



Friends of Wake Soil and Water Conservation District

Fall 2011

promoting and supporting Wake Soil and Water Conservation District

Annual Banquet

The 46th annual conservation awards celebration takes place

Dec 8, 2011

7 pm

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Two boards and the staff get together to share ideas



The Board of Supervisors and the Staff of the Wake County Soil and Water Conservation district met with the Board of the Friends of Wake SWCD to share ideas, some local snacks and a beautiful afternoon at Historic Oak View County Park. The Park is located next door to the SWCD offices. The park is a 19th-century historic farmstead with a mission to

interpret North Carolina's agricultural heritage and rural history via educational programs, special events and exhibits. The staff and board members were tasked with talking to someone new that afternoon and writing down ideas that can help support the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District.

Support the District

Become a member of the Friends for as little as \$10 and support Wake SWCD.

<http://friendsofwakeswcd.wordpress.com/>

[Print out the form](#) and mail it in,
along with your tax deductible charitable donation.

Farming Operations Exempt from Forced Annexation

from the SWCD Conservation Newsletter-Summer 2011

Farms close to the state's growing urban populations will now have protection from forced municipal annexation. Forced municipal annexation is a process by which municipalities may expand their city limits into areas not already incorporated, and levy taxes in exchange for city services. Bona fide farm operations are also exempt from the practice of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction- the exercise of a town or city's powers in a defined area outside of city limits.

This bill defines the term "bona fide farm purposes", and prohibits the annexation or exercise of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of any operations which fall into this category.

For more information on whether you are exempt from forced annexation and Extra Territorial Jurisdiction, call Wake SWCD District Director Dale Threatt-Taylor at 919-250-1068.

Any of the following documents are considered evidence of a bona fide farming operation:

- a. A farm sales tax exemption certificate
- b. A copy of the property tax listing
- c. A copy of the farm owner's or operator's Schedule F from federal income tax return
- d. A forest management plan
- e. A Farm Identification Number issued by the USDA Farm Service



Wake District Educator Sheila Jones Receives International Environmental Award

Sheila Jones was honored by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) for her Outstanding Service to Environmental Education by a K-12 Educator.

"I've been fortunate to work in environmental education for 26 years, teaching people of all ages that we're all a part of nature, not apart from nature," said Jones.

"Environmental literacy is an essential 21st Century skill for today's children and tomorrow's leaders. It

will enable them to resolve environmental challenges and prevent new ones in innovative ways. "

Sheila's award was handcrafted of NC clay by artist Meredith Heywood of Seagrove, NC. The handmade tile features an oak tree commemorating the 40th anniversary conference in Raleigh, the City of Oaks.

"There's no better award than a beautiful tile made of earth for an environmental educator that teaches about soil and water!" exclaimed Jones. "This is what Dirt Divas dream about!"

Read the full story for all Sheila's quotes at: <http://friendsofwakeswcd.wordpress.com/>

Wake SWCD - in sync with the Wake County Commissioners

The SWCD helps Wake County meet its environmental stewardship goals, including those geared to improving the economy and jobs investment through environmental stewardship.

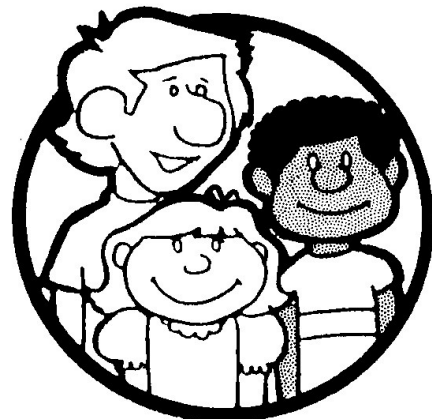
Just a few highlights of the work done by Wake SWCD from the last quarter of FY 2011

- Dispensed **\$58,883** of state funds to Wake County farms for construction work on BMPs, preventing 243 tons of sediment entering our streams, providing for healthier streams, improved water quality and economic development.
- Implementing the Falls Lake Watershed Rules for Agriculture improves water quality, protects drinking water and helps Wake County to stay in compliance.
- Conducted a successful Spring Big Sweep event with 240 volunteers, diverting 770 pounds of waste from the landfill and recycled 1,740 pound of litter, improving water quality in area streams and saving Wake County over \$15,000 in landfill and labor fees.

Just a few examples of recent Wake SWCD projects

- Wake SWCD installed 2 grassed waterways, 12 acres of field borders and 2 acres of critical area planting, reducing sediment to the Little River
- Wake SWCD installed 1.7 acres of cropland conversion using federal cost share, reducing erosion
- Wake SWCD installed a bio-retention raingarden to treat stormwater runoff at AB Combs Elementary School
- Wake SWCD converted 5.24 acres of eroding cropland to permanent vegetation
- Wake County Envirothon Team earns 4th Place out of 55 teams at the state level competition!
- Wake SWCD Environmental Educator teaches students about land use planning and watershed protection

Click on the icons below for [maps of FY 2011 4th quarter conservation projects](#) & [environmental education projects](#).





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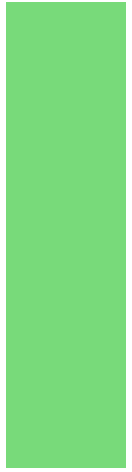
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The AB Combs Elementary School rain garden was recognized with a 2011 Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Community Appearance, Raleigh's annual celebration of the best in community design and conservation. The award is shared among its many partners, including Wake SWCD Staff, as well as District Conservation Award recipients John Ann Shearer and Falcon Engineering.
