

## **DISTRICT BOARDS' RESPONSIBILITY IN TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DISTRIBUTION**

The commission, as administrator of cost share programs, reminds all districts that our mission is to assist all landowners with reasonable, efficient, and effective programs which address priority natural resource concerns.

The charge for supervisors as local administrators is to execute cost share programs to satisfy a recognized nonpoint source or water quantity problem, not to spread the money out to the most landowners or to buy the easiest BMP that can be installed. The commission requests that each district look closely at their respective county's needs to solve resource problems. The priority for technical and financial assistance should be assigned to the landowner or area that would provide higher benefits for water quality and quantity protection.

The N.C. Legislature and/or the commission may enact laws or adopt policy, respectively, which require priority targeting of cost share allocations in specific geographic areas and/or for specific types of resource concerns. The district's system for prioritization must include a method of insuring the legislature's and/or the commission's priority targeting goals are met.