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## 2002 POLICIES, POSITIONS & ACTION ITEMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

### DISTRICT OPERATIONS

#### *Policies & Positions*

1. The Association will continue as a leader for improving the quality of N.C. waters. This organization and its Districts are willing to continue to expand its role in developing policies and programs with our conservation partners toward meeting the challenges presented by non-point pollution sources. This effort must retain our non-regulatory function in assisting cooperators and would be contingent on the provision of adequate funding.
2. The Association encourages the Division to seek 319 funds and other grants to fund additional projects and personnel to assist Districts in addressing water quality problems.
3. The Association is interested in continuing to have a leadership role in improving water quality in North Carolina by encouraging:
  - a. all Districts to take State & Local officials on an annual tour of BMP's
  - b. all Districts to express appreciation to State Representatives and Senators for their support of the ACSP for Non-Point Source Pollution Control.
  - c. each District Supervisor to maintain contact with members of the US Congress and State Legislature and to seek their support in funding DSWC conservation programs.
4. The Association requests that in the process of studying proposed resolutions at the Annual Meeting, a member of the District sponsoring a specific resolution attend the standing committee meeting to which the resolution is assigned for the purpose of showing support. The Association has determined that resolutions originating from Districts and/or Areas must reach the office of the Association no later than November 30 and that draft resolutions should include desired actions.
5. The Association supports efforts to protect and improve rivers, lakes, streams, and estuaries by volunteers who adopt water bodies as part of the Stream Watch Program. Districts are urged to identify at least one water body within their boundaries as a candidate for adoption, and work with the N.C. Division of Water Resources and local groups to establish a Stream Watch group for that water body. Each district is encouraged to incorporate this concept into its Annual Plan of Work. Districts are also encouraged to work through local schools or youth groups to use water bodies as educational resources and to involve young people in Stream Watch activities.
6. The Association strongly endorses the policy that door prizes for the annual meeting of the Association will be as follows: one door prize of at least \$25.00 value will be provided by each Area. The Association President will be responsible for securing one grand prize.
7. The Association supports and joins the efforts of the Commission, the Division, NRCS and other participating agencies and organizations to strengthen the conservation partnership and the comprehensive natural resources conservation program in North Carolina through adoption of strategic planning, capacity building, and total quality management principals and practices in the implementation of their conservation programs.

8. The Association designates the first Sunday after January 2 as the opening day for the Association's Annual Meeting.
9. The Association First Vice-President shall assign the Second Vice-President to chair the District Operations committee. This person will gain background experience in the Association's operating procedures and lay groundwork for future programs.
10. The Association endorses the Computerized Partnership Training Program created through the Conservation Partnership.
11. The Association supports district employees being properly trained in animal waste management systems. This technical training will be based on the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide Standards and other applicable information. This training will assure that personnel conducting operational reviews and regulatory inspections have the same training and similar technical experience.
12. The Association will continue to support the conservation partnership organization's efforts to provide cooperators with the information and technical support they need to comply with regulations. Having this partnership also serve as the regulatory authority, the role traditionally served by DWQ, would threaten the partnership's historical working relationship with producers, which has been very effective in reaching resource conservation goals over the years.
13. The Association hereby declares that it does not support any effort that would bring Districts into new roles without consultation of the Executive Committee.
14. Whenever feasible, any committee that is established stemming from a resolution approved at the annual meeting shall include a representative from the district that submitted the resolution. This representative can be either a district supervisor, or employee as deemed appropriate by that local district board.
15. The State Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts endorses the concept of all appropriate conservation partners participating in the NC Supervisors Workshop. All appropriate employees of districts, NRCS and the Division are encouraged to participate within the next five years. In addition, each of the respective agencies is asked to adopt the concept of covering the costs of all appropriate new hires, so that they can participate in the NC Supervisors Workshop during their first two years of employment.

### ***Action Items***

- The Association requests that the Division include the county, names, home address and telephone numbers of associate supervisors in the Supervisors Directory and reinstate the office address and telephone numbers of district office staff, county, USDA-NRCS employees, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations and Area Coordinators.
2. The Association will encourage all Districts to involve both NRCS and the local Cooperative Extension Service Office in their annual and long range planning processes to identify conservation issues of mutual concern and develop cooperative plans for meeting these needs. The Association encourages all management levels of the Association, NRCS and CES to follow the lead of the local counterparts in these planning processes.

**Items # 3 and # 4 will be added to the by-laws this year and then removed from this document.**

3. The President and Executive Committee of the State Association will work to amend the By-Laws of the State Association to include the following policy as soon as possible.

When a district supervisor is unable to complete the three-year term from 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President to President, the current officers will rotate forward. The President of the State Association will contact the officers of the area with the supervisor who caused the vacancy. Then a district supervisor from the area of the individual who caused the vacancy will fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President slot. If the Immediate Past President position is vacated the Area of the district supervisor who is unable to fulfill his term will select a candidate to complete the term and to serve on the Soil & Water Conservation Commission. This candidate will need to be approved by the State Executive Committee and by the Governor.

