

COMMENT RECEIVED BY EMAIL ON 10/18/21*, FROM TISHA CONRAD RICHARDSON, MORRIS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT MANAGER

Due to connectivity issues because of working from home, I wasn't able to respond by the October 15, 2021 deadline. My only comment is based on the research I'd seen in the study posted that shows the amount of money spent to help with erosion, sediment control, and encroachment after the fact. The logical solution is to continue to fund the County Conservation Districts so that we can help on the front end with producers who need cost-share for terraces, waterways, diversions, streambank stabilization projects and CAFO projects to name a few prior to issues becoming more costly. That is what we are here for and our cost-share keeps decreasing which limits the number of producers we are able to help, hence that is when you will see the huge dollar amounts as these issues when left alone, become bigger problems than they need to be. If we can help the producers at the grassroots level, then the dollars spent can be stretched a lot farther since we can help before erosion and sediment build up and encroachment become bigger issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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*Comments accepted after the deadline due to technical issues that prevented them from getting to us prior to Midnight on 10/15/2021