

## FRIENDS OF THE DISTRICT membership form

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**Friends of Wake SWCD  
PO Box 46  
Raleigh, NC 27602**

Friends of Wake Soil and Water Conservation District is a 501 (c)(3), nonprofit, tax exempt organization. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by federal law.

## Wake County Facts

Wake County is the 12th largest county in North Carolina with 587 square miles of land.

Wake County is expected to exceed 1,000,000 residents by 2013!

Wake is the 17th largest tobacco-producing county in NC at \$8.6 million in sales.

Wake has 312 farms in livestock production with \$5 million in sales.

Wake County has 177,300 forested acres which produce over \$9 million in annual revenue, 26th in the state. 77 % is privately owned.

Wake County has 12 farmers markets, more than any other county in NC.

Wake County has 827 farms.

## How You Can Help

- Become a member of the Friends
- Learn about the District
- VOTE for Board of Supervisors
- Write to your county commissioners and express support for the District
- Support your local farmers by seeking out locally grown products
- Tell your friends about the District

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## Wake Soil and Water Conservation District

### Protecting Wake County's Natural Resources for 70 Years



The Soil Conservation Act of 1935 was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in response to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. Soil and Water Conservation Districts were created in every state. They established land management practices that have lasted for generations.



The Wake Soil and Water Conservation District is a non-regulatory agency that works every day to conserve soil, water, air and wildlife. The Board of Supervisors works closely with the staff to provide the citizens:

- Planning and implementation for erosion control
- Education in ecology and natural resource management
- Wildlife habitat improvement
- Technical assistance with wetland issues and wetland restoration



## Friends of the District

**Mission: To promote awareness of and broaden support for Wake SWCD and its natural resource conservation work.**

The Friends of the District was begun by concerned citizens who believe the conservation work of the District is critical to the future success of Wake County.



Wake County has grown explosively over the past 20 years and is one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation. The mixture of land uses creates challenges.

- 46% of the county is urban and commercial
- 80% of the population lives on urban lands
- 100% of the population benefits from farms, forest, open space, lakes and rivers

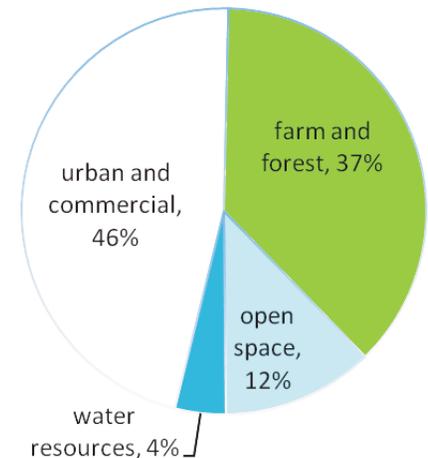
The Wake County Soil and Water Conservation District improves the quality of life for all citizens of Wake County.

**Help us: Become a Friend.**

## Wake District 2010-2011 Achievements

- Prevented 26,371 tons of sediment from reaching lakes and streams
- Enrolled over 5,800 acres in the Voluntary Agricultural District Program
- Installed 544,948 sq. feet of conservation practices in non-agricultural areas
- Assisted 5,465 homeowners with erosion control and drainage problems
- Coordinated 1,102 volunteers for Big Sweep Wake County

## Wake Land Uses



Source: 2010 US Census  
Farmland Protection and Local Food Enhancement Plan 2010