



2013 NCASWCD ANNUAL MEETING  
RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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**Sales and Use Taxation Exemption for Districts**

Whereas N. C. G. S. 105-164.14(c) provides that a government entity listed in this subsection is allowed an annual refund of sales and use taxes paid by it under this Article on direct purchases of tangible personal property and services; and

Whereas N. C. G. S. 139-8(a) defines a soil and water conservation district as governmental subdivision of the state of North Carolina:

Whereas the Soil and Water Districts qualify to be placed on the NC Department of Revenue list for sales and use tax exemption.

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

- (1) That the Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District Board request that all Area 1 districts join in the request to the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation to implement the steps needed to include all districts in the state of North Carolina to be included on the NC Department of Revenue list for sales and use tax exemptions.
- (2) That the Area 1 districts jointly make the request to the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation to implement the steps needed to include all districts in the state of North Carolina to be included on the NC Department of Revenue list for sales and use tax exemptions.
- (3) That the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation implement the steps needed to include all districts in the state of North Carolina to be included on the NC Department of Revenue list for sales and use tax exemptions.

Adopted by the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012

District Chair Signature: Richard Smith

Adopted by Area 1 of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the 11 day of September, 2012

Area Chair Signature: Justin Williams

NC Cost Share Program Valuing EVADs

WHEREAS, Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural Districts (EVADs) are a step-up from Voluntary Agricultural Districts: and

WHEREAS, EVADs are a program of the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. NCDACS would like to see additional counties have an EVAD ordinance in place: and

WHEREAS, EVADs are normally provided staff by either conservation districts, or cooperative extension: and

WHEREAS, EVADs are a good program that is directed from the county level and seek to enroll as many qualifying farms as possible: and

WHEREAS, EVADs can have incentives added to them and they help to protect farmland: and

WHEREAS, Farms enrolled in EVADs can be given benefits, including a higher percentage of cost share: and

RESOLVED, The Soil & Water Conservation Commission is encouraged to add to the formula for the ACSP Cost Share Program for ranking counties for qualification for annual allocation of funding, additional points to any county that has a Voluntary Agricultural District in place and additional points for a county that has an Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District ordinance in place; and be it further.

RESOLVED, This action requested is similar to the fact that counties are given additional ranking points for cost share funds for such things as total miles of streams, as well as many other factors; and be it further.

*Adopted by the Henderson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on the 10th day of September, 2012.*

*District Chair Signature: Andrew C. Brannon*

*Adopted by Area 1 of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the 11th day of September, 2012.*

*Area Chair Signature: John W. Wiltner*

Resolution to

Area 1 Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

For

The NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and its State Education

Committee to create uniform statewide Area Envirothon tests

WHEREAS, the N.C. Envirothon is a conservation education program conducted across our state and is sponsored by the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and local districts, with help in organization and implementation from the division and our conservation partners; and

WHEREAS, these partners include resource specialists from Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts, N.C. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Division of Soil and Water Conservation, and the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resource Conservation Services; and

WHEREAS, these resource specialists use the same curriculum from the Envirothon resource manual to train Envirothon teams statewide at Area and State Envirothon competitions; and

WHEREAS, all eligible Envirothon teams that compete at the state level take the same uniform tests; and

WHEREAS, by also having uniform statewide Envirothon tests at the Area level, all Envirothon teams competing in the State Envirothon competition have also been tested equally at the Area levels;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and its State Education Committee create uniform statewide Area Envirothon tests, for the five topics, to be used at each of the Area's Envirothon Competitions.

Adopted by the Henderson County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

District Chair Signature: Andrew C. Brannon

Adopted by Area 1 of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the 11 day of September, 2012.

Area Chair Signature: [Signature]

# Establish Ways to Better Serve Landowners Considering Easements

RESOLUTION 4  
COMMUNITY  
CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, Division staff who emphasized easement work throughout the state have moved out of their positions and no one has picked up these duties; and

WHEREAS, conservation trust funds that would fund easements are currently being funded at about ten percent of former levels; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina land trusts are working on new ways to fund their operations as some of them transition into a new structure with new roles but continuing with an emphasis on land protection; and

WHEREAS, farmland and farms will continue to come under pressure for conversion into other uses; and

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts may find their role of working with farmers diminishing due to urbanization and other program responsibility; and

WHEREAS, land trusts are the best resource that is available regarding knowledge and know how in working with easements; and

WHEREAS, much groundwork has been laid between land trusts and soil and water conservation districts over the past five years; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD) President appoint a work group to meet with leadership of the Conservation Trust of North Carolina (CTNC) to discuss how to work together in the future with landowners who want an easement on their property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned work group and the NCASWCD consider the following actions: (1) a memorandum of understanding between the NCASWCD and the CTNC, (2) a membership by the NCASWCD in the North Carolina Land Trust Assembly, and (3) a membership by the NCASWCD in the National Land Trust Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts President, the Chairman of the Community Conservation Committee, and/or the Chairman of each State Association Area appoint representatives to form a work group of Soil and Water Conservation Districts that hold easements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Community Conservation Committee work group will meet annually to discuss and work on matters and needs that are important to that group.

