



# BEAUFORT CONSERVATION NEWS

**Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District 155 Airport Road Washington, NC**  
**Newsletter July 2022 - December 2022**

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## SUPERVISOR AND STAFF UPDATE

*In addition to holding their regular meetings, the Supervisors also attend other meetings and trainings to keep informed of the priorities and upcoming issues in the field of soil and water conservation.*



- *The annual Conservation Employee Training Conference was held in Cherokee, NC during the week of August 15-18, 2022. Nathaniel Woolard, District Resource Conservation Specialist, and Debbie Boyd, Education Coordinator, attended the training.*
- *Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District Staff and Supervisors attend online virtual training sessions as offered.*



## 2022 NCASWCD AREA 5 FALL MEETING

*The Area 5 Fall Meeting was held on November 10, 2022 at Moratoc Park in Williamston, NC and was hosted by the Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District.*

*Chairman Richard Cannon (Martin SWCD) called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone attending. Roll Call was taken by Vice-Chairman Steve Harris (Pasquotank SWCD) and the Treasurer's Report was given by Maurice Berry, Jr. (Pasquotank SWCD).*

*Standing Committee and Partnership Reports were then given.*

*Guest speakers were Matt Safford, StRAP Manager at NCDA&CS Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Kristina Fischer, Area 6 Regional Coordinator at NCDA&CS Division of Soil and Water Conservation, and Evan Davis, Director of the Farmland Preservation Division at the NCDA&CS.*

*Attending the meeting from the Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District were Supervisors James Allen, Tracy Warren, Sid Cayton, and Wayne Black, Office Manager, Ann Williams, and Education Coordinator, Debbie Boyd. Other partnering agency personnel attending from Beaufort County were Anthony Hester, NRCs, and Rodney Woolard, Farmland Preservation.*

# ***SUPERVISOR AND STAFF UPDATE***



## ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

*During the 2022 Area 5 Fall Meeting, Ann Williams, Resource Conservation Office Manager with Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District, was presented her 20-year length of service award by Chris Hughes, President of NCASWCD.*



*During the December 2022 meeting of the Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District, James Allen and Archie Griffin, (left) re-elected Board Members, and Wayne Black, (right) re-appointed Board Member are sworn in by Marty Paramore, Beaufort County Clerk of Superior Court.*



*Kyle Gentry started in Beaufort County December 2022 and will serve as the new Supervisory Soil Conservationist over the 10 counties in Team 14.*

*Kyle previously worked in Pender County as a Resource Conservationist and before that was in North Central Kansas as a Soil Conservationist. Prior to starting work with NRCS in Kansas he worked a total of 4 years at Person and Durham Soil & Water Districts here in NC.*

*His duties will include conservation planning, technical assistance, contracting, certifying, managing NRCS programs, supervisory duties, and various other field work for the 10-county team.*

*Kyle graduated from Virginia Tech in 2015 with a degree in Environmental Resource Management and prior to college grew up in Roxboro, NC.*

*He is excited to work with local producers, landowners, and experience everything Beaufort County has to offer.*

*Kyle also enjoys hunting, fishing, being on the water, and currently resides on the outskirts of Washington.*

## ***WELCOME!***



***KYLE GENTRY***  
***TEAM 14***  
***SUPERVISORY SOIL***  
***CONSERVATIONIST***



# PROGRAM NEWS



## **FUNDS ANTICIPATED FOR AGRICULTURE COST SHARE PROGRAM (ACSP)**



### **COVER CROP**

*For Program Year 2023, the District was allocated \$46,645 by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the Agriculture Cost Share Program. The District opened a batching period in September 2022 to rank and fund Cover Crop applications only. Leading up to the September 2022 batching period, a total of two Cover Crop applications were received. Two Cover Crop applications and contracts were approved during the September 2022 meeting. The District received 7 additional Program Year 2023 ACSP applications for practices including Land Smoothing, Water Control Structures, Erosion Control, Residue and Tillage Management, and Lagoon Biosolids Removal. These applications will be reviewed and ranked by the District's Supervisors during their January 2023 meeting.*



### **AGRICULTURAL WATER RESOURCES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AgWRAP)**

*For Program Year 2023, the District was allocated \$11,000 by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission for AgWRAP practice installation. The District received one application for Conservation Irrigation Conversion, 6 applications for Irrigation Wells and two applications for an Ag Pond. All applications will be reviewed and ranked by the District's Supervisors during their January 2023 meeting.*



### **WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE**

# ***PROGRAM NEWS***

## **2020 WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT (ETA FUNDS)**

### **PHASE III**

Phase III of the 2020 Watershed Restoration Project began in October of 2022. Hall American Property Pros was selected as the contractor to complete this phase. Phase III is for 81,500 linear feet and should be completed by February 2023.

