen Soil & Water Conservation District**

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October 8, 2019

N. C. Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
1614 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh NC 27699-1614

Dear Sirs:

The Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District request approval from the N.C. Soil and Water Commission to approve the request for payment (RFP) for contract 09-2019-601. All work was completed and signed by a designated technical specialist prior to 6/1/19 as stated in the policy. The RFP was signed by the chairman after 6/30/19 and Division received the RFP after this date. Electronic RFP was submitted to the Division on 6/27/19.

HD3 Farms (Greenwood Livestock, LLC) 09-2019-601 \$23,434

Date of application by cooperator for cost share assistance: 11/30/18

Date contract approved by District supervisors: 12/11/18

Date contract approved by Division: 6/5/19

Date cooperator began work: 10/22/19. As soon as fields were dry enough to apply with airway.

Date installation completed: 1/24/19

Per Policy: Waste must be transported or applied at alternative locations must be prior to June 1, 2019. The contract expiration date will be June 30, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Willie L. Beard".

Willie L. Beard, Chairman

Bladen SWCD



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Dear Sirs:

The Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District request approval from the N.C. Soil and Water Commission to approve the request for payment (RFP) for contract 09-2019-602. All work was completed and signed by a designated technical specialist prior to 6/1/19 as stated in the policy. The RFP was signed by the chairman after 6/30/19 and Division received the RFP after this date. Electronic RFP was submitted to the Division on 6/27/19.

HD3 Farms (Ham Right Farms, LLC) 09-2019-602 \$3,450

Date of application by cooperator for cost share assistance: 12/7/18

Date contract approved by District supervisors: 12/11/18

Date contract approved by Division: 6/5/19

Date cooperator began work: 10/1/18. As soon as fields were dry enough to apply with airway.

Date installation completed: 5/20/19

Per Policy: Waste must be transported or applied at alternative locations must be prior to June 1, 2019. The contract expiration date will be June 30, 2019.

Sincerely,

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Willie L. Beard, Chairman

Bladen SWCD



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Dear Sirs:

The Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District request approval from the N.C. Soil and Water Commission to approve the request for payment (RFP) for contract 09-2019-603. All work was completed and signed by a designated technical specialist prior to 6/1/19 as stated in the policy. The RFP was signed by the chairman after 6/30/19 and Division received the RFP after this date. Electronic RFP was submitted to the Division on 6/27/19.

HD3 Farms (R H Jessup Farms) 09-2019-603 \$3,382

Date of application by cooperator for cost share assistance: 4/17/18

Date contract approved by District supervisors: 12/11/18

Date contract approved by Division: 6/5/19

Date cooperator began work: 10/1/19. As soon as fields were dry enough to apply with airway.

Date installation completed: 5/1/19

Per Policy: Waste must be transported or applied at alternative locations must be prior to June 1, 2019. The contract expiration date will be June 30, 2019.

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Willie L. Beard, Chairman

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Raleigh NC 27699-1614

Dear Sirs:

The Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District request approval from the N.C. Soil and Water Commission to approve the requests for payment (RFP) for contract 09-2019-604. All work was completed and signed by a designated technical specialist prior to 6/1/19 as stated in the policy. The Division received the RFP after 6/30/19. Electronic RFP was submitted to the Division on 6/27/19.

<sup>P/N/Acc</sup>  
~~McQueen~~ Farms 09-2019-604 \$4,455

Date of application by cooperator for cost share assistance: 1/20/19

Date contract approved by District supervisors: 1/23/19

Date contract approved by Division: 6/5/19

Date cooperator began work: 10/01/18. As soon as fields were dry enough to apply with airway.

Date installation completed: 5/20/19

Per Policy: Waste must be transported or applied at alternative locations must be prior to June 1, 2019. The contract expiration date will be June 30, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Willie L. Beard".

Willie L. Beard

Chairman, Bladen SWCD



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Dear Sirs:

The Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District request approval from the N.C. Soil and Water Commission to approve the requests for payment (RFP) for contract 09-2019-605. All work was completed and signed by a designated technical specialist prior to 6/1/19 as stated in the policy. The RFP was signed by the chairman after 7/1/19 and Division received the RFP after this date. Electronic RFP was submitted to the Division on 6/27/19.

