

Impaired and Impacted Streams Initiative (IISI)

FY2025 District Eligibility Requirements Review



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Program Background:

- Late 1990s, the SWCC created an opportunity for select districts to survey waters impaired by agricultural sediment on state 303(d) list (initiated by NCASWCD)
- Pilot study completed on six impaired streams in Anson, Union, Craven, Clay, Surry, and Rockingham counties
- Grant funds obtained to fund survey-identified BMP projects on ag lands



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Program Background:

- Survey opened for use by all districts; more grants funds obtained to implement identified projects
- In 2007 the SWCC began annually earmarking a portion of ACSP funds for the Impaired and Impacted Streams Initiative
- Program intent remains addressing water quality impairments with targeted conservation practice implementation

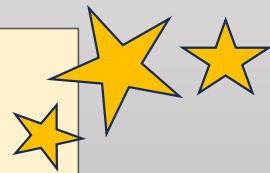


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 - 70% utilization of FY24 allocation
 - No FY24 allocation? Criteria does not apply
6. Request an amount of II funds for FY25

FY26 ALLOCATIONS

- 85% utilization of FY24 and FY25 II allocations
- 70% utilization of FY25 or FY24 allocation if received one II allocation
- No II allocation in FY24 or FY25? Criteria does not apply



IISI District Eligibility Requirements – FY2025

1. Complete an IISI Survey for each HUC 12 watershed you plan to use II funds in for FY25
 - Surveys submitted and approved by DSWC last year are active for 5 years!
 - Check [DSWC's active survey list](#) posted on the IISI website!
 - FY2025 IISI Survey is LIVE [on DSWC's IISI website](#) and **due April 12th!**
 - Twenty-one questions total
 - Data/materials required to be consulted are linked
 - New resources available on IISI webpage



Demo Resources Available on [IISI Website](#)



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2. Prioritize ACSP BMP implementation in up to three HUC 12 watersheds with IISI surveys each fiscal year
- Complete in Strategic Plan submittal
 - Complete in FY25 ACSP ranking form (more on this later)

Districts must annually prioritize up to three HUC-12 scale watersheds in which II funds will be used in the upcoming program year. EACH watershed must have a DSWC approved [FY2024](#) or FY2025 Impaired and Impacted Streams and Water Survey.

Please select the number of watersheds the district plans to prioritize for II fund use in the upcoming program year: *

1
 2
 3

Please list the HUC12 code for watershed one: * ?

Please list the HUC12 code for watershed two: * ?

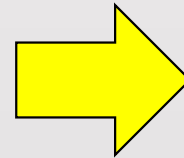
Please list the HUC12 code for watershed three: * ?



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3. Confirm there are outstanding CS/II funding requests in I/I priority watersheds by 6/1/24

- Complete in Strategic Plan submittal



How is this determined?

Does your district currently have outstanding ACSP or II funding requests in EACH prioritized watershed listed above? *

Yes

No

If you did not answer "Yes" to the question above, your district is not eligible for II funds. Impaired and Impacted Streams Initiative program policy requires Districts affirm in Strategic Plan submittals that they have outstanding requests OR a waitlist of one or more applicants for ACSP/II funds in EACH prioritized watershed to receive II funds.



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How do you determine outstanding CS/II requests in watersheds?

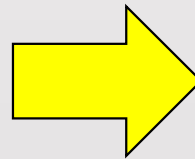
- Active applications
- Expected practice funding requests (verbal confirmations, etc.)
- Technical assistance requests (likely to turn into funding requests)
- Watershed plan project list
- Review district's II allocation contract encumbrance totals in last several fiscal years
 - Most helpful for new staff in offices
 - DSWC staff can run CS2 reports if needed



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4. Call out priority I/I watersheds by name and 12-digit HUC and assign points in district FY25 ACSP ranking form

- Complete in FY25 ACSP ranking form
- Affirm ACSP ranking form calls out watersheds by name and 12-digit HUC in Strategic Plan submittal



How is this achieved?

