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Stanly Soil & Water Now Taking Applications for Ag Cost Share

The North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program (NCACSP) is a state funded program administered to reduce the input of non-point source pollution into our streams, lakes, and rivers. This reduction is achieved by providing cost share assistance to agricultural landowners and operators who use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce pollutants (sediment, animal waste, pesticides, nutrients, etc.) leaving the land and entering the waters. Cost Share reimburses up to 75% of the average cost to install BMPs. For more information on specific BMPs, visit our website at <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/costshareprograms/ACSP/BMPs.html>.

The Stanly Soil & Water Conservation District administers and implements the N.C. Ag-Cost Share Program in Stanly County. Cost share monies for fiscal year 2017 were used for BMPs including litter storage structures, incinerators, fencing for livestock exclusion, watering facilities and heavy use area protection, pasture renovations and well installation. Other cost shared BMPs include lagoon closures, poultry composters, stream bank stabilization, sod-based rotations, critical area plantings and many others. Practice installations must meet USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service standards and specifications, along with proper maintenance of practice.

For fiscal year 2017, Stanly Soil & Water Conservation District obligated over \$54,000 in cost share assistance to improve water quality. The District has received an allocation for fiscal year 2018 and is currently accepting applications.

July 1 marked the beginning of the 2018 fiscal year for the NCACSP. Landowners and operators of existing agriculture operations that may need assistance addressing water quality problems may contact our office to apply for cost share funds. We are located in the Agri-Civic Center at 26032 Newt Rd, along with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. You may contact Amanda Kirby at 704-986-3059 or akirby@stanlycountync.gov.