

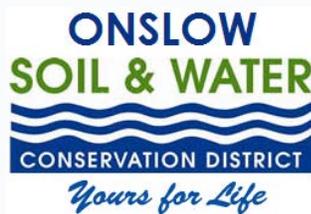
# Onslow County Soil & Water Conservation

## Onslow County Agricultural Day

Onslow Soil & Water proudly presented at the Onslow County Ag Day at Richlands Farms on April 9 & 10th. This event was put together by NC Cooperative Extension. Over 650 second graders got the chance to get their hands dirty to discover the importance of healthy soils at our booth!



During this event, Soil & Water staff presented a rainfall simulation demonstration and discussed what makes up soil and how to protect water quality.



The Onslow Soil and Water Conservation District is committed to serve the citizens of Onslow County by preserving, protecting, and enhancing our natural resources.



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# 2019 Conservation Stewardship Award Recipient

At the Agricultural Awards Banquet held in the Onslow County Commissioner's Chambers, Onslow Soil & Water had the honor to present the 2019 Conservation Stewardship Award winner. This award recognizes a local landowner who has shown a commitment to protecting natural resources by incorporating a variety of conservation practices while working with the Soil & Water District, and our partnership agency NRCS.

This year's award was presented to Mr. Dennis Fountain. Mr. Fountain has been very involved with implementing conservation practices on his farm in addition to enrolling a portion of his land in a conservation easement. Over the last year, the practices that have been installed on his farm include a cattle crossing, livestock well, and a streambank stabilization and repair project. We were honored to present Mr. Fountain with this year's award.



Streambank damaged from Hurricane Matthew and Florence.



Streambank repair & stabilization post-construction.



Cattle Crossing



Livestock Well & Pump House

# Recently Completed Projects

Onslow SWCD offers financial and technical assistance to residential landowners, municipalities, and agricultural producers in Onslow County. Our programs are offered to eligible sites that may improve and/or protect water quality. Through the installation of a variety of best management practices many of the resource concerns at the site can be met. Please contact us today if you are interested in any of our programs!

***Irrigation Well completed to provide landowner irrigation to his peach orchard and livestock.***



***Farm access road damaged from Hurricane Florence. This practice was designed and funded by Onslow SWCD through disaster funding.***



***Rain Garden designed and funded by Onslow SWCD at Swansboro Town Hall. The rain garden collects roof runoff and treats it preventing stormwater runoff into our coastal waters. Swansboro Middle school students help install this project during earth week!***



## By the Numbers

**FY 2019 Financial Assistance Contracted/Spent to Onslow County residents through available programs.**

**Agriculture Cost Share: \$38,066**

**Community Conservation: \$10,095**

**Impaired/Impacted Waters: \$2,187**

**Ag. Water Resources: \$11,852**

**Florence Disaster Assistance: \$25,862**

**EPA 319 Grant: \$36,000**

**Hurricane Matthew Grant: \$33,438**

**TOTAL: \$157,500**

## EPA 319 Grant

Last spring, Onslow SWCD was awarded a \$150,000 grant. Recently we completed our first project with this grant in Sneads Ferry which consisted of installing a 265' marsh sill.

Onslow SWCD has been working with the landowner since Hurricane Matthew as they lost over 5' of existing marsh. This marsh sill will help prevent further erosion to the marsh and create a beneficial habitat for shellfish and fish species.

This sill is composed of granite rip rap which was all hand laid due to site access restrictions and one of the largest residential projects we have participated in to date. This project was funded by EPA grant funding in the amount of \$36,000.



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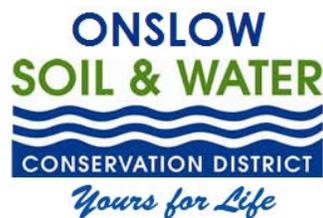
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