

**State Conservation Commission
Priorities for 2015**
(This is a guide. None of these out-weighs the others)

- **Technical Assistance:** Provide funds to the conservation districts to retain technicians to assist cooperators with Conservation Commission projects.
- **Conservation District Watershed Projects:** Encourage conservation districts to work together to address watershed issues based on a watershed plan in a defined area of need.
- **Practices with strong public benefits:** Prioritize practices with strong public benefits such as stream bank stabilization, riparian buffers, critical area plantings, animal nutrient management systems, wildfire rehabilitation, and others that clearly provide significant and demonstrable long-term offsite conservation benefits beyond immediate and short-term livestock protection.
- **Short duration projects** that are ready to implement, involve multiple districts, and/or multiple financial partners, will receive greater consideration for grant funding.