Soil & Water Conservation Districts – a Living Legacy
75th Anniversary of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

“I consider the soil conservation districts movement one of the most important developments in the whole history of agriculture.” Hugh Hammond Bennett, North Carolina Native & Father of Soil & Water Conservation

Conservation Employee Training Conference
August 13-16, 2012
Clarion Hotel Greensboro Airport

Pre-Conference Training & Events

Monday, August 13, 2012

10:00am – 4:30pm School Gardens Workshop
   Steve Bennett, Session Moderator
   Outdoor Learning Centers – Renee Ray, Buncombe SWCD
   Growing healthy families through school & community gardens –
   Karen Neal, Guilford CES
   Tour of local school gardens

10:00am – 12:00pm RUSLE 2 Training - Basic
   Eric Pare, Session Moderator
   - Dana Ashford, NRCS State Agronomist

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch for pre-conference sessions

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Benefit Golf Tournament
   Charles Bass, Session Moderator

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm NC CDEA Governing Board Working Supper
   Edward Davis, Session Moderator
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Tuesday, August 14, 2012

9:00am –11:30am  NC Ag Cost Share Introductory/Refresher Salon B/C
Kelly Ibrahim, Session Moderator
*Program overview, process, board’s role*

9:00am –11:30am  Irrigation Design Introductory Class Guilford
Natalie Woolard, Session Moderator
-Terri Ruch, NRCS Civil Engineer
-Hamid Farahani, NRCS Water Management Engineer
*Emphasis on Micro irrigation; NRCS standards; principles & concepts*

9:00am –11:30am  School Gardens Workshop Salon A
Steve Bennett, Session Moderator
Lessons learned working with an alternative school –
Amanda Sand, Chatham SWCD
Environmental Education Certification – Marty Wiggins, DENR OEE

10:00am–12:00pm  SWC Commission Working Lunch Terrace Room
Pat Harris, Session Moderator

11:00am –2:30 pm  REGISTRATION OPENS Hotel Lobby
Davis Ferguson, Debbie Clayton

11:00am – 2:30pm  AUCTION ITEMS ACCEPTED Hotel Lobby
Leanna Staton, Linda Hash

Conservation Employee Training Conference

1:00pm – 5:00 pm  OPENING GENERAL SESSION Salon A/B/C
Jerry Dorsett, Session Moderator (invited)
Welcome – Pat Harris; Commissioner Troxler (invited)
Shale Gas Exploration in NC – Dr. Kenneth Taylor,
Stormwater Recycling & Eco-classroom project- How to make it work! – Gail Hughes
Employees Association Meeting – Edward Davis, NCCDEA President
Cost Share Program Updates – Julie Henshaw, Greg Walker
Soil and Water Conservation Commission Meeting/Feedback Session

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  Open Forum (DSWC/NRCS/IBeam/) Guilford
*Ask your questions*
Cost Share Staff, Technical Services Staff, NRCS Staff,

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  Welcome Reception Cookout Courtyard

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  Team Building Activities Benefit  $10 donation requested includes both evenings
Wednesday, August 15, 2012

7:30am – 9:00 am Registration Hotel Lobby

8:00am –12:00pm Conservation Planning in the Field Troxler Farm, Brown Summit
Natalie Woolard, Session Moderator
- Welcome – Commissioner Steve Troxler
- Cropland inventory & soil conservation – Robert Horton
- Watershed assessment for pond siting – Cindy Safrit

8:30am –11:30am MS Excel Computer Lab Salon A
Eric Pare, Session Moderator
-Dave Plafker, Wake County Information Services

8:30am –11:30am Water..the cycle of life – Holly Denham Guilford
Sheila Jones, Session Moderator

8:30am –11:30am Effective Leadership, County Relationships Terrace
Brenda Williams, Chatham SWCD, Session Moderator
- Dick Fowler, NCASWCD; Lynn Sprague, Polk Co.

8:30am –11:30am Conservation Districts' Office Skills Salon B
Steve Bennett, DSWC, Session Moderator
- Document Retention – Hal Hargrove, NC Office of Archives & History
- Filing – Betty Whitley, Johnston SWCD
- Yearly calendar for SWCD – Steve Bennett

11:30am –1:15pm LUNCH Madison

1:30pm –4:30pm Conservation Planning Process Salon C
Natalie Woolard, Session Moderator
- Completing the Planning Process – Robert Horton, NRCS
- Pond Site Assessment Form – Cindy Safrit
- Utilizing Google Earth for Conservation Planning Maps
  - Ed Shipman, Dan Madding, NCDA&CS

1:30pm –4:30pm MS Publisher Computer Lab Salon A
Eric Pare, Session Moderator
-Dave Plafker, Wake County Information Services

1:30pm –4:30pm Hands on Correlation for SWCD Programs Guilford
Kay Bullard, Susan Woodard

1:30pm –4:30pm Employee Evaluation, work/training plans Terrace
Andy Miller, Davidson SWCD, Session Moderator
Mike Pardue; Dennis Testerman; Matt Flint;
- Setting goals speaker

1:30pm – 4:30pm Communications Conflict Resolution    Salon B
Time management, Organizational skills
Brenda Williams, Session Moderator
- Carolyn Miller, Chatham County HR Leadership Academy

6:30pm – 8:00pm Banquet    Ballroom
- Awards – *Golf tournament, Corn Hole tournament, Conservation Bingo*
- Drawing – Cash Raffle
- Installation of NC CDEA Officers
- Live Auction

9:00pm – 11:00pm Evening Networking Fund Raising Event $10 donation includes both evenings    Madison

**Thursday, August 16, 2012**

8:30am – 11:30am Completing an Agricultural Water Use Assessment    Salon A
Natalie Woolard, Session Moderator
- Dr. Garry Grabow, NCSU BAE

8:30am – 11:30am Grant management, applications, funders, resources    Guilford
Steve Bennett, Session Moderator
- Tom Hill, Julie Henshaw, DSWC
- Michelle Lovejoy, NCFSWC

8:30am – 11:30am Marketing your district programs    Salon C
- Ralston James, DSWC
- Ron Williams, Marketing Specialist, Syngenta

8:30am – 11:30am Board Meeting Procedures    Salon B
Travel Vouchers – Tammy Wall, Pat Harris
Writing Effective Minutes – Cindy Phelps
Robert Rules of Order for Small Meetings
- Bruce Miller, Rowan SWCD

12:00pm – 1:30pm Closing Luncheon    Madison

Thanks to the planning committees for your time and expertise.

Sandra Weitzel  Pat Harris  Millie Langley
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Cindy Phelps
Jenny Parks
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