<b>Stream</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length (ft.)</b>
Hidden Branch	Washington	1,500
Hidden Run	Washington	3,800
Mill Hole Gut	Washington	4,000
Thoroughfare Gut	Washington	7,000
Taylor Gut	Chocowinity	5,000
Cherry Run II	Washington	15,000
Decoy Run	Washington	6,000
Rice Creek	Chocowinity	4,000
Chocowinity Creek	Chocowinity	13,000
Bay Branch	Chocowinity	14,000
Tankard Creek II	Bath	3,000
Lower Herring Run	Washington	1,700
North Creek II	Belhaven	3,500

## **2020 WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT (ETA FUNDS)**

### **PHASE IV**

Phase IV of the 2020 Watershed Restoration Project began in December of 2022. Landscaping Unlimited was selected as the contractor to complete this phase. Phase IV is for 54,800 linear feet and should be completed by February 2023.

<b>Stream</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length (ft.)</b>
Acre Swamp	Pinetown	19,000
Durham Creek	Aurora	17,000
Upper Herring Run	Washington	7,000
North Creek	Belhaven	1,800
Riverside Run	Washington	1,500
Pineygrove Branch	Washington	8,500

### **PHASE I**

Phase I of the Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program began in December of 2022. R.D.C. Debris Removal Construction was selected as the contractor to complete this phase. Phase I is for 22,329 linear feet and should be completed by February 2023.

<b>Stream</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length (ft.)</b>
Cypress Run	Aurora	6,100
Gum Swamp	Aurora	5,500
Broomfield Swamp Creek	Aurora	7,750
Great Branch	Pantego	2,979

# *PROGRAM NEWS*



**PHASE IV**



**StRAP**



# EDUCATION NEWS



## 2022

Annual Dan Windley  
Environmental Field Days  
at Goose Creek State Park



*Over 600 fifth grade students, teachers, and chaperones, from Beaufort County, attended the Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District's 14th Annual Dan Windley Environmental Field Days. The educational event was held at Goose Creek State Park November 7-9, 2022.*

*On each school's assigned day, attendees were divided into groups to rotate at fifteen-minute intervals throughout six stations. Stations included Aquatics, Soils, Wetlands, Forestry, Conservation, and Wildlife and were instructed by representatives from various agencies who specialize in the topics covered. Presenters were from Goose Creek State Park, NC Estuarium, Beaufort County Cooperative Extension, Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District, as well as retired volunteers who specialize in their fields. The District appreciates the assistance of all those involved in the learning stations and thanks Goose Creek State Park for co-sponsoring the event.*



***The Windley-May families***

*Environmental Field Days was started 35 years ago by Mr. Dan Windley from the Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Windley passed away in September 2006. To honor his family for their continued dedication to this yearly event, the name of the event was changed to the Annual Dan Windley Environmental Field Days in 2008.*



## CONSERVATION



# *EDUCATION NEWS*



## *SOILS*

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## Capitol Christmas Project



*The Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District participated in the 2022 Capitol Christmas Tree Ornament Project by sending in wood slice ornaments with artwork and an essay from past Beaufort County STATE winners in the Poster and Essay Contests.*

*The Christmas tree for the US Capitol came from North Carolina this year and there was a need for 6,000 ornaments to decorate the tree. Ornaments highlighting conservation, natural resources, and soil and water history were sent by participating Soil and Water Districts in North Carolina.*



# EDUCATION NEWS

## NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

### Resource Conservation Workshop (RCW)

June 2023

The Resource Conservation Workshop is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in conjunction with the NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation, NC State University Soil Science Department, and the Soil and Water Conservation Society Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter.

#### Workshop Description



The Resource Conservation Workshop is a weeklong workshop and involves study and hands on participation in a wide range of conservation topics. Students are housed at NC State University campus dormitories under the guidance of live-in counselors. In order to achieve success, students should come prepared to meet the primary objective of the workshop -- learning about natural resources and their management in today's global environment. Awards and scholarships can be won and are presented to students under several awards programs.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/RCW.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QjBfkAUPtE&feature=youtu.be>

#### ***Applications Due:***

**By 4:30**

**April 3, 2023**

**to**

**Beaufort SWCD Office**

**Agricultural Center**

**155C Airport Road**

**Washington, NC 27889**

***Interviews will take place***

***April 6, 2023, from 3:00-5:00***



**Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District** will provide sponsorship for event registration and some meals not covered under registration. One or more applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Any Beaufort County **rising** sophomore, junior, or senior (**present seniors not eligible**) showing interest in Natural Resource Conservation
- Completes and returns application form by deadline
- Interviews with Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District to determine eligibility, interest, and availability to attend the event

#### **Contact Info:**

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*Board Meetings are open to the public and are held  
the 3rd Monday of each month, except  
July and August, at 5:30 p.m. in the office of the:*

*Beaufort Soil and Water Conservation District  
Beaufort County Agricultural Center  
155 Airport Road  
Washington, NC 27889*

## **Board of Supervisors**



**James Allen**  
(Board Chairman)



**Tracy Warren**  
(Board Vice Chairman)



**Sid Cayton**  
(Board Supervisor)



**Archie Griffin**  
(Board Secretary)



**Wayne Black**  
(Board Supervisor)

### *District Staff*

*Ann Williams  
Office Manager*

*Nathaniel Woolard  
District Resource Conservation Specialist*

*Debbie Boyd  
Education Coordinator*

### *USDA-NRCS*

*Kyle Gentry  
Team 14  
Supervisory Soil Conservationist*

*Anthony Hester  
Soil Conservation Technician*

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