Adopted by the Randolph Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

District Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by Area III of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

Area Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## VOLUNTARY AG DISTRICT ORDINANCE IN EVERY COUNTY

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WHERE AS,

VADs and conservation districts are both a part of the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

WHERE AS,

Many conservation districts in the state support their county VAD.

WHERE AS,

NCDA&CS, Farm Bureau, CES and the NC Grange support every county adopting a VAD ordinance.

WHERE AS,

The state VAD Work Group and the Agriculture Development Trust Fund is in place to provide funding and assistance to help with adopting an ordinance at the county level.

RESOLVED,

The North Carolina Association of SWCD's encourage all conservation districts in NC that are located in a county without a Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) Ordinance in place, to work with their county commissioners towards adoption of a VAD Ordinance in their county.

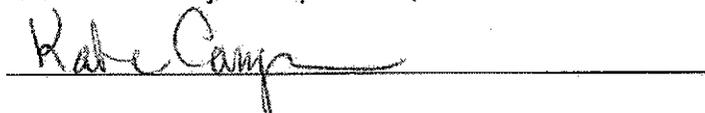
Adopted by the Randolph Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

District Chair Signature

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Area Chair Signature



To: Area IV Soil and Water Conservation Districts

From: Durham County Soil and Water Board of Supervisors

Internship Program  
Association Undergraduate and Graduate Internship Program

WHEREAS, North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is an organization formed to assist supervisors and districts in carrying out their statutory duties.

WHEREAS, environmental and natural resource concerns continue to expand in North Carolina and create increased workloads for Division and District staff

WHEREAS, the state is full of institutions of higher education that are knowledge and resource havens and attract the next generation of conservation and natural resource experts

WHEREAS, university students often are required to have internship experiences for graduation from various university programs

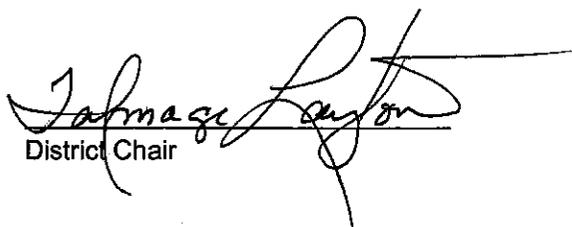
WHEREAS, the Association currently depends heavily on the Division beyond technical support

WHEREAS, the creation of an Association internship program will enhance the relationships between the association and various higher education institutions

WHEREAS, the use of interns would be valuable in staffing various NCASWCD programs like Area and State Envirothons, RCW, and the Annual Meeting.

WHEREAS, the use of interns would alleviate a lot of the day to day clerical tasks of the Division freeing up Area Coordinators to provide more direct technical and educational assistance to conservation districts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Education Committee craft an Undergraduate and Graduate internship program and build relationships with colleges and universities across the state.

  
District Chair

  
Area IV Chair

To: Area IV Soil and Water Conservation Districts

From: Durham County Soil and Water Board of Supervisors

Membership Program  
Student and Affiliate Membership Fee Structure

WHEREAS, North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is an organization formed to assist supervisors and districts in carrying out their statutory duties.

WHEREAS, the Association is interested in cultivating an interest among students in the areas of natural resource conservation

WHEREAS, the association could always use new areas of revenue coming in to ensure future program success

WHEREAS, students would benefit from exposure to the state association and to district employees, and

WHEREAS, conservation and environmental partners may want to partner and become affiliated with the association and our programs

NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Education Committee create a student and a professional/affiliate membership program

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Committee set up a membership fee structure that allows for high school, college, and graduate students the ability to become student members of the association.

