COMPARISON
VOLUNTEER AG DISTRICT VS.
ENHANCED VOLUNTEER AG DISTRICT

BENEFITS	VAD		EVAD	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
Requires conservation agreement in order to qualify	X		X	
Conservation agreement can be revoked by land owner within required 10-year period	X			X
Establishes agricultural advisory board	X		X	
Requires agricultural advisory board hold a public hearing on any proposed condemnation of any interest in qualifying farmland	X		X	
Counties with a computerized land record system may require such records include some form of notice to alert persons researching title of a particular tract that the tract is located within one-half mile of a poultry, swine or dairy qualifying farm or within 600 feet of any other qualifying farm or one-half mile of a voluntary ag district	X		X	
County or city that has adopted ordinance can hold water and sewer assessments in abeyance for farms until improvements on such property are connected to the water or sewer system for which the assessment was made	X		See next line	
County or city that has adopted ordinance can hold all assessments for utilities in abeyance for farms until improvements on such property are connected to the utility for which the assessment was made			X	
Requires written report to be submitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture at least once a year	X		X	
Property subject to a conservation agreement under G.S. 106-743.2 that remains in effect may receive up to 25% of its gross sales from the sale of nonfarm products and still qualify as a bona fide farm that is exempt from zoning regulations		X	X	
Landowner with a conservation agreement under G.S. 106-743.2 that remains in effect is eligible to receive the higher percentage of cost-share funds for the benefit of their farmland under the Agriculture Cost Share Program		X	X	
State departments, institutions or agencies that award grants to farmers are encouraged to give priority consideration to any person who farms land that is subject to a conservation agreement under G.S. 106-743.2 that remains in effect		X	X	