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| **FY 2026 Strategic Plan**  *Please use this template for your district's Fiscal Year 2026 Strategic Plan preparation and planning purposes only. You may copy and paste text from this document into* [*Formsite*](https://fs3.formsite.com/ncdswc/aorzydvpx6/index)*. Please contact your cost share specialist if you have any questions. All strategic plans must be submitted by June 1, 2024 (Sunday). All questions are required*.  1. District Name: |
| 2. Email Address: |
| 3. Date of Board Approval of FY2026 Strategic Plan: |
| 4. Please describe your marketing and outreach strategy for Commission Cost Share Programs. |
| 5. What marketing methods does your district use to promote the availability of Cost Share Program funding? (Select all that apply) |
| * Newspaper |
| * District website |
| * Additional websites |
| * Listservs |
| * Paper postings |
| * Social media |
| * Radio |
| * Television |
| * Other: |
| 6. Local policies  Please list as numbered items any board approved policies regarding program implementation in your district. Items to include in this section are: Request for Payment signatories outside of board meetings (refer to [SWCC policy addressing approval of cost share applications, contracts and requests for payments](https://www.ncagr.gov/soil-water/swcapproval-csp-apps/download?attachment)); local district BMP caps or contract caps; and other items that impact how your district implements cost share programs locally. |
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| 1. How does the district prioritize which applicants get funded? Written Priority System Please Complete the questions below to share information about the district’s written priority system.  *For example, do you prioritize certain watersheds, BMPs, types of operations, first come - first served, etc.?* |
| 2. Once each application is considered, what does the district do with the score?  *For example, do you fund based on the score, use another system to prioritize, create eligibility categories, or*  *other?* |
| 3. Describe the process the district follows when there is a tie on applicants' scores. |
| 4. Does the district purposefully withhold a percentage of funds until a later date in the program year to be able to fund higher quality projects (more water quality or water quantity benefits) or does the district approve applications until it runs out of funding each batching period? |
| 5. Does the district automatically fund cooperators who applied but did not get funded in the previous fiscal year due to lack of funds or does it re-rank them with new applications? Cost Share Best Management Practice Requests Please answer the questions below to request funding for commission cost share programs. |
| 1. Describe the agricultural nonpoint source pollution problems in the district. |
| 2. What are your district's top priorities for Agriculture Cost Share Program BMP funds this year?  *Can include any of the following: watersheds, resource concerns, types of operations, BMPs.* |
| 3. Agriculture Cost Share Program: CS funds request: best management practices  *If your district is not requesting any funds for this allocation, please enter 0 below.* |
| 4. Impaired and Impacted Streams: II funds request for Agriculture Cost Share Program BMPs: best management practices  *Your district must have a DSWC approved* [*FY2025*](https://www.ncagr.gov/soil-water/dswc-approved-impaired-and-impacted-stream-surveyspdf/download?attachment) *or FY2026 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.*  *Following questions only appear if requesting II funding*  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 [FY2025](https://www.ncagr.gov/soil-water/dswc-approved-impaired-and-impacted-stream-surveyspdf/download?attachment) or FY2026 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:  **If you cannot answer "Yes" to the next two questions, your district is not eligible for II funds and will not receive an allocation.**  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.  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. |
| 5. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CE) funds request: best management practices  *Your district must be in a* [CREP watershed](https://www.ncagr.gov/divisions/soil-water-conservation/programs-initiatives/crep#Eligibility-5417) *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.* |
| 6. Describe the urban, suburban, and rural (CCAP) nonpoint source pollution problems in the district. |
| 7. What are your district's top priorities for Community Conservation Assistance Program BMP funds this year?  *Can include any of the following: watersheds, resource concerns, BMPs.* |
| 8. Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) funds request: best management practices  *If your district is not requesting any funds for this allocation, please enter 0 below.* |
| 9. Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) request: administrative and technical assistance  *If your district is not requesting any funds for this allocation, please enter 0 below. This information is being collected for program planning purposes. The majority of limited program funds are used for BMPs only at this time.* |