McQueen Farms 09-2019-605 \$4,655

Date of application by cooperator for cost share assistance: 1/23/19

Date contract approved by District supervisors: 1/23/19

Date contract approved by Division: 6/5/19

Date cooperator began work: 10/1/18. As soon as fields were dry enough to apply with airway.

Date installation completed: 5/1/19

Per Policy: Waste must be transported or applied at alternative locations must be prior to June 1, 2019. The contract expiration date will be June 30, 2019.

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Dear Sirs:

The Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District request approval from the N.C. Soil and Water Commission to approve the request for payment (RFP) for contract 09-2019-607. All work was completed and signed by a designated technical specialist prior to 6/1/19 as stated in the policy. The RFP was signed by the chairman after 7/1/19 and Division received the RFP after this date. Electronic RFP was submitted to the Division on 6/27/19.

HD3 Farms (Surf City Farms, LLC) 09-2019-607 \$7,855

Date of application by cooperator for cost share assistance: 1/20/19

Date contract approved by District supervisors: 1/23/19

Date contract approved by Division: 6/5/19

Date cooperator began work: 10/1/18. As soon as fields were dry enough to apply with airway.

Date installation completed: 5/1/19

Per Policy: Waste must be transported or applied at alternative locations must be prior to June 1, 2019. The contract expiration date will be June 30, 2019.

Sincerely,

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Willie L. Beard, Chairman

Bladen SWCD

**ATTACHMENT 11D**

I hereby certify that the practices have been implemented according to the specifications of this program and the planned units of each practice have been completed as shown. I have been provided a copy of the final contract that includes all BMPs as implemented, and a final Waste Management Plan (WMP) for any confined animal operation. I understand that I must notify the District prior to any change in the agreed to Waste Management Plan. I also certify that this request contains no duplication of payment under any other federal or state cost share program. I understand that the payment of the sum specified in this contract is dependent and contingent upon and subject to the appropriation, allocation, and availability of funds for this purpose to the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

APPLICANT [1099 form issued for \$600 & over]	LANDOWNER [1099 form issued for \$600 & over]	**3rd PARTY [1099 form issued for \$600 & over]
Payment due \$ 8,736		
SSN / FED ID#: [REDACTED]		
Name: Wilson, Joshua		
[REDACTED SIGNATURE]		
Date: 6-27-19		

\*\* Only required if third party is receiving a portion of the ACSP payment. The third party must be included in ACSP contract using form NC-ACSP-2A to request payment. Additional landowners should be included on the NC-ACSP-2 form to request payment.

Technical Representative: [Signature] Date: 6-27-19  
 Job Approval Authority: [Signature] Date: 6-27-19  
 (Cover Crops)



I hereby certify that the above information is accurate and hereby approve payment to the applicant(s) in the specified amount.

District Chair: [Signature] Date: 7-1-19

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY					
Invoice Date	Contract Number	Amount	Program	PO Line	Approved By
	09-2017-002		CS	100ACSP0009-0017	
	09-2017-002				

NCDA&CS  
DSWC

NC-ACSP-3  
6/27/2019

09-2017-002

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE COST SHARE PROGRAM  
REQUEST FOR PAYMENT**

Application Number: 09-2017-002

Request for Payment completes the work to be done under this contract. Current contracts will be revised and funds returned to the SWCD. Previous year contracts cancel to State of North Carolina.