Are prioritized watersheds called out (by HUC and watershed name) and assigned points in your district's local ACSP ranking form? *

- Yes
 No

If you did not answer "Yes" to the question above, your district is not eligible for II funds. Impaired and Impacted Streams Initiative program policy requires Districts update their local ACSP ranking form to prioritize funding implementation in the prioritized watersheds specified in Strategic Plan submittals.

Each watershed in which II funds are intended to be used should be called out (HUC and watershed name) and points assigned in the ranking form such that cost share applications in those watersheds receive increased priority for funding.



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ACSP ranking form Impaired/Impacted watersheds criteria:

- Specify watershed name and 12-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC)
 - Clarify I/I watershed location and extent
- Assign points to prioritize funding ACSP BMP implementation (using CS or II funds) in I/I watersheds
- Seek board approval of I/I criteria in ACSP ranking form



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MEETS IISI POLICY

ACSP Ranking Form I/I Criteria Examples:

Watershed location and extent clear, points assigned, prioritizing ACSP BMP implementation in I/I watersheds



Impaired and Impacted Streams and Watershed _____ points

Will the project beneficially improve one of the following HUC 12 watersheds?

Outlet Core Creek 030202020602 (5pts)

Headwaters Little Swift Creek 030202020504 (5pts)

No (0pts)



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ACSP Ranking Form I/I Criteria Examples:

LOCAL PRIORITIES

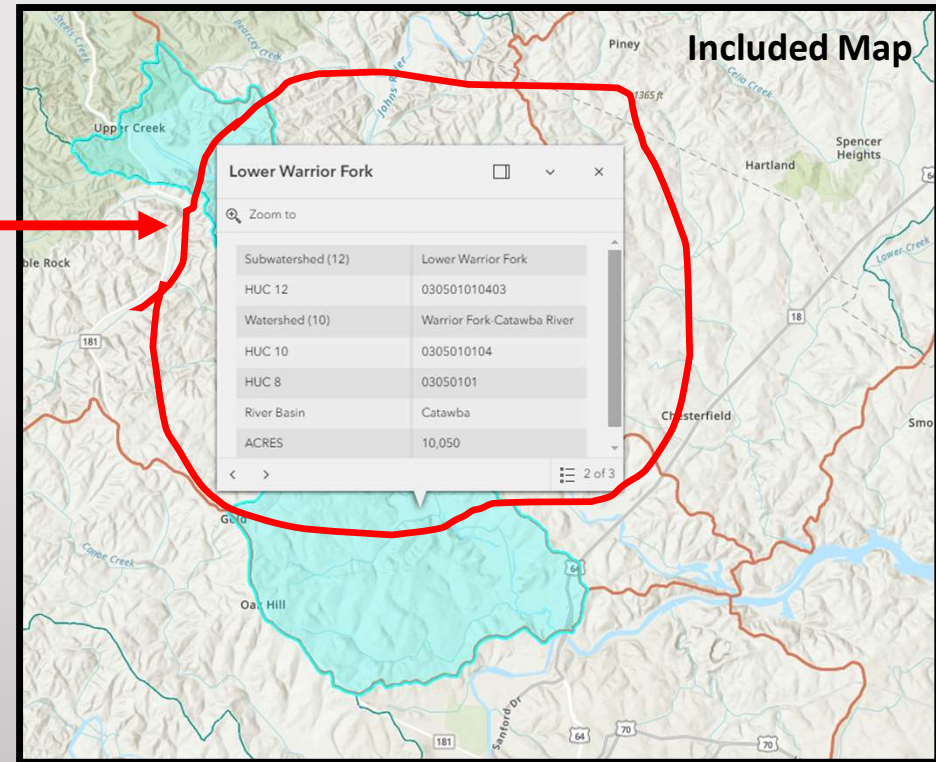
Located in approved Impaired/Impacted Watershed (refer to map) 25

