Cost Share Programs

- Agriculture Cost Share Program (ACSP)
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
- Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP)
Program Implementation
Locally Led Conservation

- Delivered through 96 local soil & water conservation districts (SWCDs)
- NC Soil & Water Conservation Commission
  - Sets statewide rules and policies
  - Allocates funds to local SWCDs
- Local districts
  - Set local funding priorities,
  - Receive and rank applications,
  - Develop conservation plans and design practices
  - Oversee and certify BMP implementation
Funding availability

- ACSP – Counties are allocated funding each year.
- CREP – Continuous signup
- AgWRAP – Funds are available in two ways
  - funding is allocated to counties
  - Competitive regional application process for selected BMPs
- CCAP – Competitive application process

Contact your local soil and water conservation district office!
[www.ncagr.gov/SWC/findyourdistrict.html](http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/findyourdistrict.html)

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NC Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- enroll Environmentally-sensitive farmland and marginal pastureland into long term agreements to restore and protect riparian buffers and wetlands.
- No ranking – first come, first served
Eligible Practices

- CP3  (Shortleaf Pine)
- CP3A (Hardwood & Longleaf Pine)
- CP21  (Filter Strip)
- CP22  (Riparian Buffer)
- CP23  (Wetland Restoration)
- CP31  (Bottomland Timber)

Contact your CREP specialist
Program Manager
Eric Galamb-(919) 707-3780
CREP Specialist County Assignments

County Assignments

- Kayleigh McHugh - (919) 624-8530
- Matt Safford - (919) 707-3783
- Lee Cannady - (252) 948-3904

Check [http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/easementprograms/CREP/index.html](http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/easementprograms/CREP/index.html) for current assignments
Cost Share Rates for CREP

- 10 year contract- Federal 50% / State 25%
- 15 year contract- Federal 50% / State 30%
- 30 year easement- Federal 50% / State 40%
- Permanent Easement – Federal 50%/ State 50%

This rate is for all components associated with the practice(s). Caps still apply.

Funds are pulled from CREP cost share earmark and DO NOT effect district annual allocation.

Cost Share Rates CAN be higher for those entering into longer agreements.
Example:

5 acres
Permanent Conservation Easement
Comparing Program Options

ONLY STATE COST SHARE
$14,104

Landowner receives $18,700 more when funds are combined.

LEVERAGING FUNDS WITH CREP (Federal and State)

FSA Cost Share
$9,402
ACSP Cost Share
$9,402
Soil Rental Payments
$9,000
Easement Payment $5,000

TOTAL $32,804
For more information

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- CREP Website: