

**JOHNSTON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Division of Soil and Water Conservation Commission
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Raleigh, NC 27699-1614

Subject: Government Owned Property Requesting ACSP funds - Contract number 51-2024-021

Dear North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Commission members,

Please accept this memorandum to support our funding request to the Central Crops Research Station at Clayton, NC. The soil erosion/water quality issue in the area in question is typical of many sites in our county. Our staff has worked with the Research Station staff the past two years and the Station superintendent, Keith Starke has requested our assistance.

Johnston Soil and Water Conservation District has recommended rooftop runoff best management practice and a grassed waterway on one site. A second site will require a rock-lined channel to safely convey runoff.

The Johnston Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors would like to support this and future projects with the Research Station. Many NC Department of Agriculture staff, NC State University staff, legislative and local officials visit the farm on a routine basis. The Research Station staff has requested District assistance on this and many other difficult project sites on the farm. The Research Station does hold public events and gives credit to the Johnston Soil and Water Conservation District on our expertise and project support.

Thank you,

Charles Hill

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To: Soil and Water Commission

From: Keith Starke, Superintendent
Central Crops Research Station

The Central Crops Research Station would like to request financial assistance from the North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program. Funding would be utilized to address two key areas where soil erosion is a concern which corrective measures would otherwise not be possible due to current budget constraints. Assistance from the Johnston County Soil and Water Conservation District staff would allow us to complete the following management practices: installation of a rock lined outlet, a grassed waterway, and a rooftop runoff management system. All of these projects would be completed in the Fall of 2024. Your program support provides us with an opportunity to implement actions of environmental stewardship that otherwise would not be possible.

Sincerely,

Keith Starke

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