For instance if the State Association President vacates the office, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will become the President and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President will become the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. The Area of the district supervisor who vacated the president's slot, will select a candidate. This candidate will be put to a vote by the State Association Executive Committee to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.

4. The Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District requests to become a part of the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts in Area VIII. Brown Creek has compatible farming issues and is more geographically suited to Area VIII.
5. The Chairman of the District Operations Committee will on behalf of the State Association President, write for the President, the NC Division of Water Quality and ask them to continue coordinating operational reviews and regulatory inspections, so that these site visits are timed appropriately. In addition, this letter will reiterate the desire of the State Association that the results of regulatory inspections be mailed or faxed to the person responsible for the operations review within five (5) days of DWQ inspections facilitating prompt action by the technical specialist to assist the producer in getting the operation into compliance as soon as possible.
6. The Executive Committee of the Association may continue to actively develop funding for a position through grants, contributions and other sources based upon district capability and when the funding is secured proceed to fill the position based upon the funding obligations and associated work plans approved by the executive committee.
7. The North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will add the verbiage Community Conservation to the title of the Natural Environment Committee.

**Objective # 7 represents a change in the State Association By-Laws. This objective was approved by majority vote at the January 2002 Annual Meeting. This item can be incorporated into the By-laws if it receives a favorable vote at the January 2003 Annual Meeting of the NC Association of SWCD's.**

## EDUCATION

### *Policies & Positions*

1. The Association actively supports programs of career education in environmental and conservation sciences, management, and technology throughout the state.
2. The Association encourages all local Districts to participate in the following educational activities:
  - a. assist schools in developing projects on and off campus.

- b. obtain a conservation plan on all school grounds and recognize these schools for installing this plan.
  - c. distribute Soil and Water Conservation materials in schools.
  - d. support 4-H Environmental Quality Demonstration Contests, FFA Land Judging Contests, and the Forestry Contest.
  - e. support Soil and Water Stewardship Week. Districts will be responsible for copying and distributing available materials.
  - f. support the Resource Conservation Workshop by sponsoring a student representative.
1. The Association supports and endorses Food, Land & People, Project Learning Tree, N.C. Wild, Project Catch, Project WET and Ag in the Classroom as additional conservation education programs for Districts.
  4. The Association supports implementation of a comprehensive natural resource program to be used for teacher renewal credit workshops offered by Districts along with the Mathematics and Science Education Centers/Office of Special Programs within the University of North Carolina (UNC) System. This program would be based on a need to offer natural resource education material that can supplement the existing curriculum in grades K-12.
  5. The Association supports the Area and State Envirothon competition for grades 5-8 and 9-12 and encourages all Soil and Water Conservation Districts in North Carolina to sponsor at least one team from their District to the Envirothon competition.
  6. The Association will designate a single theme each year beginning August 2000 to be used for all Essay, Poster and Public Speaking contests in an effort to promote greater participation and to reduce confusion between contests caused by differing assigned topics.
  7. The Association will provide \$300 cash award and up to \$150 travel allowance to the Conservation Teacher of the Year to attend the state association annual meeting awards banquet.
  8. The Association encourages each District to include all children in their educational programs.
  9. The Association strongly encourages each of the Association's eight areas continue to sponsor a Resource Conservation Workshop counselor on an annual basis by covering their registration fee, meal costs and mileage as applicable. In addition, the Association encourages each area to give their respective counselor a stipend **AFTER** he/she has completed the one-week of service at the workshop. The suggested amount of the one-week stipend is \$100.00 per counselor per week.
  10. The Association requests that each District, by the last day of February, appoint one person to act as an Education Coordinator. By March 7 each District should send the name of its Education Coordinator to the Division, Chief of District Programs. Upon receipt, a list will be sent to the Education Committee Chairperson.
  11. The Education Committee Chairperson and the Area Coordinators are encouraged to develop a list of resource materials applicable to assigned topics for poster, essay and public speaking contests. To the extent feasible, this list should be available by May 1 each new school year and will be provided to each Area of the Association.

12. The North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide a display in the educational section at the next North Carolina State Fair promoting the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of North Carolina. David O'Neal will Chair a Subcommittee to make certain that this happens and each year the Chair, appoints a Chairman for the next year, providing funding is available from the Association.

**Action Items** \* Denotes the top priority objective of this committee.

1. \* The Area Coordinator assigned to the Education Committee is requested to update and circulate the Contest, Workshop & Awards Handbook by May 1, 2002.

