

## PROCESS FOR INTRODUCING DISTRICT BMPs TO A COST SHARE PROGRAM

The Division encourages the continued search for new and innovative means to meet the cost share programs purposes in North Carolina. Soil & Water Conservation Districts are well-positioned to identify best management practices (BMPs) that will protect the State's surface and ground waters.

The Soil and Water Conservation Commission Program Rules can be accessed in rule [59D](#). Rule [02 NCAC 59D .0102](#) defines "District BMP" as a BMP requested by a district and approved by the Division for evaluation purposes. As described in [02 NCAC 59D .0106\(C\)](#), the Division has authority to approve District BMPs for evaluation purposes. The BMP shall be requested by a district and meet the applicable program purpose. The Division shall determine it to be technically adequate prior to approving the agreement for funding.

The Division encourages districts to follow the following process when requesting a District BMP to a cost share program:

1. Districts interested in a new BMP should submit to the Division:
  - a. Name and definition of the BMP.
  - b. Support information on the need for the BMP.
  - c. Substantiation that the BMP meets the intent of the cost share program.
  - d. Technical requirements for proper installation of the BMP.
  - e. Justification for the average cost of the BMP. District BMPs may use actual costs as indicated by receipts, if average costs are not available ([02 NCAC 59D .0106.A2](#)).
2. The Division will:
  - a. Review documentation for the District BMP.
  - b. Present in conjunction with the originator, to the appropriate review committee.
  - c. Notify the district of the review committee's determination of approval, denial, or further study.
  - d. Add the new District BMP cost information to the contracting system.
3. Recommendations of the program committees may be appealed to the commission upon written request to the commission and approval by the commission.