

# CONSERVATION CONVERSATIONS

Guilford Soil & Water Conservation District  
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## Guilford SWCD: The Best Kept Secret



**Bioretention Area at Summerfield Park**

Did you know that NC is the leader in Soil and Water Conservation? It all started in April of 1935 when Hugh Hammond Bennett, the Father of Soil Conservation and a soil scientist, went to Washington with a proposal that became Public Law 46, the Soil Conservation Act which created the Soil Conservation Service. The first local Soil Conservation District was established in his home county, Anson County, NC.

What can we do for you? Two of our cost share programs include: ACSP and CCAP. ACSP (Agricultural Cost Share Program) provides up to 75% funding from the State for the installation of Best Management Practices on agricultural lands to reduce erosion, runoff pollution of nearby bodies of water and increase profits for farmers. Technical services are also provided free of charge.

For non-agricultural landowners, CCAP

(Community Conservation Assistance Program) funds are available to qualified applicants as well as free technical advice. We have provided services to churches, parks, schools, homeowners, businesses and community groups. BMP's (Best Management Practices) include: riparian buffers, backyard rain gardens, backyard wetlands (bioretention areas), streambank protection, cisterns, pet waste receptacles, abandoned well closures and permeable pavement. The purpose of these BMP's is to improve water quality and stormwater management.

If you have a resource need or question, please call or email Millie Langley or Jamey Walker, to determine if you meet program guidelines or to receive technical assistance.

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Open Well In Need of Closure: Potential for groundwater contamination and physical hazards.

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**Special points of interest:**

- BMP's to save surface and groundwater
- Free Educational Programs for All
- Annual Tree Sale Benefits Citizens By Raising Funds for Educational Programming

## Educating Citizens to Protect Soil & Water

Our Education Coordinator, Elizabeth Williams provides classroom instruction to k-12 students about soil and water conservation. Each year, the Guilford SWCD holds educational contests for 3rd-8th grade students for Poster, Essay and Speech related to a certain theme. This year's theme is: The Living Soil. See county website for registration forms. Middle and High School teams

can also compete in the Area 3 Envirothon in March at Elon University. See county website for registration forms. Middle School Environmental Investigations camp will be held for one week in June. Students will have hands-on experience with Aquatics, Wildlife, Forestry and Soils. There will also be an Environmental Education week for Teachers in June. Workshops

will include: Project WET, Project WILD, Project Food, Land and People and Project Learning Tree



Educational presentations for community groups are available upon request as well as farm tours. Call or email Elizabeth for more information:  
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## Guilford Soil & Water Conservation District

### Our Staff

Millie Langley—Soil Conservationist  
Jamey Walker—Soil Technician  
Elizabeth Williams—Education Coordinator  
Gary Cox—NRCS

Board Meetings: 1st Wednesday Each Month at  
9:00 a.m.—Ag. Center Conference Rm.



### We're On the Web!

[http://countyweb.co.guilford.nc.us/  
soil-and-water-homepage](http://countyweb.co.guilford.nc.us/soil-and-water-homepage)

### Help Us Conserve Resources

Contact us to be placed on our email list.



We will email you bi-annual newsletters and tree pre sale order forms. We will not share your email address.

### Our Board of Supervisors

George Teague—Chairman  
Dick Phillips—Vice Chairman  
Lewis Brandon—Secretary/Treasurer  
Ray Briggs—Member  
Harold Alexander—Member  
Anna Amoriello —Assoc. Member  
Dan Kerns—Assoc. Member



## Upcoming Events and Important Links.....



Students learn to measure tree height using Biltmore Sticks at Environmental Investigations Camp



Elizabeth, Millie and Jamey

- \*January 8—February 14, 2014: Preorders Taken for Annual Tree Sale
- \*February 10—Speech Registration Due
- \*February 14—Envirothon Registration Due Date—No Exceptions
- \*February 20—Speech Competition for 7th & 8th Graders
- \*February 21—Due Date For Essays (6th and Posters (3rd-6th)
- \*February 22—Annual Tree Sale 9-11:30 Ag. Center (Barn Kitchen)
- March 6—Backyard Buffer Program: 6:30 Must pre-register for this free event.
- \*March 25—Area 3 Envirothon for Middle and High School Teams in Elon
- \*June 23—27: Environmental Education Week for Teachers: Pre-registration Required—Nominal Fees May Apply
- \*To Be Determined—Middle School Environmental Investigations Camp
- \*All Year—Applications for Cost Share Programs and technical assistance
- \*At Request—Group Presentations

\*NC Envirothon—  
[ncenvirothon.org](http://ncenvirothon.org)

\*Division of Soil and Water—  
<http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/>

\*NC Foundation of Soil & Water—  
<http://www.ncsoilwater.org/>

\*Piedmont Triad Regional Council -  
<http://www.ptrc.org/>

\*Piedmont Conservation Council—  
<http://piedmontconservation.org/>

\*Guilford County—  
<http://countyweb.co.guilford.nc.us/>

\*Piedmont Triad Water Quality Partnership—  
<http://www.piedmontwaterquality.org/>

\*NC Office of Environmental Education  
<http://www.eenorthcarolina.org/>