The Association State President will coordinate with the Division District Program Section Chief to appoint a committee to review CFF contests. This committee will be established by May 2001 for the purpose of setting guidelines to establish:

- A) A review of the CFF Contest to establish policies to improve District participation.
- B) Specify judging times. For example, notify districts of proposed judging dates 30 days in advance.
- C) Select judges with professional expertise. Example, judges with conservation, livestock, field crops and government programs knowledge in wildlife and forestry.
- D) Select a list of agencies that will be used to provide a judge. Example, District Supervisors, NRCS, DENR, Cooperative Extension, FSA, Forestry and Farm Bureau.
- E) Judges should represent all areas of the state in the state and regional competition.
- F) An overall review of the CFF contest nomination form.
- G) Pursue ways of funding travel for judges and financing for the State Award Ceremony.

The NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts do hereby proclaim April as Environmental Awareness Month in North Carolina and that the Governor of North Carolina adopt this proclamation.

The NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will establish an annual awards program for the employees doing environmental education work to be given at the Annual Meeting each year beginning with the 2003 Annual Meeting. That any District Employee, NRCS Employee, County Employee working for a District, any Division Employee, and any other partnership employee be eligible for this award if nominated by a District. This award shall be called the "Outstanding Environmental Educator of the Year."

The Association President asks each Area of the State Association to send him the name of an individual to serve on a statewide committee to look at the Conservation Farm Family program.

## FINANCE

### **Policies & Positions**

1. The Association will operate in 2002 by paying dues as assessed. The following dues assessment will be used to fund the Association's budget: Base dues \$100 per county, plus \$1.00 for each

1,000 population, and \$1.50 for each 10,000 acres per county. The Association Treasurer will use the most recent estimate of census data to determine population. An updated assessment will be done every five years thereafter using January 1996 as the base date.

2. The Association shall contribute an amount not to exceed \$700 to the host District and/or County in paying itemized expenses of the N.C. Association of Future Farmers of America to conduct an annual statewide land-judging contest.
3. The Association endorses the selection of an outside auditor to be hired to audit the financial records of the Association. The books will be closed on November 30 and audited as soon as possible thereafter and reported to the Association.
4. The Association encourages gifts and contributions to the Association Endowment Fund with interest income used to help defray expenses of Association. Should the Association be dissolved, the Executive Committee shall place all remaining funds of the Assoc. Endowment Fund with the Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.
5. The Association recommends that Supervisors who are requested to attend meetings called by the Association or government agencies pertaining to Association business be reimbursed mileage at .25 per mile rate. If overnight lodging is required, lodging and meals will be reimbursed at actual cost not to exceed the State rate. Receipts are required.
6. The Association adopts the Finance Committee recommendation that the Association provide funds for travel expenses for the following meetings: National and Southeastern Meetings \$13,500 - to be divided \$8,000 for the National meeting and \$5,500 for the Southeastern Meeting.
7. The Association will be responsible for rooms and banquet costs to defray Conservation Farm Family expenses to attend the annual meeting. The Area/District will be responsible for all other expenses.
8. The Association will reimburse the council member or alternate council member for expenses up to \$3000 (as follows) for attendance at the: NACD National Meeting (\$1,500), Southeastern Region Meeting (\$1,000), and the Legislative Conference in Washington, DC (\$500) each year.
9. The Association will provide \$1,200 to help cover costs of sending the North Carolina Envirothon Committee Chairman, or his designee (giving supervisors first priority) to two National Envirothon Committee Meetings
10. In the case of death of any past or present supervisor, the Association will send a memorial of \$50.00 to the endowment fund.

#### ***Action Items***

1. The North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts should pay for the Registration and Airline tickets in advance to achieve the lowest cost incurred to the Association. The Association should purchase these tickets through a travel agent at group rates. The Association should acquire a credit card to pay, or request an advance bill from NACD for Registration. Supervisors would no longer have to pay for airline tickets and registration out of their own pocket and wait for reimbursement. The Supervisors would be required to document hotel and meal allowance for reimbursement. The cost of the Registration and Airline ticket for all representatives would be equally deducted from the budget line and remainder would be used for hotel and meal allowance expenses.

## LEGISLATIVE

### ***Policies & Positions***

1. The Association expresses its appreciation to the members of the General Assembly for their continued support given to the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Non-Point Source Pollution Control, and strongly encourages the General Assembly to continue to provide support for non-regulatory programs delivered through local soil and water conservation districts.
2. The Association strongly supports and encourages increased funding by Congress for NRCS to provide technical assistance to land users, and to meet provisions of the 1990, 1996, and subsequent Farm Bills.
3. The Association supports recognition by the Environmental Protection Agency, and state and local water quality programs that nonpoint source program funding seriously lags behind point source programs, and is not allocated to North Carolina based on the attributed nonpoint source proportion of the water quality problem. For example, if EPA estimates that 56% of nonpoint source pollution is due to agriculture, then the lead agency for agricultural non-point source pollution should receive 56% of funds appropriated from various sources to address this problem.
4. The Association supports federal and state legislation or other action to compensate landowners, through tax benefits or other incentives, for conservation actions taken in response to federal and state regulations for wetlands, animal waste management, buffers, and other water quality related programs.

