

September 2025 SWCC Meeting Update

General Cost Share Program Updates

Division staff will host a [webinar](#) to review the BMP updates listed below on **Wednesday October 2nd at 1:00 pm**. The webinar will be recorded for those unable to attend. Meeting information is at the bottom of this email.

The [FY2024 Cost Share Programs Annual Report](#) covering ACSP, AgWRAP, CCAP and StRAP and the [FY2024 Spot Check Report](#) are now available on the website.

ACSP BMP Updates

The following BMP policy updates have been approved by the Commission and are available on the respective BMP webpages.

- A. [Retrofit of Ongoing Animal Operations](#):
 - a. This BMP is used to close or retrofit (update to current requirements) impoundments on active operations.
 - b. Policies for closures have been updated to match the new Waste Impoundment Closure BMP language.
 - c. Additional guidance on design and certification requirements have been added for retrofits.
 - d. Maintenance periods have been split (1-year for breach/backfill closures, 10-years for retrofits and pond conversion closures) and new components are active in CS2.
- B. [Manure Litter Transportation Incentive](#):
 - a. Now includes dry and wet waste.
 - b. Updated eligibility thresholds for soil phosphorus or heavy metal content.
 - c. Added a minimum travel distance of ≥ 5 miles.
 - d. Expanded eligible companion practices.
 - e. Increased the practice cap to \$35,000.
- C. [Dry Stack](#):
 - a. Included waste management plan requirements
 - b. Poultry or livestock manure storage is allowed on non-producing farms.
 - c. JAA and reference standards have been updated.

CCAP BMP Updates

The following CCAP BMPs were updated with mostly minor changes that included typographical and grammar corrections. The policies have also been formatted a bit differently to make them more readable. Two moderate changes were made to the

Bioretention Area and the Grassed Swale BMPs to update them to align with the current NC Stormwater Manual specifications. These changes provide some additional flexibility in the design of these practices.

- A. [Abandoned Well Closure](#)
- B. [Bioretention Area](#)
- C. [Diversion](#)
- D. [Grassed Swale](#)
- E. [Impervious Surface Conversion](#)
- F. [Pet Waste Receptacle](#)

The FY2025 Cost List for CCAP that was approved by the Commission in July had an error with the Structural Stormwater Conveyance costs. The FY2023 cost list cap of \$4,000 was mistakenly used for FY2025. The Commission approved, in FY2024, the cap to be removed as this BMP was updated to allow for more complex designs such as drop inlets. The newly approved [FY2025 Cost List](#) corrected this error.

StRAP Allocation

The Commission approved an additional allocation of \$4,413,441 in funding for StRAP, increasing the total amount allocated in 2024 to \$24,050,197. These additional awards will provide stream debris removal funds to 13 organizations not previously funded, and additional funding to 50 organizations that received partial funding for their projects in June. This was possible through the support of the NC Department of Environmental Quality, which has allocated a total of \$4,721,991 to fund additional StRAP work. Organizations receiving additional funding will receive more information from Matt Safford in the near future.

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