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**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
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*Serving Buckingham and Cumberland Counties*

## **ATTENTION:**

### **Buckingham & Cumberland Agriculture Producers**

**Date:** July 1, 2021

### **Agricultural Cost-Share Applications Now Being Accepted**

Contact the Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District if you are interested in signing up for the conservation practice program which runs from **July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**. The cost-share program provides financial incentives, tax credits, and cost-share to agricultural producers who voluntarily install conservation practices on their farm to improve water quality. All Board meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Applications and W-9 forms for the cost-share/tax-credit program must be to District staff no later than the Thursday before the monthly Board meeting to be considered in the monthly round. First round of applications will be reviewed by Board of Directors on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Opportunities this program year:**

- Various options are available for livestock stream exclusion, such as higher cost-share rates and an additional buffer acreage incentive payment (varies based on buffer width)
- Practices available for increased rotational grazing
- Maintenance funding is available for previous participants with practices that have now expired from their contractual lifespan enrolled in other livestock exclusion programs
- Other available practices include:
  - Conversion of row crop acreage to pasture (cool or warm season grass establishment)
  - Conversion of crop/pasture fields to trees (planting of pine or hardwoods)
  - Cover crops on winter fields (harvestable or non-harvestable options)
  - Nutrient management practices (PSNT testing, manure injection, etc.)

For more information, contact the District office at (434) 983-7923 or send an email to [kelly.snoddy@vaswcd.org](mailto:kelly.snoddy@vaswcd.org).

We recommend scheduling an appointment/field visit with District staff to ensure an efficient sign-up. If you are unsure of the contractual lifespan expiration for your current practice, please call and we'll find out for you.

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