### ***Action Items***

\* Denotes the top priority objective of this committee.

1. \* The Association will request that the 2003 North Carolina General Assembly restore the one million dollar recurring reduction in the North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program.
2. The Association, working under the leadership of its President and its Legislative Committee, will pursue the appropriation, during the 2001-2003 biennial budget process, from the North Carolina General Assembly of an additional \$1,000,000 recurring funds, above currently appropriated recurring NCASP funds, for technical assistance and operating expenses, for use directly by Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the delivery of this program. The Association supports separate but companion legislation establishing increased annual salary appropriations for raises for District cost-share technicians in line with state employee raises. In order to achieve this, the Association will solicit support from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and its Division of Soil and Water Conservation to establish this as the top priority for securing expanded funding in the Governor's Budget reported to the General Assembly. The Association further calls on the Commission to endorse this official act. The Association will coordinate a statewide campaign by all 96 local Districts to solicit support by the Governor, and to inform and educate their state legislators on the need for these additional funds and the benefits to local citizens resulting from cost share and technical assistance funding.
3. The Association will request that the North Carolina General Assembly increase the appropriation of recurring funds made available each year to reimburse District Supervisors for necessary travel and training expenses in the conduct of their official duties by not less than \$150,000 during the 2002 - 2003 budget process. The Association requests that it's President, the Commission Chairman, Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation, and NRCS State Conservationist work in concert with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the General Assembly to achieve this priority funding need and that the funding request may be linked to a supervisor training

assessment developed by the Division and Association considering complementary funding opportunities available through the Association's Foundation.

4. The Association will strongly request that the General Assembly provide an additional recurring \$4,000 per District for State Matching Funds as part of the 2003 – 2005 budget package.
5. The Association will strongly request that the General Assembly reinstate recurring funding for two (2) soil survey positions previously eliminated from the Division, as part of the 2003 - 2005 budget process, and continue support of the Cooperative Soil Survey Program in North Carolina.
6. The Association will request the General Assembly, in recognition of the increased responsibilities and requirements placed on Districts as a result of state and federal programs, such as the Neuse and Tar Pamlico Basin rules, Critical Water Supply Watershed Rules, Agricultural Non-discharge Rules, Nutrient Sensitive Waters Designations, Basin Water Quality Planning Program, Total Maximum Daily Loadings, concentrated animal feeding operations, etc., to provide a recurring increase of \$5 million in Best Management Practices cost share funds for the Agriculture Cost Share Program for Non-Point Source Pollution Control.
7. The Association will request the General Assembly and DENR to apply, starting in 2003 - 2004, State Revolving Funds for no-interest or low-interest loans for nonpoint source management programs, including agriculture and community storm water, and that these State Revolving Fund moneys be administered by the Division through local Districts.
8. The Association charges the Legislative Committee to track all resolutions adopted by the Association that require legislative action regardless of the source of the resolution. The Legislative Committee will provide support in any way possible, including maintaining a local legislative network, to see that legislation initiated by the Association is enacted.
9. The Association encourages the Division to provide printed information to Districts on important legislative proposals and appropriations in the General Assembly and that this printed information be in a format which can be promptly distributed to districts, and which can easily be used to discuss facts with local legislators or transmit the necessary facts to them.
10. The Association will work with the Districts to confirm in writing with their county managers regarding the Districts' coverage under county liability coverage under 2001 amendments to GS 153A-97, GS 160A-167 (Liability Coverage for Soil and Water Conservation District Boards of Supervisors and District Employees).
11. The Association requests that the General Assembly recognize a process in which Districts and the Division participate in the DENR basin planning process to develop best management practice implementation plans for each basin as part of the planning cycle, in order to improve management of pollution contributed to the river basins by various nonpoint sources. The Association requests that the General Assembly encourage DENR to allow for implementation of non-regulatory programs under such implementation plans prior to initiating any new regulatory program in a basin.
12. The Association calls on the partnership to implement a Congressional Outreach Plan supporting adequate funding for NRCS to carry out their responsibilities in conservation program implementation for local Districts.
13. The Association will take action through NACD (e.g., via resolutions) to ensure North Carolina plays a leadership role in dealing with national conservation issues.

14. The Association will support action in the General Assembly to increase funding for the NC Farmland Preservation Trust Fund as stated in Article 61 of NC General Statute 106-744, for the purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements.
15. The Association will request federal legislation to compensate landowners, or to provide tax benefits, for wetlands rendered unusable by implementation of Sect. 404 of the Clean Water Act.
16. The Association will request the NC Dept. of Revenue and DENR work with local property tax assessors to investigate a property tax exemption covering animal waste management equipment and facilities under GS. 105-282.1, similar to that provided to public and private utilities.

