

## Summary of Part I of the DEQ NPS Cost-Share Programs BMP Contract

**Read and initial on the lines provided, and submit with your application packet.**

\_\_\_\_\_ You agree to give Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District access to your property for site visits over the lifespan of the practice to ensure that the system is working properly and no damage has occurred. The District will contact you well in advance if we have a spot check scheduled for your practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ You agree to maintain (i.e., not remove, damage, or destroy) the septic system from the time you receive payment through the lifespan of the practice. The main concern is keeping vehicles and equipment off of the drainfield and not planting trees over or near your drainfield. If you don't know where your drainfield is located, contact the health department to obtain a drawing of your system. For projects completed and paid in 2022, the lifespan begins January 1, 2023 and continues 5 years for pump outs and 10 years for repairs, replacements, and alternative systems.

\_\_\_\_\_ If damage or destruction of the system occurs, you will be responsible for repairing the system. If not repaired, you will be responsible for repaying on a prorated basis the cost-share funds received.

\_\_\_\_\_ If property ownership changes before the lifespan of the practice ends, you and the new homeowner will complete a form that transfers responsibility of the practice to the new homeowner. If the form is not submitted, you will remain responsible for the system for the remainder of the lifespan of the practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost-share funds are considered income. Funds received by participants in the amount of \$600 or greater in a calendar year will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as income, per the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) guidelines. For repairs, you may authorize the District to make its payment directly to the contractor, who must provide a W-9 form to the District. **You must first work out this arrangement with your contractor as not all contractors agree to this payment arrangement.**