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**Letter to the Editor in response to "Clean water: Economically essential to this state"
By Gary Newman**

In response to "Clean water: Economically essential to this state" (Dec. 24 For the Record):

Jobs were lost when clean water grant ended

The writer is chairman of the Mecklenburg County Soil and Water Conservation District.

I would like to echo N.C. Clean Water Management Trust Fund trustees Betty Chafin Rash and Stan Vaughan in urging the N.C. Legislature to restore funding to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. It's not just large projects that the fund makes possible. Many small projects and departments rely on its grants. I had to lay off two valued employees because our grant from the fund was rescinded due to budget cuts.

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