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### *Policies & Positions*

1. The Association strongly recommends that Districts fully support the Wetland Reserve Program created by the 1985, 1990, and 1996 Farm Bills.
2. The Association requests that Districts take a stronger initiative in encouraging an improved forest land management program in their Districts. The Association recommends that all districts devote at least one meeting a year to evaluating and developing a specific program for improved forestland management in their Districts.
3. The Association supports the following programs:
  - a. the Division of Forest Resources' Forest Development Program, Tree Farms and Forest Stewardship, and Forest Legacy Programs; and
  - b. the N.C. State University School of Forest Resources' small woodlot research and demonstration program; and
  - c. the implementation of forestry Best Management Practices by forest landowners, timber buyers, and loggers when harvesting and/or re-foresting timberlands to reduce accelerated erosion, to reduce stream sedimentation and improve water quality.
4. The Association supports, under supervision of the Division of Forest Resources and other trained personnel, the practice of prescribed burning as a tool in forest management.
5. The Association supports the Wildlife Resources Commission in its program efforts to focus on cropland, forestland, and right-of-way management.
6. The Association and local districts are urged to take a strong stand on increasing financial assistance available through the forestry incentives program, and also, to work with our state and national legislators toward a better understanding of forestry practices and costs.
7. The Association endorses and encourages the maintenance of a Western North Carolina Arboretum to protect endangered plants; to provide services in the evaluation, demonstration, and testing of plant materials; and to broaden public awareness of the unique position this region occupies in the plant world.
8. The Association strongly supports efforts of USDA, research universities, agricultural experiment stations, and other concerned state and federal agencies to terminate or extensively abate all contributing factors to acid rain deposition in North Carolina and the United States.

9. The Association urges Districts to identify severe road bank erosion problems in their area, find local groups interested in working on or sponsoring projects to correct specific problems, contact the local Department of Transportation Roadside Environmental Engineer to plan and carry out these projects and to work with Department of Transportation to erect signs on site advertising the purpose of the projects and the organizations involved. Highway wildflower planting practices at times are erosive. Districts are to monitor projects in their area.
10. The Association endorses the extension of Conservation Reserve Program contracts and asks that local Districts encourage program participants to extend their Conservation Reserve Program contract.
11. The Association supports the partnership established to administer the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program and encourages districts to actively promote this program to eligible landowners. The Association also supports adequate new funding for CREP.
12. The Association supports the Natural Resource Conservation Service in:
  - a. the creation and enhancement of wildlife habitat under the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP); and
  - b. the protection of soil, water, air and natural resources under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).
14. The Association supports wider uses of natural systems to treat waste water treatment plant effluent and pollutants in storm water flows to further reduce the nutrients and solid loading to our streams and estuaries.
15. The Association supports the State's goal of preserving one million acres of open space by 2010 and encourages the state to consider ways to maintain private ownership of working farm and forest lands as a means of achieving this goal.
16. The Association supports preserving the state's farmland and encourages:
  - a. Districts to take an active role in developing and implementing state and local farmland preservation initiatives.
  - b. The General Assembly and local governments to provide financial and other incentives to farmers to preserve working farmlands.
17. The Association supports Districts holding conservation easements generated by the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Farmland Preservation Program, and other open space preservation programs and encourages the State to make long term funding available for monitoring conservation easements.
18. The Association recognizes and supports North Carolina Big Sweep Waterway Cleanup and do further hereby urge every district to do their part to restore the beauty and function of our lakes and streams with promoting, supporting, volunteering, or in kind services for the Big Sweep event.
20. The Association requests that the DSWC working for the districts should initiate a Joint Agreement between DWQ - NC Wetland Restoration Program, the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and themselves that will supply the avenue for districts to be reimbursed for program contributions. Therefore, it is recommended that the DSWC take appropriate action to expedite a Joint Agreement with DWQ. Once the agreement is entered into between the DSWC

and DWQ then local participating districts can enter into a Joint Agreement with the DSWC to allow reimbursement for services rendered locally.

21. The Association, when determining the location for holding it's annual meeting, shall give preference to meeting facilities that employ active water conservation techniques.

**Action Items** \* Denotes the top priority objective of this committee.

1. \* The Association through local districts shall identify major sources of nonpoint source pollution within each district and shall work cooperatively with DENR, other agencies and the private sector to develop and implement local and regional strategies to address identified water quality concerns. These local strategies shall be offered for incorporation into DENR's river basin plans and any TMDLs, ELG's, or other Implementation Strategies developed to address water quality concerns.
2. The Association encourages the Technical Review Committee and Commission to consider adopting integrated pest management, integrated crop management, and precision farming as new best management practices in the Cost Share Program.
3. The Association shall work with the Division and Cooperative Extension Service to develop and deliver training for district supervisors on conservation easements.
4. The Association supports and will cooperate with the Division, NRCS and the NC Cattleman's Association to implement the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative in North Carolina and to develop a conservation handbook for pasture-based livestock.