Located in Enhanced Voluntary Ag District (EVAD) 25

Located in Voluntary Ag District (VAD) 15

Watershed location and extent clear in map

Points assigned and is prioritizing ACSP BMP implementation in I/I watershed



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MEETS IISI POLICY

ACSP Ranking Form I/I Criteria Examples:

Watershed location and extent clear, points assigned, and prioritizing ACSP BMP implementation in I/I watershed

WATERSHEDS

| | |
|---|---|
| Outstanding Resource Waters (Mulberry Creek: 030501010503) | 5 |
| Impaired/Impacted watersheds (Lower Wilson Creek: 030501010504) | 3 |
| Watersheds with one or more 303(d) listed stream segments | 1 |

It's okay to prioritize funding ACSP BMP implementation in watersheds with High Quality or Outstanding Resource Waters at a slightly higher level than prioritizing funding BMP implementation in I/I watersheds if that's a district priority!



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DOES NOT MEET IISI POLICY

ACSP Ranking Form I/I Criteria Examples:

PRIORITY WATERSHED – **25PTS** _____ YES _____ NO

Points assigned and ACSP BMP implementation prioritized in I/I watersheds

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Watershed location and extent unclear. What are the priority watersheds in FY25? Either add map or add watershed name and 12-digit HUC to clarify

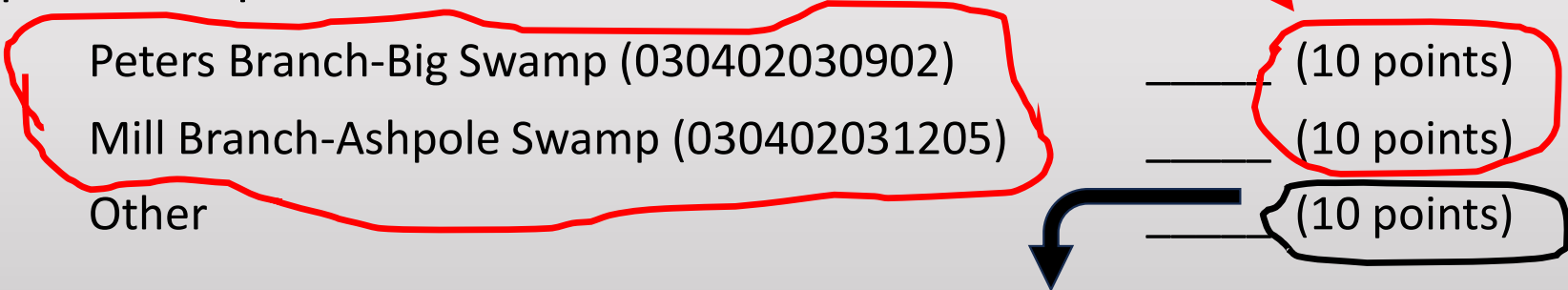


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ACSP Ranking Form I/I Criteria Examples:

Impaired/Impacted Watershed



Watershed location and extent clear and points assigned

ACSP BMP implementation not prioritized in I/I watersheds since same points assigned to applications in any watershed in the county!



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DOES NOT MEET IISI POLICY

ACSP Ranking Form I/I Criteria Examples:

