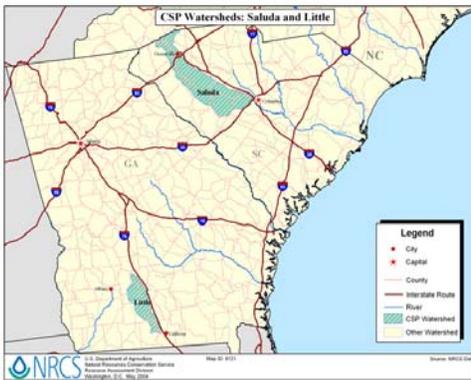


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United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service



Conservation  
Security Program  
(CSP)



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FACT SHEET

SOUTH CAROLINA

**Conservation  
Security  
Program  
Overview**

The Conservation Security Program (CSP) was authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill to reward farmers and ranchers that are implementing conservation on America's working lands. CSP is a voluntary program based on conservation accomplishments that recognizes the contributions of the best land stewards and encourages them to do more.

*"CSP gives us the opportunity to reward that class of conservationist who's trying to do leading-edge conservation, going beyond the minimum of the regulation and really trying to reach for the stars in terms of what you can do with conservation."*

*– NRCS Chief Bruce Knight, AgWeb, March 22, 2003*

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**Watershed  
Approach**

Due to restraints on both program and technical assistance funding in 2004, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is implementing CSP on a watershed basis. Focusing on high priority watersheds will allow NRCS to provide quality service to more applicants than if the program was implemented nationwide.

Priority watershed were selected based on the following criteria:

- wide variety of land uses to be addressed
- high-priority resource issues to be addressed
- history of good land stewardship
- availability of necessary technical tools

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**Saluda River  
Watershed**

CSP is being offered in 18 watersheds in 22 states across the country – one of which is the Saluda Watershed in South Carolina. The Saluda Watershed covers approximately 1.6 million acres, which encompasses nine counties – Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Lexington, Newberry, Pickens, and Saluda. The Saluda Watershed encompass approximately 240 miles of river from the NC/SC line to the confluence of the Congaree River. The map on the following page outlines the general watershed area.

**The CSP sign up period is July 6-30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The Program will be offered each year on a rotational basis in different watersheds.**

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Program participants will be selected at the national level for the 2004 sign-up. In order to

apply, landowners will need to complete the following steps:

1. Access the CSP workbook either online, pick up a hard copy at the local USDA Service Center, or attend a CSP workshop. Using the workbook, the producers will: a.) determine whether they meet the basic eligibility requirements; b.) document their stewardship work to date; c.) prepare benchmark inventor documenting conservation treatments they have undertaken so far.
2. Submit the completed workbook to the Service Center during the sign-up period.
3. Meet with NRCS personnel to go over any additional documentation.
4. NRCS determines the enrollment category for which the producer qualifies.
5. Finally, NRCS will select the categories to be funded for CSP contracts.

## For More Information

Producers in the nine counties should contact the NRCS district conservationist located in your county using the table below. Also, information is available on the web at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/csp>.

County	NRCS Conservationist	Email Address	Office Number
Abbeville	Frank Love	Frank.Love@sc.usda.gov	(864) 459-5419
Anderson	Mike Banks	Mike.Banks@sc.usda.gov	(864) 224-2126
Greenville	Dennis Bauknight	Dennis.Bauknight@sc.usda.gov	(864) 467-2755
Greenwood	Brian Stoddard	Brian.Stoddard@sc.usda.gov	(864) 229-2805
Laurens	Lisa Good	Lisa.Good@sc.usda.gov	(864) 984-6921
Lexington	Doug Deaderick	Doug.Deaderick@sc.usda.gov	(803) 359-3165
Newberry	Craig O'Dell	Craig.O'Dell@sc.usda.gov	(803) 276-1978
Pickens	Dennis Bauknight	Dennis.Bauknight@sc.usda.gov	(864) 467-2755
Saluda	Hugh Smith	Hugh.Smith@sc.usda.gov	(864) 445-8118

## Saluda River Watershed Map



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