## RC&D AND LAND RESOURCES

### **Policies & Positions**

1. The Association endorses, in principle, the following eight-point statement prepared and adopted by the N.C. Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. When the Association becomes involved with land-use planning and policy, it and local Districts should consider the following principles:

Land-use policies and effective land-use plans must be based on careful analysis of the following considerations: the needs and desires of people for productive soil, clean water, quality vegetation and aesthetic facilities, the capabilities, limitations, and potentials of the land as shown by soil surveys and other land studies.

Land-use policies and plans must be reviewed periodically to determine changes that will alter the use of land so it meets people's needs and desires.

To the maximum extent practical, landowners should continue to exercise their inherent right to use their land and associated resources in any way they desire. Landowners, however, should recognize that exercising this right also carries a greater responsibility, that they must consider the overall impact of their decision on the public and the environment.

Land-use policies and plans should recognize the importance of the property tax structure and its influence on land use. They should also include provisions for considering adjustments in tax value of land, including fair and equitable assessments of land use for agricultural, wildlife, recreational, aesthetic, or other uses, which are of significant interest and importance to the public.

Fundamental changes in land use, especially the conversion of important agricultural lands to nonagricultural uses should be made only after adequately studying the long-term and short-term effects (ecological, economic, and social) on people and environment.

Some uses of land (such as, but not limited to, gravel pits, surface mines, highways, and construction borrow pits) tend to destroy or greatly alter the land's usefulness and appearance. When these are completed, they should be followed by necessary reclamation measures--including replacement of topsoil where feasible--which will fully protect the land and return it to a useful condition.

Land in public ownership, insofar as possible, should be made accessible to fill the public need for recreational, aesthetic, and other environmental enjoyment. Such lands should be managed to maintain the most logical balance between public uses and adequate protection of the soil, water, plant, and animal resources.

All citizens should be provided with adequate information to acquaint them with the potentials and opportunities basic to proper land use. To be effective, land-use policies and plans evolve through citizen understanding and participation. Educational efforts should be geared to the entire population, emphasizing groups most likely to respond to such efforts.

2. The Association recognizes the need for land use planning, but opposes any state or federal land use planning act that fails to delegate authority in such planning to local officials. The Association recommends that the Districts become one of the main agents to develop and implement local land use plans. Districts should work at the local level to have one or more of their supervisors placed on the county planning board or local planning agency. Actions of all officials should include adequate public hearings.
3. The Association encourages Districts to promote soil and water conservation BMP's with contractors, real estate developers, lending institutions, and government agencies. To do this, Districts need to provide technical assistance so that their clients will become more aware of the whys behind preserving important agricultural and environmentally sensitive land.
4. The Association supports the policies for the State of North Carolina to protect our prime, unique, state, and locally significant farmland, prime forestland, and wildlife habitat (hereinafter referred to as important farm and forestlands) and endorses agriculture districting and farmland preservation in North Carolina.
- .2 Any taker of important farm or forest land must prove an overriding public need exists--without a reasonable or prudent alternative--before state or federal funds could be invested for roads, street, water or sewer facilities, and similar items. In addition, this public need must be proven if action taken were to decrease the productivity or adversely affect the remaining or adjacent farm and forestland.
6. The Association supports the N.C. Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973, including the review process required by local ordinances for erosion control plans by District Supervisors, NRCS staff, and District staff. Each District is encouraged to work on erosion and sedimentation problems to maintain agriculture's exemption from the Act. This will be done by providing education on and promoting the use of Best Management Practices to prevent sediment runoff from farmland. Each District is encouraged to support local sedimentation and erosion control programs.
7. The Association will continue to support the Commission and the NC Agriculture Cost Share Program for Non-point Source Pollution Control.
8. The Association requests that the N.C. Dept. of Transportation work with Districts, Food & Agricultural Councils, and NRCS in developing and implementing road bank seeding programs in counties with such a need. The Association encourages using a seed source that is free of noxious plant seed. These programs should be exemplary in demonstrating the relationship of erosion and sedimentation problems and protective vegetation.

9. The Association agrees that the definition of wetlands should be realistic and restrictions on the use of wetlands should be based on their environmental value compared to their value for other uses. The Association supports NRCS, Division and Districts in determining wetland on agricultural land.
10. The Association supports a program promoting estate planning by the state's farm families. Tax reduction through the transfer of conservation easements should also be considered. Districts and the Association should also work to maintain the existing exemption under the federal estate tax statutes at its current level or higher.
11. The Association endorses broadening the awareness of the RC&D program.
12. The Association supports adequate funding for the NC RC&D Program.
13. The Association supports dedicated funding for the Farmland Preservation Trust Fund. The Association endorses the State Goal of preserving a million acres of open space over the next ten years – especially by providing incentives to land owners to preserve farm and forest land.