| 10. Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) request: education and outreach  *If your district is not requesting any funds for this allocation, please enter 0 below. This information is being collected for program planning purposes. The majority of limited program funds are used for BMPs only at this time.* |
| 11. Describe the water quantity concerns in your district.  *Include opportunities to increase water use efficiency, availability and storage; methods that could be used locally to increase water use efficiency and increase water storage and availability for agricultural purposes.* |
| 12. What are your district's top priorities for Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program BMP funds this year?  *Can include any of the following: watersheds, resource concerns, types of operations, BMPs.* |
| 13. AgWRAP funding requested for AG funds: BMP request  *If your district is not requesting any funds for this allocation, please enter 0 below.* Technical Assistance Funding Requests Please complete the questions below to request funds for cost share technical assistance funding. |
| Technical Assistance Funding Request  *Please answer this question with the total amount needed for cost share program implementation. As a reminder, your district will need to provide a 50% match.  If your district is not requesting any funds for this allocation, please leave blank.* [Check your district's allocation](https://www.ncagr.gov/soil-water/swcacsp-fy24-ta-allocation/download?attachment).   Please list the individuals in the district office who do technical work to support Commission Cost Share Programs.  As a Board of Supervisors, we have reviewed the Job Approval Authority of all district employees.   * Yes * No   All our employees meet the minimum JAA requirement: Obtain JAA for two BMPs, 1 of which is a design (engineering) practice.   * Yes * No   Please list the individuals in the district office who do not meet the minimum JAA requirement:  Our Board will support employees to attend trainings and work toward obtaining additional JAA this year.   * Yes * No |
| Eligible funding sources may include: Conservation Practices Installed through Outside Funds Please complete this section for any outside funds that your district has expended **to install conservation practices** **from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024** (as defined by the Division for the ACSP, AgWRAP, and CCAP   * Locally administered grants (Tobacco Trust Fund, NC Land and Water Trust Fund (previously CWMTF), 319, EEG, Duke Energy, Pigeon River Fund, etc.) * County or municipal BMP programs * Local foundations, etc.   **DO NOT** include funding from the following sources:   * Federal Farm Bill Programs- INCLUDING NRCS EQIP * NC Foundation of Soil and Water Conservation funds * ANY funds that are implemented through CS2 * StRAP   This information will be verified and included in your district's calculation for future years (FY2027-2030) technical assistance funding.  Please refer to the [Technical Assistance Rule](http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2002%20-%20agriculture%20and%20consumer%20services/chapter%2059%20-%20soil%20and%20water%20conservation%20commission/subchapter%20d/subchapter%20d%20rules.pdf) (scroll to 02 NCAC 59D .0108). |
| 1. Only complete for agreements that are NOT in CS2, Federal Farm Bill Programs or paid by the NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Funder | Total Award | Amount allocated for BMPs only – exclude TA | | 1. |  |  | | 2. |  |  | | 3. |  |  | | 4. |  |  | | 5. |  |  | | 6. |  |  |   2. District's role in providing technical assistance to help implement the BMPs for these project(s)/funding source(s): Please list by number in the table above.  3. Please indicate the TOTAL amount (dollars spent) on BMP installation, from outside funding sources for FY2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024).  If none, please enter 0. For example, if your district was implementing a $100,000 grant for BMP implementation, and 2 BMPs were installed at a cost of $30,000 during the year; you would enter $30,000. Please do NOT include StRAP or SDAP.   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | Total Amount Spent on BMPs: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 | | FY 2024 - Grant 1 |  | | FY 2024 - Grant 2 |  | | FY 2024 - Grant 3 |  | | FY 2024 - Grant 4 |  | | FY 2024 - Grant 5 |  | | FY 2024 - Grant 6 |  | |

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| 4. Please **upload** the agreement(s) with funder(s) including budget(s). |
| 5. Please **upload** invoice(s) reimbursed by funder(s) during the fiscal year. If you do not have invoices, upload verification that the money was spent on BMPs. |
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| **Required Uploads** Please upload the following items to complete your annual strategic plan.   * 1. ACSP ranking form: *If you are requesting II funds, your ACSP ranking form (uploaded) has to assign points to up to three IISI watersheds and include the 12 digit Hydrologic Unit Codes of those watersheds.* |
| * 1. CCAP ranking form |
| * 1. AgWRAP ranking form |
| * 1. District BMP Certification Form: *Accessed from CS2: Forms: County Funds Audit Report.  Please have board member sign and have notarized prior to uploading.*   2. Additional Uploads Please upload any additional documentation that did not fit in the space provided above, such additional documentation of conservation practice installed through outside funds. |