

## Who We Are

Friends of Wake Soil and Water Conservation District, Inc. (FOD) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all-volunteer organization supporting the work of the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District (District) to protect, conserve and enhance the soil, water and natural resources of Wake County.

The FOD was formed in 2010 to advocate for, and raise public awareness of, the mission and work of the District.

## Soil & Water Conservation

The District continues to positively impact the care and management of private lands and assists land-owners in Best Management Practices (BMPs) to conserve our natural resources for everyone. The District is also dedicated to providing environmental education to schools and advance environmental literacy and stewardship.

## Contact Us!

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## How you Can Help

These efforts would not be possible without community support. Here's how you can help protect natural resources in Wake County:

- **Donate to the Friends!**
- Learn about the Soil & Water Conservation District
- Become a member of the Friends of the District (FOD)
- Join a Big Sweep event
- Contact the Wake County Board of Commissioners and express appreciation for the District
- Support farmers by purchasing locally grown products
- Tell your friends about the District and Friends of the District!

**Please Use The Link Below For More Information & To Donate!**



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**Or Send a Check to:**  
Friends of Wake SWCD  
4001 Carya Drive, Suite D  
Raleigh, NC 27610



# Friends of the District



**Promoting awareness of, and broadening support for, Wake SWCD and its natural resource work**



## Big Sweep Initiatives

Wake County Big Sweep is a citizen-driven, volunteer program dedicated to litter-free communities and waterways focused on water quality and beautification. Thanks to passionate volunteers, Big Sweep has coordinated cleanups in Wake County for over 30 years. These cleanups play an important role in watershed protection by keeping Wake County's waterways litter-free, eco-logically viable, and safe for drinking or recreation.



## Examples of support provided by FOD include:

- Scholarships for high school students to attend the intensive week long **Resource Conservation Workshop Summer Camp** at NCSU
- Providing supplies for **Big Sweep** events to clean up Wake County waterways
- Funding for educational materials for Wake County middle and high school teams participating in the **Envirothon**, an academic competition on natural resources, wildlife, and environmental issues
- Awards for the annual **Conservation Poster Contest** for 4th and 5th grade students
- **Publicly recognize** Wake County citizens for their outstanding work in conserving local natural resources
- Communicating with elected officials for their **continued support** of the District

## Resource Conservation Workshop Scholarships

Each year, we provide several scholarships for a Wake County high school student to attend the Resource Conservation Workshop, a week-long camp held at NC State University. This program is a fantastic opportunity for students to join over 100 other students from across the state to spend an intensive week exploring conservation topics at NCSU. Interest and need are always increasing and the registration costs are over \$550/student.



"RCW was truly an eye-opening experience for me, and I gained many valuable experiences in the field that I would like to work with in the future."

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*Nora – Wildlife, Fisheries and Conservation Biology student;  
Millbrook Magnet HS*