

Amanda Egdorf-Sand of Randleman has been named executive director of the N.C. Foundation for Soil and Water. Egdorf-Sand, administrative officer and program manager for NCFSWC since April of 2020, replaces Michelle Lovejoy who left in May to join the Environmental Defense Fund.

“Our new executive director Amanda Egdorf-Sand is very impressive in her knowledge of conservation and has previous experiences that will be valuable to her in this new role,” said NCFSWC President Jimmy Gentry. “The Board of Directors is quite excited to have her leading the Foundation as we continue to do our part in conserving soil and water and enhancing the environment.”

Egdorf-Sand earned a bachelor’s degree in environment and natural resources with a concentration in water and land management from the University of Minnesota. In addition to her work with NCFSWC for more than a year, Egdorf-Sand has been working with the nonprofit Abundance NC. She spent three years with the Chatham (NC) Soil & Water Conservation District as a soil conservation specialist and also worked at Piedmont Biofuels.

The Minnesota native and her husband Joseph have two sons. They are the co-owners of Joseph Sand Pottery, a unique wood-fired ceramics business in Randolph County. Egdorf-Sand is currently transitioning into the full-time executive director role.

Gentry thanked Lovejoy for her leadership.

"Among her latest initiatives was engaging the Foundation in agricultural resiliency which included a project to help agricultural producers better prepare for disasters and recover from those storms," Gentry said. "During her time with us, Michelle earned a great deal of respect for her expertise and the exceptional job that she did."

Chartered as a corporation in 1999, the Foundation is a public non-profit tax-exempt organization and its mission is to promote, protect and improve North Carolina soil and water resources for the enhancement of economic growth and stewardship of the natural environment. NCFSWC has raised over \$15 million and leveraged over \$16 million to implement projects addressing priority natural resource issues and building conservation capacity.



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