Water Quality Parameters

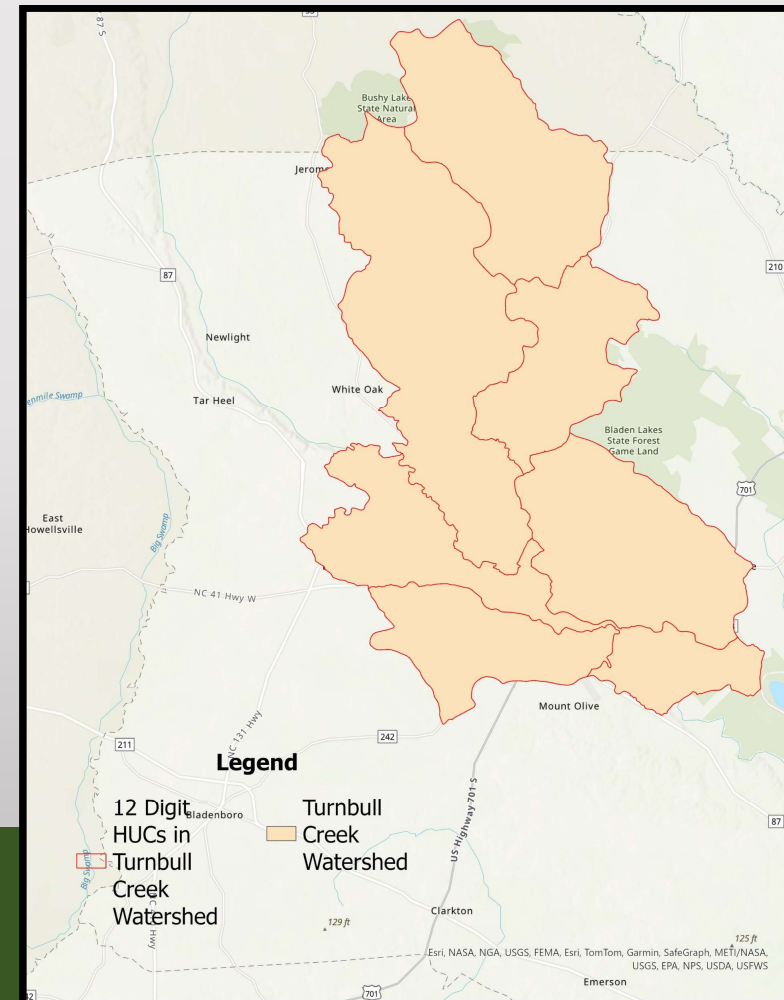
A. Impaired/Impacted Watershed

Turnbull Creek
Little River

Points assigned and ACSP
BMP implementation
prioritized in I/I watersheds

15pts
10pts

Watershed extent unclear. All of Turnbull Creek and Little River watershed eligible for points? Only three 12-digit scale HUCs can be prioritized for II implementation each FY. Either add map or add 12-digit HUCs within Turnbull and Little River to clarify.



Contact Allie Dinwiddie to review FY25 ACSP ranking forms if you would like to confirm your district's form meets IISI policy before presenting it to your board for approval in April or May.

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5. Demonstrate high utilization of previous year II allocations either through encumbrance totals by fiscal year end **OR** mid-year voluntary return of funds prior to Spring supplemental allocations.

*Utilization criteria to phase in over next two years.
DSWC begins tracking II allocation encumbrance and
mid-year voluntary returns starting in FY24!*



FY25 II Allocations:

- 70% utilization of FY24 II allocation
- No FY24 II allocation? This criteria does not apply

***Keep in Mind* FY26 II Allocations:**

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6. Request an amount of II funds for FY25
 - Complete in Strategic Plan submittal

4. Impaired and Impacted Streams: II funds request for Agriculture Cost Share Program BMPs: best management practices

Your district must have a DSWC approved [FY2024](#) or FY2025 Impaired and Impacted Streams and Watershed Survey for one or more HUC 12 watersheds in order to be eligible to request this special ACSP funding.

*If your district is not requesting any funds for this allocation, please enter 0 below. **



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FY2025 End of Year Reminders

| Deadlines | IISI Items |
|-----------------------------|---|
| April 12 | FY25 IISI watershed surveys due to DSWC |
| April or May Board Meetings | Present an updated FY25 ACSP ranking form with I/I criteria to board for approval |
| June 1 | Submit FY25 Strategic Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Request an amount of II funds for FY25 ➤ Complete all IISI-related questions ➤ Upload FY25 ACSP ranking form |
| June | If requested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Make corrections to ACSP ranking form to meet IISI policy ➤ Present updated form to the board for approval |
| June 30 | Encumber remaining II funds to contracts to meet utilization parameters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 70% of FY24 II allocation utilized ➤ No FY24 II allocation? This criteria does not apply |



Questions?

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