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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES

Three blue water droplets of varying sizes are positioned above the 'A' in 'WRAP' of the 'AgWRAP' logo.

AgWRAP

**Agricultural Water
Resources Assistance Program**

North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Commission,
North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services -
Division of Soil and Water Conservation
Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts



How AgWRAP Works

Soil & Water Conservation Commission:

- Approves eligible practices
- Sets policy and costs
- Allocates funding

Division of Soil & Water Conservation:

- Advises the Commission on technical standards & administrative procedures
- Provides engineering and technical assistance
- Approves AgWRAP contracts and payments

Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts:

- Market the program to landowners and operators
- Prepare conservation plans, contracts and invoices





Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP)

AgWRAP was established through S.L. 2011-145 to assist farmers and landowners in doing any one or more of the following:

- Identify opportunities to increase water use efficiency, availability and storage;
- Implement best management practices (BMPs) to conserve and protect water resources;
- Increase water use efficiency;
- Increase water storage and availability for agricultural purposes.



Public Benefits of AgWRAP

- Reduces competition for water resources by public users
- Improves the efficient use of water while enabling the industry to produce food, fiber and other agricultural products
- Prepares the agricultural industry to weather future droughts
- Generates and protects local jobs in agriculture and agribusiness





Best Management Practices

- Agricultural Water Supply/Reuse Pond
- Agricultural Pond Repair/Retrofit
- Agricultural Pond Sediment Removal
- Agricultural Water Collection and Reuse System
- Baseflow Interceptor (streamside pickup)
- Conservation Irrigation Conversion
- Micro-Irrigation System
- Water Supply Well



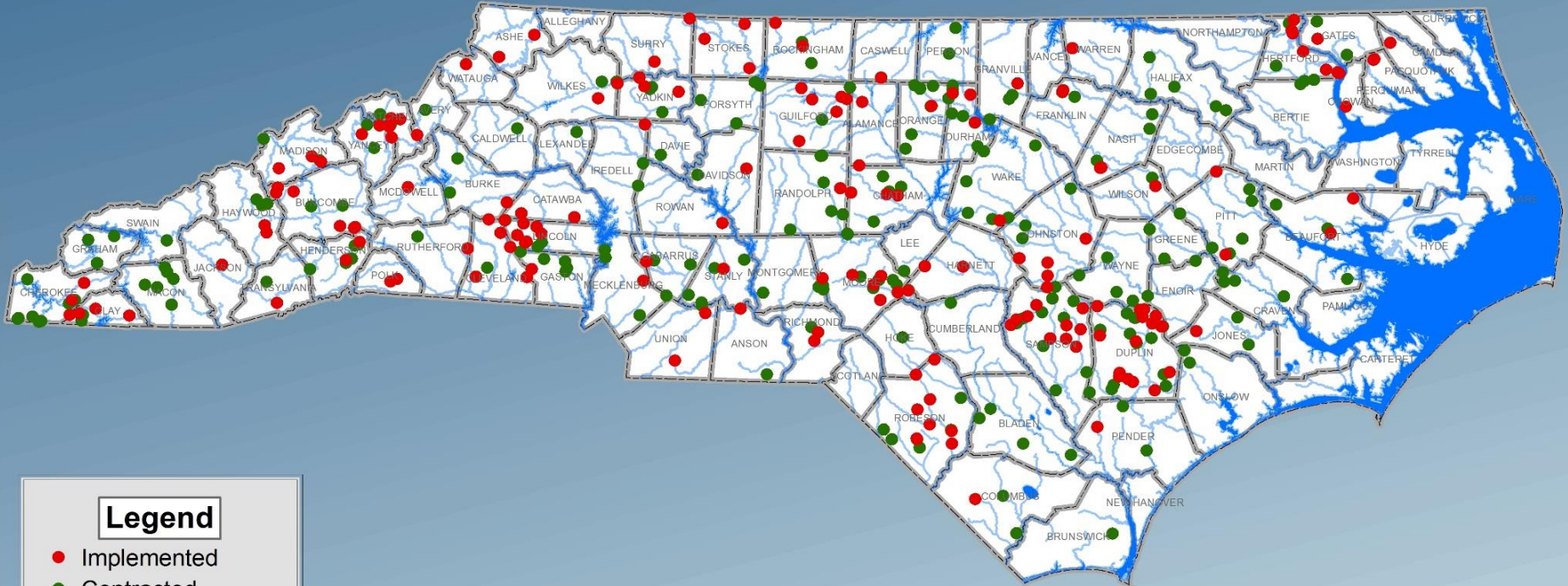
AgWRAP Best Management Practices FY2012-FY2016