**Action Items** \* Denotes the top priority objective of this committee.

1. \* The NCASWCD will support the NC RC&D Association efforts to secure NC General Assembly recurring funding of \$25,000 per RC&D Council in North Carolina. These funds will be used as seed monies for RC&D projects in the state. This effort will include the goal of raising the grant amount to \$50,000 per RC&D Council.
2. The Association encourages the President of the NC RC&D Association to invite the NC Soil & Water Conservation Commission to the annual state NC RC&D Association meeting for partnership update on RC&D activities.
3. The Association will make personal contact with U.S. Senators and Representatives from North Carolina and the chairpersons of the U.S. House and Senate appropriations Committees in order to urge an annual appropriation to adequately support the NC RC&D Program. The Association President and N.C. RC&D State Association President or his/her representative shall make contact during a Washington Legislative trip.
4. The Association will support the development of new NC RC&D applications in seeking statewide coverage by 2005 if new funds become available.

## RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

### **Policies & Positions**

1. The Association encourages and should seek new funding to enable the North Carolina Agricultural Research Service, the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, and USDA - Agricultural Research Service to continue and expand research and technology transfer in soil and water conservation. Research and technology shall:
  - a. Evaluate nutrient and soil amendment value and potential toxicity of waste materials; match application with soil characteristics and crop needs; monitor and predict the movement of contaminating chemicals toward surface and ground waters; develop methods such as Geographic Information Systems to aid in prioritizing areas suitable for land application of animal municipal and industrial wastes.

- b. Develop models and procedures (commonly known as Precision Farming) to assess nutrient and pest management, particularly of nitrogen, phosphorus, and pesticides during crop growth; establish methods to better manage application of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers, organic sources, animal waste and herbicides; establish methods to select environmentally safe herbicides to use in each crop/soil system; develop methods such as Geographic Information Systems to assess nutrient herbicide impacts on surface and ground waters; and develop procedures to determine the economic viability of alternative production practices.
- c. Continue development and evaluation of effective, economical and environmentally safe crop and pasture management systems including the use of lagoons, crop residues, animal manures, processed by-products, municipal and industrial residuals, Integrated Pest Management, Integrated Crop Management and/or Integrated Resource Management; evaluate the use of biotechnology to control disease, insects and weeds and reduce environmental impacts.
- d. Continue development and evaluation of best management practices for agricultural and silviculture water management systems including irrigation and drainage systems, to meet plant needs, minimize runoff and leaching of farm chemicals, conserve water and energy, preserve natural and wildlife habitats, and protect surface and ground water quality; and address the economic feasibility of these best management practices.
- e. Evaluate aquacultural production systems based on production efficiency, profitability, water and energy conservation, impacts on natural habitats and potential for contamination of surface and ground water.
- f. Evaluate aquatic weed management techniques based on effectiveness, impacts on natural habitats and potential for contamination of surface and ground water; and develop new application technology, biological control, and non-chemical procedures that reduce dependence on herbicides for aquatic weed management.
- g. Evaluate techniques for wellhead protection and proper management of surrounding land to eliminate ground water contamination and assure safe drinking water.
- h. Evaluate soils based land use planning and evaluation techniques, including Geographic Information System, remote sensing, and photo interpretation to develop total watershed management strategies, including critical area delineation, based on effectiveness in protecting surface water supplies.
- i. Evaluate and demonstrate alternative techniques for on-site wastewater treatment, land application systems and other procedures that use soil as a receiving medium.
- j. Determine the impacts of agricultural and silvicultural practices on wetland ecology and hydrologic values and water quality functions and evaluate the economic impact of current and proposed wetland protection regulations on agricultural and forestry production.
- k. Evaluate soils with respect to the leaching potential of chemicals; and methods of handling pesticides on farm to minimize environmental impacts of accidental spills.
- l. Encourage and evaluate solid waste management techniques that recycle nutrients (compost) or detoxified materials (renovated petroleum contaminated soils) to productive soil-plant systems; and determine the economic benefits of these techniques.
- m. Review the extent to which existing tax laws are contributing to the conversion of farmland to other uses.

- n. Promote research on restoration of native soils and community types through the application of restoration ecology.
2. The Association strongly urges that methodology be developed that will quickly and accurately identify water quality problems, determine the cause and establish the source or sources of the problems.
3. The Association strongly urges scientists and practicing professionals to increase sustainable agriculture and long term conservation tillage (no-till) research and technology transfer in the various regions of North Carolina.
4. The Association strongly encourages the development of technology transfer materials that emphasizes the vast amount of effort currently focused on solutions and the search for new technology.
5. The Association strongly encourages it's Executive Committee to consult with the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (NCSU) to obtain unbiased data and facts to counteract erroneous information published by the news media.

