

Hillsborough Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting

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5/18/2026

**** Financial assistance programs Timeline (Revised)****

Date	Milestone
July 31, 2025	RCPP-LMR Projects 1924 & 2817 application deadline (Signup 1)
October 3, 2025	RCPP-LMR Project 3525 application deadline (Signup 1)
January 15, 2026	CSP and EQIP application deadline (Signup 1)
February 13, 2026	Eligibility letters mailed to applicants (non-certified mailing)
March 13, 2026	Applicant deadline to submit required documentation to FSA
April 13, 2026	FSA deadline to finalize eligibility determinations
April 14, 2026	NRCS can make determinations for CSP, EQIP, and RCPP-LMR FSA-related eligibility using ProTracts/CD flags for AD-1026, FTE, AGI, and 902
May 1, 2026	Target date to send ineligible letters for FSA-related eligibility
May 15, 2026	NRCS deadline to make CSP program-related eligibility determinations for applicant, land, and stewardship threshold
May 15, 2026	CSP assessment and ranking deadline
May 22, 2026	CSP pre-approvals posted
May 29, 2026	NRCS deadline to make RCPP-LRM program-related eligibility determinations for applicant, land, and project/activity for Projects 1924, 2817, 3525
May 29, 2026	RCPP-LMR assessment and ranking deadline for Projects 1924, 2817, 3525
June 5, 2026	RCPP-LMR pre-approvals posted
June 12, 2026	NRCS deadline to make EQIP program-related eligibility determinations for applicant, land, and resource concern
June 12, 2026	EQIP assessment and ranking deadline
June 19, 2026	EQIP pre-approvals posted
June 26, 2026	Deadline to submit cost change requests for a preapproved application
August 10, 2026	CSP, EQIP, and RCPP-LMR obligation 2 nd level review deadline (i.e., Ready for APS)
August 28, 2026	CSP, EQIP, and RCPP-LMR obligation deadline

- Plant City F.O. Deadline for EQIP Ranking is 5/1/2026

- **FY26 EQIP-** 14 Applications Ranked

- **FY26 CSP-** South FL Confirming met 100% CSP ranking timeline 05/15/26

- **Ineligibility Letters**
 - Mailed out on 5/1/2026

- **Existing Contracts**
 - 51 Contracts
 - Preparing for Cover Crop Field Visits
 - 2 Pending Cancellations

Meetings

- LWG Meeting
 - 5/4/2026
- DC Meeting
 - 5/5/2026
- Program Office Hours
 - 4/28/2026
 - 5/12/2026

Trainings

- RUSLE II Training Course Follow-Up
 - 5/6/2026

Plant City F.O. FY 2027 LOCAL WORK GROUP MEETING Results

- 18 in attendance
- 2 Guest Speakers
 - Ken Griner-SWFWMD
 - Matt Warren-FDACS

Top Ten Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality- Ground Water Depletion
2. Plant Health- Plant Pest Pressure
3. Water Quality- Inefficient Irrigation Water Use
4. Plant Health- Plant productivity and Health
5. Terrestrial habitat- Terrestrial Habitat for Wildlife and Invertebrates
6. Water Quality-Ponding and Flooding
7. Livestock Health- Feed and Forage Balance
8. Water Quality-Nutrients Transported to Surface Water
9. Soil Health-Subsidence
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 - a. Soil Erosion- Bank Erosion from Streams, Shorelines or Water Conveyance Channels
 - b. Water Quality- Pathogens and Chemicals from manure, Biosolids or Compost Applications transported to surface water.

Suggestion Box

- Development Pressure on Ag and Conservation Land