

ACSP Items SWCC Meeting

July 23, 2025
Raleigh, NC



Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)

A. Consideration of ACSP Policy Revisions

1. Waste Management Measures
2. Heavy Use Area Protection

B. FY2026 Detailed Implementation Plan

C. FY2026 ACSP Cost List

D. District Financial Assistance Allocation

1. ACSP/II Allocation
2. Upper French Broad Allocation



Consideration of Waste Management Measure BMP Policy Updates



Waste Management BMPs

SWCC Approved

Dry Stack

Retrofit of On-going Animal Operations

Insect Control Practice

Waste Treatment Lagoon/ Storage Pond

Lagoon Biosolids Removal

Constructed Wetlands

Solids Separation from Tank/Raceway-based Aquaculture Production

Manure Composting Facility

Waste Impoundment Closure

Waste Application System

Odor Control Management System

Manure/Litter Transport

Concentrated Nutrient Source Management System

Storm Water Management System

SWCC Agenda

Waste & Nutrient Management Measures General Policy

Heavy Use Area Protection

In Revision

Feeding/ Waste Storage Structure

Livestock Mortality Management System



Waste Management Measures General Policy



Waste Management Measures policy

General Policy Updates

- Changed name to Waste **and Nutrient** Management Measures
 - Division staff are now “Nutrient Management Specialists”
- Added a values statement with the definition
- Replaced the WMP certification statement with an upload requirement (already applied to BMPs)
- Modified the temporary contract approval rule to prevent delays



Waste Management Measures policy

General Policy Updates

- Spot checks: changed reference to the commission policy and copied additional instructions
- Added grading minimum (cost list component) and geotextile references from Stream Protection Management general policy
- Expanded fence setback and vegetation policies to reflect Stream Protection Management general policy
- Removed requirement to show the stream on maps—not required in other measures



Waste Management Measures policy

Action: Approve revisions to the Waste and Nutrient Management Measures policy.



Heavy Use Area Protection



Heavy Use Area Protection

- Waste management and stream protection HUAP policies are slightly different
 - attempting to combine in a single policy
 - The goal is to reduce confusion. A single reference is easier to maintain.
 - This does require additional references where requirements differ.



Heavy Use Area Protection

Updates

- Added the NRCS Feeding Site Assessment Tool and setback requirement for feeding areas.
- Used the concrete pad recommendation from the Trough and Tank policy.
- Split out the statement that HUAP is not approved for access roads to a standalone item.



Heavy Use Area Protection

Updates

- Setback requirements now refer to the relevant measure general policy.
- Added the stable access reference from the stream protection version.
- Added a standard WMP reference.
- Added a clarifying statement the additional spot checks are only for waste & nutrient management BMPs.



Heavy Use Area Protection

Action: Approve revisions to the Heavy Use Area Protection BMP.



FY2026 ACSP Detailed Implementation Plan



FY 2026 Detailed Implementation Plan

- Updates

- Updated website links, cross-referenced and verified BMP policy definitions
- Added CREP as receiving earmarked funds in addition to IISI
- Approved Waste & Nutrient Management BMP updates have been applied
- Added the new “Use Exclusion Fencing” BMP
- Extended 3rd party engineer stream restoration design policy
- Attached the current BMP Technical Competency Requirements: there were no updates to BMP competencies this past year



FY 2026 Detailed Implementation Plan

Action: Approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Detailed Implementation Plan



FY2026 ACSP Cost List Recommendations



Average Cost List Updates

Triennial Cost List Approach

- Utilize a combined approach to update cost for FY2026
 1. Producer Price Index values will be applied to the bulk of components
 2. Receipts and Average Cost Calculations based on current retail costs will be used where available



FY2026 ACSP Cost List Draft

- Compiled cost data was shared with district staff at 5 regional meetings in February.
- Districts were provided two cost options for comparison — Overall PPI vs Partial PPI/Retail Average/Actual Cost from Receipts — and asked for comment
 - Received 87 responses
 - Many recommended using the average of the two options
- District input was used to determine the recommended new costs



