

THE SOIL SCOOP

UNION COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SAVE THE DATE

WHO: Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors and Staff

WHAT: Basic Training

WHEN: February 10-11, 2015

WHERE: UNC School of Government in Chapel Hill

Basic Training for Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors February 10-11, 2015

This two day course is planned for newly elected and appointed soil and water district supervisors, new district staff, and for the experienced supervisors who have interests in the decisions they need to make in the supervisor role, the resources available to supervisors, the legal and fiscal restrictions on their actions as supervisors, and the possibilities for the future of the soil and water. The course will consist of presentations from agency officials and others who work with soil and water conservation across the state, discussion of projects being undertaken by districts, and group work on plans for the districts represented by attendees. For more information visit this website: http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/professional_development/UNCSOG.html

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WINTER 2014

Union County SWCD makes great efforts to provide technical, financial, and educational assistance to the citizens of Union County to promote the proper management of our natural resources.

COST SHARE FUNDS GOING FAST

Hurry in to the Soil and Water Office to fill out your personal application to receive cost share funds. The North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program is a state funded program administered to reduce non-point source pollution into our streams, lakes, and rivers. This reduction is achieved by providing cost

share assistance to agricultural landowners and operators who use BMP's to reduce pollutants, such as sediment, animal waste, pesticides, nutrients, etc. from leaving the land and entering our waters. The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District administers and implements the NC AgCost Share Program in Union County. Cost Share amounts are made **up to 75%**

of the average cost to install BMP's. For the fiscal year 2014 Union County Soil and Water obligated over \$56,459 in Cost Share assistance to improve water quality. For more information visit our website at: <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/costshareprograms/index.html>.

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**No-Till Seed Drill
Available
to citizens planting
in Union County
for \$10 per acre.
Contact our office
for more information.**

Visit us at:
[http://www.co.union.nc.us/Divisions/
SoilWaterConservation.aspx](http://www.co.union.nc.us/Divisions/SoilWaterConservation.aspx)

**Available
Services:**

- *Natural Resource Best Management Practice Design and Support
- *Soil Interpretative Services
- *Nutrient Management
- *Natural Resource-Specific Mapping via GIS
- *Education and Technical Training
- *Soil and Water Resource Consultative Services

**Middle & High
School Students:
Envirothon:**

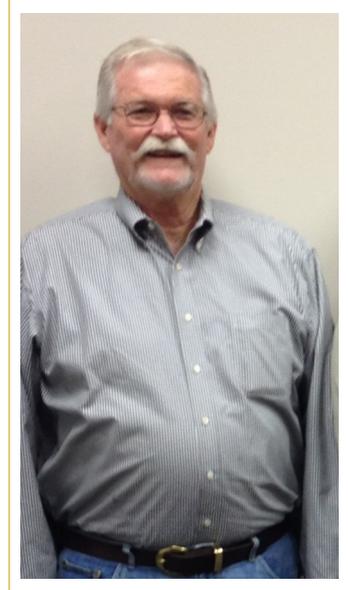


Environmental Education Competition

Each team will consist of 5 students from either county schools, home study groups or environmental clubs. They will exercise their training and problem-solving skills in a competition centered on five testing categories: soils/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife and current environmental issues. High School teams have the added component of an Oral Presentation that requires the students to assemble their knowledge of all the tested subjects and use critical thought to solve a complex environmental problem and present their solution to a panel of judges. To find out more visit <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/index.html> or call the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District office 704-233-1621.



Congratulations are in order for Mr. Scott Baucom (left) who was newly elected as a Board Member for Union County Soil and Water. Scott is a lifelong Union County resident and very involved in the community. He is happily married with two children who both graduated from Piedmont High School. Scott raises livestock and chickens, farms, and builds waste storage sheds for the community. Scott was appointed the position of Secretary/ Treasurer for his term. We are excited to have Scott as a Supervisor.



Congratulations are also in order for Mr. Wayne Moser (right) who was re-elected as a Board Member for Union County Soil and Water. Wayne worked for the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District starting in November 1989 and retired in February 2013. He has served as a Supervisor for Union County since retirement. Wayne has a lot of background knowledge on the topics and issues brought forward in meetings due to his more than twenty years experience with the district. We are glad to have his expertise on the board.

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Avoid getting that **Winter Cold** by...

Boosting your immunity → get enough sleep & eat right

Hydrate → drink lots and lots of H₂O

Sanitize → WASH your hands and avoid contact with someone who has a cold

Relax → try not to stress

Farm Transition Planning

February 26, 2015

Day long Training

By Cooperative Extension

Contact their office for more information.
704-283-3801

If you would like something published in the next newsletter contact Katie Anne McBryde with the Soil and Water Conservation District .

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RCW

Resource Conservation Workshop

A weeklong workshop for **high school** students. Each Soil and Water District sponsors two students to attend. During the workshop students study and get hands on participation in a wide variety of conservation topics along with learning of natural resources and their management in todays environment. There are many awards and scholarships that can be won at the workshop. For more information contact us or visit this website:
<http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/RCW.html>

Upcoming Board Meetings:

(Every third Tuesday of the month)

February 17, 2015

March 17, 2015

April 21, 2015

EQIP

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

NRCS is in charge of this voluntary program that helps producers protect soil, water, air and other natural resources while ensuring sustainable production on your farm or working forest land. Applications received will be evaluated and ranked for funding assistance. The application deadlines for FY 2015 funding consideration are January 16, March 20, and May 15, 2015.

For more information contact the following:

USDA Farm Service Agency
704-233-1621
3230-A Presson Road
Monroe, NC 28112

NC Cooperative Extension
704-283-3801
3230-D Presson Road
Monroe, NC 28112

Soil and Water Conservation District
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71st Annual Meeting of the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts January 4-6, 2015

This year's annual meeting was jump-started Monday morning with opening remarks from 2014 President John Langdon and Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler followed by motivational speaker Jones Loflin who spoke on "Favorable Growing Conditions." Later in the morning there were break out sessions for everyone's interests ranging from Reaching the Youngest Learners to Emerging Issues in Agriculture. Committee meetings filled the afternoon followed by the Conservation Education Awards Dinner where many educators were recognized. Amy Jenkins and Len Curington from the Southern School of Energy & Sustainability spoke of their success with special needs students through conservation. Agronomist, Ray Archuleta took the floor Tuesday morning with a lecture on "Soil Health— Farming & Ranching for the 21st Century" followed by a panel discussion from the NC Animal Agriculture Coalition. Length of Service Awards and District Supervisor of the Year Awards were presented to the qualified supervisors. Interesting lectures on bee pollination were presented by a panel. The afternoon was filled with a NCASWCD Business Meeting that included reports and comments from the committees and changes to the articles and by-laws. The Banquet filled the evening with Farm Family awards, Gator and Quilt drawings, Hall of Fame Induction and installation of 2015 NCASWCD President. The evening finished with closing remarks given by 2015 President Manly West.

Supervisors:

Mr. Kelvin L. Baucom— Chairman
Mr. Allan L. Baucom— Vice Chairman
Mr. R. Scott Baucom— Secretary/ Treasurer
Mr. Kenneth Mills— Member
Mr. Wayne Moser— Member

Staff:

Charles Dunevant— Union SWCD, District Manager
Katie Anne McBryde— Union SWCD, Conservation Education Specialist
Shauntae Britt— USDA NRCS, District Conservationist
Richard (Rick) Pigg— USDA NRCS, Conservation Engineering Assistant

From our families

to yours

Happy New Year!