  
District Chair

  
Area IV Chair

To: Area IV Soil and Water Conservation Districts

From: Durham County Soil and Water Board of Supervisors

Technical Assistance  
Area IV Environmental Engineering Position

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts are locally led government entities whose main goals are to enhance, promote, and conserve natural resources and to educational, fiscal, and technical assistance to residents

WHEREAS, Area IV is quickly becoming one of the most populated areas across the entire state

WHEREAS, Area IV has seen increased urban development and has two of the state's strongest Nutrient Management Rules

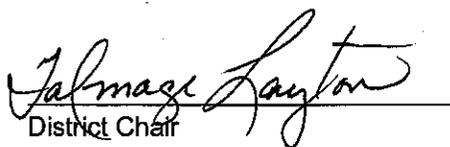
WHEREAS, the District staff's work loads are increasing as they are consistently working in the field with homeowners and landowners to design and put into place agricultural and urban best management projects

WHEREAS, the creation of an Engineering full time employee position would allow District staff to implement projects at less cost

WHEREAS, creating an Engineering FTE position would expedite the contract to completion process and allow District staff the opportunity to use resources to complete more projects

WHEREAS, most districts rely on outside contracting services or outside engineering services to assist with construction

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Committee will request a Engineering FTE position for Area IV from the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and from the State General Assembly.

  
District Chair

  
Area IV Chair

To: Area IV Soil and Water Conservation Districts

From: Durham County Soil and Water Board of Supervisors

Legislative Agenda  
Updates on General Assembly and National Policies

WHEREAS, North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is an organization formed to assist supervisors and districts in carrying out their statutory duties.

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee is tasked with pushing the legislative agenda of the Association forward in the General Assembly through building relationships and crafting the Legislative Lobby Day

WHEREAS, the state is facing new and difficult environmental and conservation challenges daily

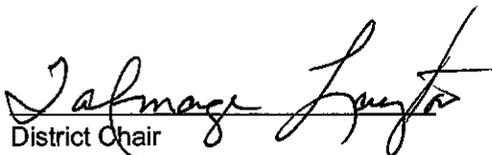
WHEREAS, the association only gathers once a year and sets the policy agenda in January of each year

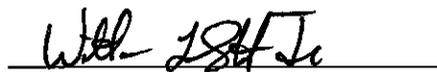
WHEREAS, State and National policy is crafted more often than once a year

WHEREAS, members of the Association should be better informed on the policies being introduced in the General Assembly that affect natural resources and conservation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Committee craft an bi monthly legislative update flyer to send out to district on paper and digitally on the association website and through email.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Committee meet ~~in person~~ <sup>8</sup> at least quarterly to be able to stay abreast of state and national policy that impacts districts

  
District Chair

  
Area IV Chair

## Resolution for Waiver of State Permitting Fees for Conservation Practices

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources share the same goals of protecting the State's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Soil and Water Conservation Districts work with landowners to install best management practices to improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, landowners that install best management practices obligate land and financial resources; and

WHEREAS, permitting fees associated with installing certain best management practices may limit ability to get conservation practices installed as designed in a conservation plan; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Soil and Water Conservation work with the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Division of Water Quality to have fees associated with State permits waived for cooperators installing best management practices as part of a conservation practice per a conservation plan.

*Adopted by the Pitt Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2012.*

District Chair Signature: Charles Davenport

*Adopted by Area 5 of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.*

Area Chair Signature: Charles Davenport



### TIDEWATER FORESTRY BMP BUFFER

WHEREAS, in the tidewater area of the state there is an abundance of organic soils and riparian areas in the form of channelized swamps, natural swamps, creeks, and the Albemarle and Currituck Sounds; and

WHEREAS, during forest harvesting activities that occur in and adjacent to these areas, most loggers comply with the Forest Practices Guidelines with respect to leaving Streamside Management Zones; and

WHEREAS, due to the minimal amount of slope (0%-2%) in the tidewater area, the loggers have been trained to leave a minimum 50 foot buffer; and

WHEREAS, during the storm events, some of the residual trees tend to blow in the channels and contribute to the inadequate 50 foot buffers and the physical properties of the soils that occur in these areas; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that new guidelines to better address buffers to protect water quality need to be developed and included in the next revision of the NC Forestry Best Management Practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Association petition other agencies to support efforts to better address buffers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Association requests the NC Forest Service to include representation from the soil and water conservation partnership to serve on the committee charged to revise the NC BMP manual to protect water quality as well as protect drainage interests.

