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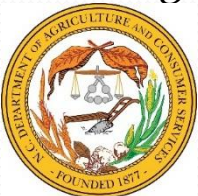
Personnel

- **New Hires:**

- Sr. Eastern Regional Coordinator (Kristina Fischer) – **Ken Parks**
- Engineer II (Cindy Safrit) – **Vivien Zhong**
- Engineering Services Chief (Scott Melvin) – **Rachel Smith**

- **Vacancies (11):**

- Engineer Tech I (Taryn Hendrickson), Engineer Tech I (Matt Hall) – Merging to establish new Engineer I
- CREP Surveyor (Jacob Berry), Engineer Tech I (Ben Wilkins) – Due to lack of eligible applicants, now contracting surveying services, Reallocating position to Environmental Program Consultant
- Engineer II (Layne Owen) – Preparing to repost
- Soil Scientist (Patrick Mitchell) – Scheduling interviews
- Admin. Officer (Maegan Trimnal) – Recommended candidate submitted
- Central Regional Coordinator (Ken Parks) – Scheduling interviews
- Administrative Secretary (Helen Wiklund) – Posting closed June 7, awaiting referred candidates
- Engineer II (Vivien Zhong) – Considering options for position due to funding uncertainty
- Engineer III (Rachel Smith) – Submitted for posting



StRAP

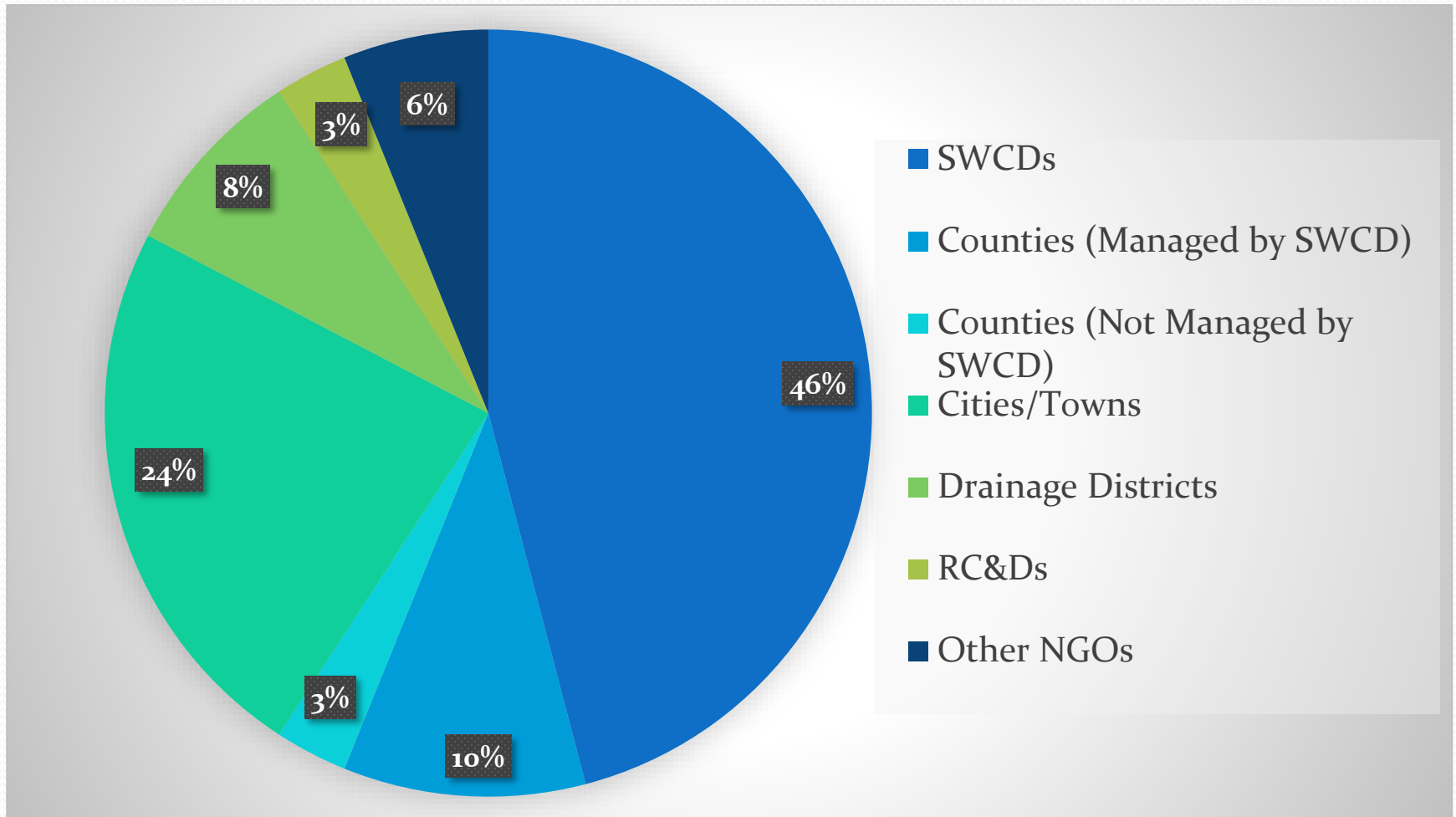
- **2022 Funding:**
 - 101 out of 108 grantees have been reimbursed for at least a portion of their project
 - 42 contracts completed & closed out
- **2024 Funding:**
 - First round of contracts being prepared by DACS Grants & Contracts Office
 - Thus far all funded applicants have accepted their awards.
 - Deadline to submit pre-contract paperwork: August 16th
 - Plan to have a contract review session with each grantee



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StRAP Awards by Applicant Type



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- **DEQ Funding**
 - **Farm Act (S.L. 2024-32)** signed on July 3
 - Adds French Broad to list of DEQ priority river basins
 - Authorizes DEQ to fund stream debris removal projects through StRAP
 - **Memorandum of Understanding** between DSWC & DEQ
 - Currently being drafted
 - Enables possibility of future DEQ funding for StRAP



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NRCS Agreements

- **IRA Technical Assistance Agreement:**
 - Submitted application for \$1.8M over 3 years
 - Technical assistance payments to be made to SWCDs for new or existing staff
 - Payments proposed for seven different deliverable items associated with IRA Implementation
 - Field visits
 - Application processing
 - Cost estimates
 - Survey & design
 - Contract development & management
 - Practice implementation oversight
 - Practice check out & certification



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NRCS Agreements

- **ATAC Phase IV**
 - Submitted application for \$250K for estimated 6-months of five-year agreement
 - Funds support part-time temporary employees in local SWCD offices across NC
 - Temporary employees provide accelerated technical assistance for partnership activities
 - Currently, 12 positions funded through 2020 Agreement



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Recent and Planned Training

Recent Trainings

- GrowMore, July 9, Fletcher

Upcoming Trainings

- RUSLE2 Workshop, August 1, Raleigh
- Advanced Training for SWCD Supervisors, August 13, Raleigh
- Critical Area Planting (Part 1), August 15, Goldsboro
- Conservation Employees Training, Sept. 16-19, Atlantic Beach

Upcoming Commission meetings

- September 16, Doubletree Atlantic Beach, in conjunction with Conservation Employees Training
 - Overflow hotel is Hotel Alice (hotelalicenc.com)
- November 19-20, Guilford County, TBD
- January 5, Sheraton Imperial, Durham, in conjunction with NCASWC Annual Meeting
- March 18-19, TBD
- May 20-21, TBD