FY 2026 Cost List Recommendations

- Increases have been applied for all items
- Component names have been adjusted for clarity
- Approved Waste & Nutrient BMP costs have been added or updated



FY 2026 Cost List Recommendations

New Components

- ✓ Dewatering: for use with culvert installation
- ✓ Additional pipe sizes added to existing pipe types
- ✓ Animal guard by type: inside vs band
- ✓ Mulch netting, installed
- ✓ Streamside/floodplain fence replaced with 1-2 strand permanent fence
- ✓ Fully programmable water control structure added



New Components

Component	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Maximum Cost Share 75 Percent	Maximum Cost Share 90 Percent	Cost Type
DEWATERING	Job	Cost Share percent of actual amount not to exceed	\$3,750.00	\$4,500.00	Actual
PIPE- CORRUGATED PLASTIC, polyethylene, double wall, 54" - does not include excavation	LinFt	\$205.25	\$ -	\$ -	Average
ANIMAL GUARD - Band type	Each	\$187.00	\$ -	\$ -	Average
ANIMAL GUARD - Inside type	Each	\$157.00	\$ -	\$ -	Average
VEGETATION- mulch netting installed	SqYd	\$1.00	\$ -	\$ -	Average
FENCE-1-2 strand perm, electric or barbed, incl. Gates	LinFt	\$4.70	\$ -	\$ -	Average
WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE – Automated Valve - fully programmable	Each	\$8,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	Average



FY 2026 Cost List

Action: Approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Agriculture Cost Share Program Cost List.



FY2026 District Financial Assistance Allocation



District Financial Assistance Allocation

- FY 2026 Strategic Plan –ACSP Requests
 - 100 counties requested **\$16,420,133** in regular agriculture Cost Share funds (CS)
 - 39 counties requested **\$2,649,767** for the Impaired and Impacted streams initiative (II)



District Financial Assistance Allocation

SOURCE	AMOUNT
FY2026 Appropriation	\$ 4,035,498
Available funds from cancelations, releases and unencumbered Regular Cost Share, Impaired & Impacted, and CREP funds	\$ 1,277,746
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 5,313,244
5% Contingency Reserve	\$ 201,775
CREP Earmark*	\$ 30,000
Total CS/SFR/II Allocated FY2026	\$ 5,081,469

*CE funds will be allocated to districts as CREP contracts are received.



District Financial Assistance Allocation

- **TOTAL DISTRICT FUNDING FY 2026 = \$5,111,469**
 - **REGULAR ACSP (CS/SFR) Total = \$ 4,581,469**
 - **IMPAIRED/IMPACTED (II) Total = \$500,000**
 - **CREP (CE) Total = \$30,000**



District Financial Assistance Allocation

- CS/SFR allocations were made to all districts requesting funds
- II funds were allocated to all counties requesting funds with a current impaired/impacted survey
- Funds were allocated using the allocation parameters described in rule 02 NCAC 59D .0103
- \$20,000 minimum allocation (unless requesting less)



District Financial Assistance Allocation

Upper French Broad River Non-Recurring Allocation

- 2023-24 State Budget included funding for livestock exclusion in the Upper French Broad River Basin including Transylvania, Henderson, Buncombe, Haywood, and Madison Counties
- Haywood County was added in May 2024 (S.L. 2024-1)



District Financial Assistance Allocation

Upper French Broad River Non-Recurring Allocation

- \$2,000,000 State Appropriation (2024)
- \$936,637 Available for FY2026 Allocation
- All eligible districts requested allocations totaling \$700,000
- Remaining \$236,637 available for just-in-time allocations based on district request



District Financial Assistance Allocation

- Action: *Approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Agriculture Cost Share Program District Financial Assistance Allocations.*