BMPs	Contracted	Installed	Total
New ponds	\$843,497	\$494,276	\$1,337,773
Pond repairs/retrofits	\$517,036	\$153,627	\$670,663
Pond sediment removal	\$180,037	\$78,449	\$258,486
Conservation irrigation conversion	\$0	\$2,278	\$2,278
Micro-irrigation system conversions	\$40,672	\$22,513	\$63,185
Baseflow interceptors	\$11,743	\$15,191	\$26,934
Water supply wells	\$343,162	\$400,841	\$744,003



Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program

All BMPs Contracted and Implemented FY2012 - FY2016

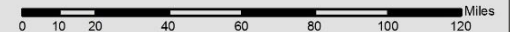


Legend

- Implemented
- Contracted
- Water Bodies
- Major Rivers
- County Boundaries

Division of Soil & Water Conservation

<http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/>



Ag Ponds



Ag Pond Sediment Removal





Water Supply Wells





I would like to compliment the engineers, soil scientists, Chatham Soil and Water Conservation, and others involved in my pond planning and construction.

Not only were they diligent and knowledgeable in their jobs but also pleasant and courteous in their demeanor. It was a pleasure working with them.

The AgWRAP is a great service for agriculturalists especially here in Chatham County where water can become scarce!

Wynn Dinnsen, Chatham County



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Most land in Gum Neck community lies at an elevation of one to three feet. Scenes like this at the I. W. Swindell farm were common when the waters rose.



Frying Pan

Alligator River

***Gum Neck Swamp
Dike Project
~ 7,207 Acres***

TYRRELL COUNTY

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Sustaining Water For the Future

An aerial photograph of the Deep Creek Watershed Dam in Yadkinville, North Carolina. The dam is a large concrete structure on the right side of the image, with a reservoir extending to the left. The reservoir is filled with water, and the surrounding area is a mix of green forest and cleared land. The dam has a spillway on the right side. The overall scene shows a large-scale water management project in a rural, wooded area.

Developed in 1958
3,965 acre-feet of flood storage
518 acre-feet of municipal & industrial water supply
6 million gallons a day

Deep Creek Watershed Dam
Yadkinville, NC

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Tornado Damage
Bertie County
April 2011



Hurricane Irene Damage
Chowan County
August 2011



Stream Debris Removal Project

- Streams/drainage channels blocked from storm debris from Hurricanes Irene, Sandy and Arthur; tornadoes and ice storms
- \$850,000 in two DEQ Division of Water Resources grants, plus \$120,000 in watershed improvement funds
- Over \$3.75 million requested
- Funds awarded to 11 conservation districts, 7 counties, 4 drainage districts, 2 municipalities
- Over 375 miles of stream affected



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Drainage issues are very complex & impacted by a combination of factors including:

- Multiple landowners
- Changing land uses
- Maintenance of existing drainage systems
- Challenging weather patterns, storm frequencies and intensities
- Beaver activity
- Lack of available technical resources to determine drainage patterns at watershed and/or regional scale





Swine Buyout Program



- Established in aftermath of Hurricane Floyd
- Funded by CWMTF (4 grants - \$18.7M)
- Eligibility: active swine farms in 100 yr. floodplains
- Bought out 42 operations
 - Capacity to produce 59,200 hogs
 - 103 waste lagoons decommissioned
 - 1,218 acres included in conservation easements
- 138 farmers have applied for the program



Mattamuskeet Association
~ 42,332 acres

Fairfield Drainage District
~ 10,416 acres

Lake Mattamuskeet

(Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge)

Slocum Drainage Partnership
~ 1,734 Acres

West Quarter Service District
~ 7,584 Acres

Swan Quarter Service District
~ 3,401 Acres

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