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Haywood County receives state water resources grant awards

RALEIGH – The state recently awarded a total of \$64,177 in grants to Haywood County to help stabilize two eroding streambanks.

Haywood County Soil and Water Conservation District received a \$33,577 grant to stabilize 2,300 feet of eroding streambank along Ratcliff Cove Branch and a \$30,600 grant to stabilize 1,600 feet of eroding streambank along Rogers Cove Creek.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources awarded the grants to Haywood County as part of the \$966,177 included in the 2014 fall grant cycle for the Water Resources Development Project Grant Program. The program will help North Carolina towns and counties restore streams, reduce erosion, study future water supplies and benefit other water resources. Money for the grants was generated by appropriations from the General Assembly.

The water resources program provides cost-share grants and technical assistance on a competitive basis to local governments in North Carolina. Applications are accepted for general and recreational navigation, water management, stream restoration, beach protection, land acquisition and development of water-based recreation facilities.

There are typically two grant cycles each fiscal year with application deadlines of July 1 and Jan. 1. Units of local government and local political subdivisions are eligible for these grants. The full list of grant recipients can be found at: http://www.ncwater.org/files/grants/Fall_2014_Grant_Awards.pdf. For more information, contact Jeff Bruton, state-local grant program coordinator with the N.C. Division of Water Resources, at 919-707-9006, or jeff.bruton@ncdenr.gov.

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