### **Action Items**

1. The association encourages the Research and Technology Committee to name a subcommittee consisting of Greg Hoyt, Sandra Weitzel, Bobby Brock, Lane Price, John Havlin, *George Teague* and other interested parties to; plan a year 2002 Conservation Tillage Workshop with an emphasis on presentation of university research.
2. Ask the President of the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to write a letter to the United States Senators and Congressmen of North Carolina to appropriate 1.0 million dollars for the USDA-ARS Coastal Plains Soil, Water & Plant Research Center, Florence, SC for alternative technology for animal waste management/water quality.
3. The NC Association of SWCD's will: send a letter of appreciation and commendation to NCSU and NCDA & CS for their support in past and present research on conservation tillage at Cherry's Farm; send a letter of appreciation and commendation to Dr. George Naderman for his many years of conservation tillage research and demonstrations throughout the state, and in particular for his work at Cherry Farm; and contact NCSU and NCDA & CS and express the strongest possible encouragement to assign a research scientist to Dr. George Naderman's work at Cherry Farm with sufficient time and resources to continue it at least to its current extent.
4. The Association encourages the Research & Technology Committee to develop a list of the priority research needs related to soil and water conservation and related research concerns. This list will be presented to NC State University, N.C. A&T State University and the USDA Agricultural Research Service for consideration when developing their respective research agendas.

## WATER RESOURCES

### ***Policies & Positions***

1. The Association authorizes the Water Resources Committee to hold one meeting each year, in addition to the Association's Annual Meeting, to evaluate progress in accomplishing Water Resources objectives.
2. The Association urges the General Assembly to appropriate \$500,000 per annum to share in watershed project costs with local governments under the guidelines set forth under GS 139, Article IV.
3. The Association discourages the interbasin transfers of water from any river basin to another river basin.
4. The Association recognizes the value of buffers, riparian areas, wetlands and stream bank restoration including the use of new bioengineering technologies, as a viable concept and approach to watershed protection and management and urges districts to seek grant funding and implement these measures where practical.
5. The Association supports continuation of Drainage Districts.
6. The Association supports a program for monitoring groundwater in North Carolina. Furthermore, the Association supports the General Assembly to appropriate additional funds for ongoing groundwater and surface water monitoring.
7. The Association will continue membership and support in the National Watershed Coalition with dues of \$100.00 annually.
8. The Association will continue membership in and support the work of the N.C. Water Resources Congress. Annually, the Water Resources Committee shall seek \$1,000 from the Association to send a representative to the Water Resources Congress Meeting in Washington D.C. and to the National Watershed Coalition meetings.
9. The Association encourages each respective district to assume and carry out those responsibilities as prescribed through the Commission as generated under the Water Supply Watershed Protection Act and other water quality and agricultural-related regulation and programs.
10. The Association and individual Districts urge the NRCS to fully fund on-going PL566 watershed project obligations.
11. The Association urges the Division of Water Quality to continue working with local Districts in ongoing basin wide planning efforts.
12. The Association urges districts to become active participants and leaders for local non-point source planning and implementation activities using a watershed approach. Individual districts are encouraged to consider multiple programs and funding sources (such as 319, Environmental Quality Incentive Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Clean Water Management Trust Fund, Federal Wetland Reserve Program, North Carolina Wetland Restoration Program, Etc.) when addressing water quality issues.
13. The Association recognizes the need and supports the position of providing funding to address rehabilitation, restoration and repair of older watershed structures which may have reached their

design life span and/or no longer meet safety requirements, because of changes in land use and/or newer dam safety requirements.

14. The Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts recommend that local SWCD's become actively involved in developing and implementing targeted ag sediment management projects to identify and deal with ag sediment problems in identified watersheds and impaired stream segments. The Association urges the NCDENR Division of Water Quality and Division of Soil and Water Conservation, to support and assist district's efforts by providing additional funding, guidance and coordination of ag sediment projects with accelerated technical assistance and cost-share funding.
15. The Association actively supports the Aquatic Weed Control Program of the N.C. Division of Water Resources and encourages management alternatives that can minimize aquatic weed infestations in watercourses.

**Action Items**            \* Denotes the top priority objective of this committee.

1.        \* The NCASWCDs request the General Assembly to amend the Soil and Water Conservation Commission Watershed Grant Program to allow cost share of small watershed dam rehabilitation undertaken under the new federal program. The cost share rate should be 50% of the nonfederal cost.
2.        The Association shall urge Congress to increase funding for NRCS watershed projects. Additional PL-566 funds are urgently needed for eligible NRCS projects. In addition to the Association President, the Association encourages individual Districts and project sponsors to write to Congress and other appropriate officials to encourage their efforts to increase Federal appropriations.
3.        The Association shall support NACD and the National Watershed Coalition in their work with Congress to provide funding for the NRCS to upgrade and rehabilitate dams and other structures built under federal authority. The funding is needed for structures at, or near the end of their designed life expectancy and/or dams that do not meet applicable standards because of changes in land use and other factors not associated with inadequate operation and maintenance.
4.        The Association encourages Districts in areas of declining aquifer levels to increase their awareness of the problem and begin to develop a strategy for addressing ag water conservation.

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1998 Eddie Stroup ~ Charlotte  
1999 Jeff Turlington ~ Coats  
2000 Franklin Williams ~ Wallace  
2001 Jim Hollifield ~ Bostic  
**2002 Albert Troutman ~ Aberdeen**