

## NC SOIL & WATER COMMISSION MEETING & TOUR

May 14-15, 2013

General Information & Tour Itinerary

(Updated April 10, 2013)

### General Information:

- All tour participants, including spouses, are required to register online by ctrl + click [HERE](#). The deadline to register for the tours and meals is May 1st. Registration is not required to attend the commission's business meeting and/or work session.
- The NC Soil & Water Conservation Commission May 15, 2013 business meeting agenda can be downloaded from: <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/commission/SWCMeetingDetails.html>
- A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved for May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn Concord/Kannapolis, 612 Dickens Place NE, Concord, NC. The reduced room rate is \$63.90 per night plus 13.0% tax, and will be honored through April 21 (please note this is race week, the block will fill quickly and no other rooms are available). Reservations can be made by calling (704) 793-9700. Ask for the "SWC" room rate.
- The Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District is providing local transportation to/from the Hampton Inn for both days of the tour. Raleigh carpooling arrangements are also planned.
- Participants are encouraged to dress casual for the commission's business meeting and work session. Field clothes are suggested for the tours.
- If you're planning to spend some extra time in the region, please be sure to answer "Yes" on your registration form to receive additional information about the area.
- For questions, special needs or considerations, contact Pat Harris at (919) 715-6097 or at [pat.harris@ncagr.gov](mailto:pat.harris@ncagr.gov).
- A special THANK YOU is extended to the local arrangements committee for their hard work in making this tour possible. Committee members are Vicky Porter, Dennis Testerman, Amy Griffith, Nathan Lowder, Gerald McSwain, Ralston James and Pat Harris.

### May 14 (day 1)

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<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>Assemble carpool &amp; load vehicles</b>	Assemble in parking lot behind State Farmers Market Restaurant near state vehicles
	<i>State Farmers Market 1201 Agriculture Street Raleigh, NC 27603</i>	
<b>7:15 am</b>	<b>Depart from State Farmers Market</b>	
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Depart from:</b>	Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District providing van for local tour participants
	<i>Hampton Inn Concord/Kannapolis 612 Dickens Place NE Concord, NC 28025</i>	

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**9:50 am**      **Arrive at:**

*SE Soil Health Field Day  
28231 Millingport Road  
Albemarle, NC 28001*

Field Day will feature the following:

- Cover crops and cover crop management
- More detailed information to follow
- Boxed sub lunches will be provided

**2:00 pm**      **Depart**

**Arrive at:**

*John Pickler Farm  
29430 Kendalls Church Road  
New London, NC 28127*

**Welcome and Overview** by John Pickler, II, Stanly SWCD Supervisor; Presenters - Nathan Lowder, NRCS, & Gerald McSwain, Stanly SWCD

Walking tour will include the following practices:

- Dry stack
- Incinerator
- Mixed cover crop
- *Farm Fresh Ventures Program* presented by Lorie Ivey, Director, and Justin Adcock, Local Foods Agent with Cooperative Extension Service

Dinner prepared by Jeff Roland  
Menu – BBQ chicken or hamburger steak with mushrooms and onions, ranch potatoes, baked beans, rolls, dessert and tea  
Cost - \$15 per person

**6:00 pm**      **Depart**

**7:00 pm**      **Arrive at:**

*Hampton Inn Concord/Kannapolis  
612 Dickens Place NE  
Concord, NC 28025*

Hotel check in

Reservations information

- Rate is \$63.90 per night plus 13.0% tax rate
- Reduced rate honored through April 21
- Reference “SWC” when reserving room
- Phone (704) 793-9700

**7:30 pm**      Hampton Inn – Cabarrus Room A      **SWC Commission work session (see agenda)**

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**May 15 (day 2)**

**8:00 am**      Hampton Inn – Cabarrus Room A      **SWC Commission business session (see agenda)**

**10:00 am**      Hotel check out

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<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Depart</b>	Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District providing van for local tour participants
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Arrive at:</b>  <i>Mt. Pleasant High School 700 Walker Road Mt. Pleasant, NC 28124</i>	Welcome by Edie Sayewich, Principal Dennis Testerman, Cabarrus SWC District Resource Conservation Specialist  CCAP project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bioretention area</li> <li>• Streambank stabilization</li> <li>• Critical area planting</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Depart</b>	
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Arrive at:</b>  <i>The Farm at Brushharbor 7700 Brushharbor Road Concord, NC 28025</i>	Lunch catered by <i>Marvin's Fresh Farmhouse</i> Menu – grilled chicken sandwich, potato salad and beverage (tentative menu – subject change) Cost - \$8-10 per person ( <i>tentative</i> )  <b>Welcome</b> by Tommy & Vicky Porter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farming in an Urbanizing County – the Value of a Voluntary Agriculture District</li> <li>• Overview of Porter Farms</li> </ul> Cabarrus District Programs – Dennis Testerman
<b>12:50 pm</b>	<b>Depart</b>	
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Arrive at</b>  <i>Porter Farms 4455 Mt. Pleasant Road South Concord, NC 28025</i>	<b>Porter Farms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1999 Conservation Farm Family State Winner</li> <li>• Poultry, pork and beef production</li> </ul>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	Depart for Raleigh/ Concord (Hampton Inn)	
<b>4:30 pm</b>	Arrive at Hampton Inn	Cabarrus van returns
<b>7:00 pm</b>	Arrive at State Farmers Market	Raleigh vans return