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USDA seeks sign-ups for wetlands conservation programs

Raleigh, NC, May 30, 2013 – USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service is accepting applications from North Carolina landowners interested in the Wetlands Reserve Program.

A new round of funding authorizes \$1.3 million to enroll up to 550 additional acres into WRP in North Carolina.

Anyone interested in this voluntary program should contact his or her local NRCS office today. Though you can sign-up for WRP at anytime, to be considered for funds that are currently available, your WRP application must be received by close of business on June 7, 2013.

The Wetlands Reserve Program helps landowners restore and protect wetland ecosystems on private and tribal lands. Approved landowners may select a permanent or 30-year easement or a restoration cost-share agreement, retaining ownership of the land once the agreement is in place.

“The benefits of our North Carolina wetlands reach well beyond their boundaries to improve watershed health, the vitality of agricultural lands, as well as the aesthetics and economies of local communities,” said Acting Assistant State Conservationist for Easements Don Riley. “Landowners that voluntarily participate in this program are taking steps to ensure that our resources are protected for generations to come.”

To learn more about NRCS and our Farm Bill programs visit us on the Web as www.nc.nrcs.usda.gov or contact your local NRCS Field Office.

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State NRCS Offices

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Wetlands Reserve Program

<http://www.nc.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WRP/index.html>

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