

December 15, 2025

To: Soil and Water Commission

From: Keith Starke, Superintendent  
Central Crops Research Station

The Central Crops Research Station would like to request financial assistance from the North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program. Assistance from JSWCD staff would allow us to fully complete the rooftop runoff management system project where water is diverted away from our structures. Gutters were needed to control the water from the rooftop but a solid pipe underground would actually convey the water away from the shelters. We hope you consider this addition to our project and thank you in advance for the technical and program assistance you provide. Your program support provides us with an opportunity to implement actions of environmental stewardship that otherwise would not be possible.

Sincerely,

**Keith Starke**

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Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
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Subject: State Owned Property Requesting NC ACSP funds  
Contract Number 51-2026-002

Dear Soil and Water Commission Members,

Johnston Soil and Water Conservation District submits this letter of support to assist our local cooperator, the Central Crops Research Station at Clayton, NC. Our staff is currently working to install best management practices that can effectively manage rooftop runoff. This rooftop runoff is causing significant soil erosion and sedimentation issues that adversely affect water quality.

We have planned a gutter system but an additional underground outlet is needed to connect to 5 gutter downspouts. The underground outlet will safely move rooftop water from one large building away from the problem area to a stable outlet. This request is for additional funding to support the underground outlet.

Our District staff continues to work with the Research Station to make significant and necessary improvements to the research farm. We have additional projects planned in coming years. Central Crops Research Station brings many visitors and officials to the farm and requests our assistance to make lasting improvements to the farm.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

  
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