



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

	Room
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	Salon A
10:00am – 12:00pm RUSLE 2 Training - Basic	Salon B
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm RUSLE 2 Training - Advanced Eric Pare, Session Moderator - Dana Ashford, NRCS State Agronomist	
12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch for pre-conference sessions	Salon C
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Benefit Golf Tournament Crooked Trees Golf Course, Brown Summit Charles Bass, Session Moderator	
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm NC CDEA Governing Board Working Supper Edward Davis, Session Moderator	Jamestown

Pre-Conference Training & Events

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/) *Ask your questions* Guilford
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*

Cornhole Tournament – Charlie Bass session moderator
 Conservation Bingo Tournament – Pam Steuer session moderator

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

7:30am – 9:00 am	Registration	Hotel Lobby
8:00am –12:00pm	Conservation Planning in the Field Natalie Woolard, Session Moderator -Welcome – Commissioner Steve Troxler -Cropland inventory & soil conservation – Robert Horton -Watershed assessment for pond siting – Cindy Safrit	Troxler Farm, Brown Summit
8:30am –11:30am	MS Excel Computer Lab Eric Pare, Session Moderator -Dave Plafker, Wake County Information Services	Salon A
8:30am –11:30am	Water..the cycle of life – Holly Denham Sheila Jones, Session Moderator	Guilford
8:30am –11:30am	Effective Leadership, County Relationships Brenda Williams, Chatham SWCD, Session Moderator - Dick Fowler, NCASWCD; Lynn Sprague, Polk Co.	Terrace
8:30am –11:30am	Conservation Districts' Office Skills 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	Salon B
11:30am –1:15pm	LUNCH	Madison
1:30pm –4:30pm	Conservation Planning Process 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	Salon C
1:30pm –4:30pm	MS Publisher Computer Lab- Eric Pare, Session Moderator -Dave Plafker, Wake County Information Services	Salon A
1:30pm –4:30pm	Hands on Correlation for SWCD Programs Kay Bullard, Susan Woodard	Guilford
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
Steve Bennett
Ralston James
Eric Pare

Pat Harris
Natalie Woolard
Julie Henshaw
Edward Davis

Millie Langley
Susan Woodard
Sheila Jones
Kay Bullard

Renee Ray
Cindy Phelps
Jenny Parks
Andy Miller
Brenda Williams
Amanda Sand
Elizabeth Williams
Jamey Walker
Robert Horton
Matt Flint