



## NEW HANOVER COUNTY

### SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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To: North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
From: Matt Collogan, Chair - New Hanover Soil and Water Conservation District  
Date: May 6, 2026  
Re: Request for Post Approval of CCAP Marsh Sill Contract

Dear Members of the Commission:

The New Hanover Soil and Water Conservation District (NHSWCD) respectfully requests the Commission's consideration of an exception to the policy prohibiting post-approval of contracts. Specifically, NHSWCD seeks post approval of CCAP contract 65-2025-501, a marsh sill project in New Hanover County implemented in collaboration with the NC Coastal Federation.

Due to compounding miscommunications, the applicant proceeded with the understanding that construction was authorized and has since completed the installation. Contributing factors included misfiled documentation, gaps in communication between the District and the applicant, and leadership transition challenges following the departure of the District's previous director. NHSWCD is actively working to restore continuity and strengthen administrative oversight during this transition.

The project consists of a 278 linear foot sill. The applicant, Aqua Vista Farms LLC, is requesting total reimbursement of \$21,826.

NHSWCD acknowledges this deviation from established protocol and is committed to ensuring full compliance with Commission policies moving forward. This living shoreline project provides meaningful protection to coastal resources and aligns with the conservation goals of both the District and the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully, Matt Collogan, Chair, New Hanover Soil and Water Conservation District

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Collogan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the typed name.