## **Conservation** Conversation



## **Important Dates**

April 29th-30th → State Envirothon at Cedarock Park

June 4th-11th → Creek Week

June 26th-July1st → Resource Conservation Workshop



# Upcoming Events

## **Annual Tree Sale Update:**

The 2022 tree sale has come to a successful finish!



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Flowering Dogwoods were particularly popular this year and we sold out of all hardwoods. For next year we look forward to expanding on the number of hardwoods available for purchase as well as varieties available.

For anyone looking to be added to our mailing/email list for information and pre-orders please reach out and we will be happy to take down your information.

\* Pre-ordering is the best way for us to ensure tree availability through first-come, first-served sales \*

#### **Agriculture Center**

3309 Burlington Rd. Greensboro, NC 27405

Phone: (336) 641-2440 Fax: (336) 641-2441

#### We Are Open

Our staff is available to assist you! We are in the field often, if you would like to meet with any staff member please call ahead to set up an appointment. The Agriculture Center is currently limiting direct access to the building but we are open. We look forward to working with you!

#### **Meet The New Soil & Water Coordinator**



Nicole Carolan is the new Soil and Water Coordinator for the Guilford County Soil and Water Conservation District. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies from Elon University in 2018 along with a minor in Environmental Education. She has experience working as a Project Analyst for a North Carolina based environmental non-profit which focused on stream and wetland restoration as well as project development and management. She looks forward to continuing to learn and grow while aiding the Guilford County community in all soil and water conservation and education needs.

Email: <u>ncarolan@guilfordcountync.gov</u> Phone: (336) 641-2444

## No Till Drill and Weed Wiper

Help Us Help You - By conserving our natural resources & aiding in the prevention of soil loss in our county by renting our no-till drill!

#### No Till Drill

- 5.5' planting width
- Rent for \$10/acre (Minimum rental rate of \$30)
- Best used for pasture and hay land reseeding

### **Weed Wiper**

- Rent for \$50 first day and \$30 for each successive day (Minimum rental rate of \$50.00)
- Used to control weed competition in hay, cropland and pasture land.
- Efficient tool for using minimal amounts of herbicide chemicals while saving money and time. Added benefit of no-drift application.

\* Call for more information or to check availability \*





## **Soil and Water Conservation Programs**

WE ARE TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR ALL PROGRAMS! The applications can be found on our webpage at:

www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/planning-development/soil-and-water-conservation

#### AgWRAP— NC Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program

Voluntary program used to identify opportunities to increase water use efficiency, availability, quantity and storage.



#### **ACSP** — NC Agriculture Cost Share Program

Voluntary cost share based program offering financial and technical assistance for the installation of best management practices to address nonpoint source pollution. This is a water quality based program.



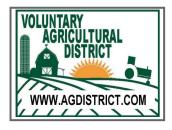
#### **CCAP** — NC Community Conservation Assistance Program

A voluntary incentive based program designed to improve water quality and quantity through the installation of various best management practices on urban and suburban lands not directly involved with agriculture production.



#### **VAD — Voluntary Agriculture District Program**

This is a voluntary, free program for farm owners of 20 acres of forestland, 10 contiguous acres of farmland or 5 acres of horticultural land. Landowners commit to enhance their agriculture community by preserving and protecting farmland from non-farm development



#### StRAP—Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (NEW)

New program that allows local governments or organizations to allocate funds for projects that protect and restore the integrity of drainage infrastructures. Projects that involve flood-reduction, stream bank stabilization, and debris/sediment removal will all be covered under this program.

<sup>\*</sup> For more information on the programs and applications please contact Gary Cox at (336)641-2251 \*



### **NCDA&CS COVID Swine and Dairy Program**

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services created the Swine and Dairy Assistance Program to aid producers who suffered losses due to shutdowns following the COVID-19 pandemic. This one-time assistance program was created because a significant number of swine farms across the state lost contracts and dairies had been forced out of business due to the pandemic. Swine and dairy producers may also be eligible for financial assistance for losses incurred as a result of termination of contracts or ceased milk production during the March 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022 timeframe. The application process is two-phased.

<u>Phase I - This application process is currently underway!</u>
<u>Link: https://www.ncagr.gov/CovidSwineandDairyAssistancePhase1.htm</u>

The application window is open from December 15, 2021 until June 30th, 2023

<u>Phase II</u> - This application is for infrastructure cost share for both eligible swine and dairy producers. This portion of the program application will be used to identify infrastructure cost share eligibility for swine infrastructure improvements or waste structure closure for dairy and swine producers.

Link: https://www.ncagr.gov/CovidSwineandDairyAssistancePhase2.htm

Phase I will determine applicant eligibility. All eligible applicants will receive a one-time financial assistance payment of \$31,500.

To apply for assistance complete the online application forms and submit the appropriate paperwork.

For additional questions about this program or qualifications required, please contact the NCDA&CS COVID Assistance helpline at (866)747-9823 or contact the staff at Guilford SWCD at (336)641-2440

## We sell bluebird boxes, wood duck boxes, and wildflower seeds year round!

Blue Bird Boxes \$22.00 Wood Duck Boxes \$43.00 Southeastern Seed Mix
Bird and Butterfly Seed Mix
\$8.00







#### **USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service Staff:**

Supervisory Conservationist Brandon King and Soil Conservationist Jordyn Rosichan can be found in the Soil & Water Office (most days). Please feel free to reach out at anytime!

Brandon King: <u>Brandon.king@usda.gov</u>

Jordyn Rosichan: <u>Jordyn.rosichan@usda.gov</u>

Phone: (336) 375-5401 ext. 3



#### **Guilford SWCD Mission:**

"To promote the conservation of natural resources in Guilford County through education, information, technical assistance, and available economic incentives"

The Guilford Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is a governmental subdivision of the State of North Carolina, charged with the responsibility of promoting soil and water conservation and establishing conservation programs in the District. The District partners with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) to carry out these responsibilities. As a local organization, we work with citizens, agencies, and landowners to plan and direct programs for the conservation and development of our natural resources.

#### **Our Team**

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Gary Cox, Soil and Water Conservation Technician - (336)641-2251 fcox@guilfordcountync.gov

Nicole Carolan, Soil and Water Coordinator - (336)641-2444 ncarolan@guilfordcountync.gov

Millie Langley, Soil Conservationist (Retired; part-time) - (336)641-2442 mlangle@guilfordcountync.gov

#### **District Board of Supervisors:**

- George Teague, Chair
- Josh Myers, Vice Chair
- Anna Amoriello, Secretary/ Treasurer
- Ray Briggs, Member
- Harold Alexander, Member

Board Meetings: 1st Wednesday of Each Month @ 9:00 a.m. Ag. Center Auditorium



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