Partial payment for this contract

Tract	Field	BMP Category	BMP Type	Components	Units Planned	Unit Type	Units Completed	Fund Source	Payment
1574	1	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	3.50	ACRE	3.50	CS	\$140
1574	2	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	4.80	ACRE	4.80	CS	\$192
1575	1	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	0.40	ACRE	0.40	CS	\$16
1575	2	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	3.10	ACRE	3.10	CS	\$124
2191	1A	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	23.60	ACRE	23.60	CS	\$944
2191	1B	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	4.90	ACRE	4.90	CS	\$196
2191	1C	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	4.70	ACRE	4.70	CS	\$188
2191	5	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	2.10	ACRE	2.10	CS	\$84
2191	7	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	6.00	ACRE	6.00	CS	\$240
2218	2	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	7.10	ACRE	7.10	CS	\$284
2218	3	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	24.80	ACRE	24.80	CS	\$992
2218	4	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	8.40	ACRE	8.40	CS	\$336
2288	1	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	3.00	ACRE	3.00	CS	\$120
2288	2	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	3.10	ACRE	3.10	CS	\$124
2288	2	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	3.10	ACRE	3.10	CS	\$124
2288	3	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	1.10	ACRE	1.10	CS	\$44
2290	1	EROSION/NUTRIENT REDUCTION	Cover Crops	INCENTIVE - Cover Crop	3.30	ACRE	3.30	CS	\$132

Extension of Previous Program Year Contracts Form For  
Contracts Expiring June 30, 2019

The purpose of this form is to allow districts to enter criteria for a one year extension of previous program year contracts beyond the original three-year period. Please enter the information completely for each contract that you are requesting a contract extension for consideration by the NC Soil and Water Commission.

Please complete this form by June 30, 2019 to be considered for an extension.

1. Contract Number: \*                      2. District Name: \*

00-0000-000-  
09-2017-002 Bladen

Timeline of Key Dates

3. Date of application by the cooperator for cost share assistance? \*

10/26/16

4. Date contract approved by the district board of supervisors? \*

10/26/16

5. Date contract approved by the division? If contract pending, please list pending. \*

11-15-16

6. Approximate date the cooperator began work on implementing the contract BMPs, if the cooperator has not began work please enter N/A? \*

10/1/17

7. Other applicable dates of significance (e.g. date of required engineering approval received, date materials or equipment ordered and delivered)? If none, enter N/A. \*

N/A

8. Date BMP installation will begin/resume? \*

10/1/17

9. Was 1/3 of the work completed in the first 12 months following Division approval as required by the Interim Performance Milestones in Cost Share Program Contracts Policy? \*

Yes

10. Approximate date the installation will be completed. \*

11/1/17

11. If 1/3 of the work was NOT completed in the first 12 months following Division contract approval, why is the district requesting this extension?

Reason/Explanation for Contract Extension

12. Reason for extension. Please check the appropriate box(es):

- Weather related (excessive rain, drought, natural disaster)
- Personal related (sickness, death in family)
- Engineering/Design delays
- Contractor related (equipment access, breakdown)
- Financial hardship
- Other

13. If "other" was checked in the above, please provide an explanation in the box below.

Payment needs to be processed.

14. Please use the box below to add any additional information that would be helpful for the extension consideration.

Board Chairperson Signature. In place of a signature, a letter signed by the Board may be uploaded below.



[clear](#)

Please upload a letter from your board if the board chair was unable to sign above or your district had already completed your extension request letter.

[Browse...](#)

### RFPs

Please upload the signed RFP here if you are unsure you will meet the June 30th deadline, but it is signed.

[Browse...](#)

Thank you for completing this form. The extension criteria submitted in this form will be reviewed for consideration by the NC Soil and Water Commission at the July Commission Meeting.

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The Bladen Soil and Water Conservation District requests approval from the NC Soil and Water Commission to approve the requests for payment (RFP) for contract 09-2017-002. All the work was completed in a multi-year period due to wet weather caused by hurricane Matthew and Florence. Request for payment was signed on 6/27/2019 by applicant and technical specialist. District chairman signed the request for payment on 7/1/19. This is past the contract expiration date.

Joshua Wilson contract 09-2017-002 \$8,736

Date of application by cooperator for cost share assistance: 9/1/16

Date contract approved by District supervisors: 9/13/16

Date contract approved by Division: 11/10/16

Date cooperator began work: 10/1/17 as soon as fields were dry enough to plant cover crops

Date installation completed: 5/20/19

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