*Adopted by the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on the 4th day of October, 2012.*

District Chair Signature: Fenton J. Ewert

*Adopted by Area 5 of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the 08 day of November, 2012.*

Area Chair Signature: Charles Davenport

A RESOLUTION  
ENCOURAGING THE N.C. ASSOCIATION OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS  
TO BECOME ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE N.C. DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
COMMITMENT TO LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT TECHNIQUES

WHEREAS, GS 139-8 grants to North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts the power to carry out preventive and control measures and works of improvement for flood prevention and, more specifically, measures related to nonpoint water pollution sources through the Agriculture Cost Share Program and the Community Conservation Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' 2012 Policies, Positions and Action Items support (1) low impact development (LID) and district involvement in implementing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I and Phase II stormwater rules, and (2) encourages districts to become active participants and leaders for local nonpoint source planning and implementation activities; and

WHEREAS, LID was a station in the judging of the 2012 National Envirothon; and

WHEREAS, LID techniques have been shown to be as good or better than conventional "pipe and pond" techniques when used to mitigate the impacts of stormwater flows from impervious surfaces, and to promote vegetative treatment of pollutants while reducing capital, maintenance and operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (DWQ) is committed to LID principles and adoption of LID practices to the maximum extent technically feasible and to fostering partnerships advancing the use of LID in new developments and re-developments.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the North Carolina Association of Conservation Districts leadership:

- Endorses DWQ's commitment to promote the adoption of LID techniques through adoption of local government ordinances, modification of state and local mandates for conventional stormwater management, and outreach to developers and/or builders to show the financial benefits of using LID techniques;
- Joins other DWQ partners seeking to encourage more widespread adoption of LID practices in pursuit of the Association's objectives and policies;
- Commits to investigating the feasibility of securing funding to help Districts to work to ensure that county and municipal governments within their Districts adopt LID ordinances and to enable their staffs to disseminate LID technical information to their constituents.

*Adopted by the New Hanover Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.*

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

*David P. Thomas*

8/8/2012

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*Adopted by Area 6 of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.*

Area Chair Signature: Ronald W Parks  
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ROBESON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
440-A CATON ROAD, LUMBERTON, NC 28360

RESOLUTION FOR AREA VII ENGINEER

Whereas: Area 7 Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts have two of the largest counties in North Carolina; and

Whereas: All Area 7 SWCDs have a lot of valuable farmland; and

Whereas: Demand is starting to grow for many different types of irrigation systems; and

Whereas: It has been shown that with irrigation on the productive farmland in Area 7, crop production can be increased substantially; and

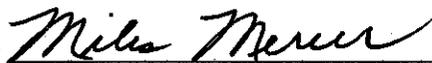
Whereas: Area 7 does not have an Area Engineer to assist with the development of engineering type practices; and

Whereas: Area 7 could benefit from having an Area 7 Engineer, who could have expertise in irrigation, pond design and water management; and

Whereas: This position could also benefit other Areas with a need for pond design, irrigation design and water management.

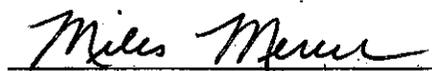
Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That: the Robeson SWCD, the Foundation, the NC Association and the Division place high priority in seeking to get an Area Engineer position with a background in irrigation, pond design and water management for Area 7, to assist the Area Districts with Soil & Water Conservation projects.

Passed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November by the Robeson SWCD



RSWCD Chairman

Passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November by the Area 7 Association of SWCDs



Area 7 Chairman

**Robeson Soil & Water Conservation District  
440-A Caton Road, Lumberton, NC, 28360**

**RESOLUTION for Area VII Coordinator Position**

Whereas: The Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors, along with the Division, fought long and hard to get an Area Coordinator for each of the eight Areas in North Carolina; and

Whereas: All eight Areas had an Area Coordinator at one time; and

Whereas: The Area 7 Coordinator position was lost in budget cuts by the state; and

Whereas: These positions are very valuable to the Districts that they serve; and

Whereas: To keep Area 7 Districts, District staff and District Supervisors informed of current and future issues, seeking grants, helping to plan Area 7 District activities, attending many of the local Meetings; and

Whereas: Area seven Districts could vastly improve their programs with an active Area Coordinator,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, That: the Robeson SWCD, the Foundation, the NC Association and the Division place high priority in seeking to get this position re-established for Area 7.

Passed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November by the Robeson SWCD

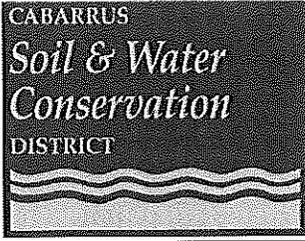


Robeson SWCD Chairman

Passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November by the Area 7 Association of SWCDs



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Adopted by the Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

District Chair Signature: *Jeff N. Goforth*

Adopted by Area VIII of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

Area Chair Signature: *Nancy C. Crocker*