

Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting

District Conservationist-Andrew Kearse

10/16/2026

Not-to-Exceed Date	Milestone
Monday, August 31, 2026	Create deferral mailing list for Unfunded (sign-up 1) CSP/EQIP/RCPP-LMR applications
Friday, September 4, 2026	Mail deferral letters First Class USPS to Unfunded (sign-up 1) CSP/EQIP/RCPP-LMR applicants
Wednesday, September 30, 2026	Sign-Up Deadline for RCPP-LMR
Wednesday, September 30, 2026	Ensure All applications received in FY 2026 are entered into CD/Protracts
Wednesday, October 14, 2026	RCPP-LMR Bundled Applications Due to NRCS
Friday, October 16, 2026	Ensure FY 2026 application status is accurate for All applications (Application Status = Deferred, Cancelled, Ineligible)
Monday, October 19, 2026	Promote FY 2026 application to FY 2027
Friday, October 30, 2026	Sign-Up Deadline for CSP/EQIP
Friday, November 6, 2026	- Ensure FY 2027 CSP/EQIP/RCPP-LMR applications are entered into ProTracts/CD - DC provides a complete FY 2027 application list, including NO SCIMS to FSA CED and NRCS ASTC-FO
Monday, November 9, 2026	STC provides a complete FY 2027 application list, including No SCIMS applicants, to FSA SED

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Friday, February 12, 2027	- Make CSP program-related eligibility determinations for applicant, land, stewardship eligibility - Make EQIP program-related eligibility determinations for applicant, land, resource concern - Make RCPP-LMR program-related eligibility determinations for applicant, land, project/activity - Submit CART assessment/ranking/cost estimates for EQIP/CSP/RCPP-LMR
Friday, February 26, 2027	CSP/EQIP/RCPP-LMR preapprovals (Notify Area/DCs and FSA SO/CEDs)
Friday, April 2, 2027	Finalize April funds assessment request
Wednesday, May 26, 2027	CSP/EQIP/RCPP-LMR 80 percent obligation milestone
Friday, June 4, 2027	Finalize June funds assessment request
Wednesday, June 30, 2027	CSP/EQIP/RCPP-LMR 100 percent obligation milestone

- Deferral Letters
 - 15 Deferral Letter were sent out before 9/4/206 deadline
 - Protracts status update 'Deferred', 'Cancelled' or 'Ineligible' by 10/16/2026.
 - 11 out of 15 responded to Defer
- EQIP/CSP
 - Sign-up 1: Applications received by October 30, 2026

- FY2027 Payment Caps
 - Mulching- \$50,000
 - $50,000 / 2,613.34 \text{ ac} = 19.13 \text{ ac}$
- Field Visits
 - 8 High Tunnel Systems
 - 2 Failed Practices
 - 1 Prescribe Grazing/Herbaceous Weed Control
 - 1 Mulching
 - 1 Brush Management/Herbaceous weed control/wildlife habitat
- **Applications**
 - Received 7 application
 - 3 Cover Crop/Mulch
 - 2 High Tunnel
 - 1 High Tunnel, Irrigation System and Compost Facility
 - 1 Mulch
- **Existing Contracts**
 - 43 Contracts
 - 7 Pending Modifications
 - 4 Expiring Contracts in 2026
 - Advance Payment Permitted
 - 10/7/2026
 - 902 Needs to be updated for 2027 Entities
 - CSP Payment Deadline is 12/29/2026

Meetings

- Program Office Hours
 - 9/28/2026
 - 10/6/2026
 - 10/13/2026
- DC Monthly Meeting
 - 10/8/2026
- ARC PCFO Meeting
 - 10/14/2026
- All-Hands Meeting
 - 10/15/2026
 - NRCS reorganization plan is on freeze
- Hillsborough Cattlemen Foundation
 - 6404 S County Road, Plant City, FL 33567
 - 11/5/2026
- Small Farm Resource Showcase & Networking Forum
 - 11/6/2026

Trainings

- Livestock Watering System Engineering Training

- 9/29/2026

Federal Holiday

- Columbus Day
 - 10/12/2026