

Onslow County Soil & Water Conservation

TWO STUDENTS SELECTED TO ATTEND THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

The Resource Conservation Workshop is a weeklong workshop and involves study and hands on participation in a wide range of conservation topics. Students are housed at NC State University campus under the guidance of live in counselors. Topics to be covered will include wildlife and fisheries management, forest management, nonagricultural uses for soils, water quality and watershed management. This workshop will provide students to learn about various career paths, pursue educational goals, and potentially receive scholarships for higher education. This year the workshop is being held June 25-30th, 2017.

Samantha Autry and Jonathon Creech were carefully selected by our District to participate in the Resource Conservation Workshop. Samantha is a rising sophomore from Jacksonville, NC and Jonathon is a rising junior from Richlands, NC. Both students have a passion for agriculture and learning more about conservation. It was voted during our April Board Meeting to sponsor both students by paying the \$400 registration fee and providing them \$100 for extra expenses.

We are so proud to be sponsoring these students and cannot wait to see what they accomplish!



The Onslow Soil and Water Conservation District is committed to serve the citizens of Onslow County by preserving, protecting, and enhancing our natural resources.



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ONSLow SWCD APPOINTS NEW SUPERVISOR

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Emily Walton as our new Supervisor. Mrs. Walton is a graduate of NC State University with a double major in Animal Science and Agricultural Business Management.

She previously worked with Cooperative Extension for six years as a livestock agent. She currently lives in Stella, NC with her husband, two mini horses and four dogs!

In her spare time she enjoys going kayaking and spending time at the beach.

We are so excited to have Mrs. Walton join the Board and share her knowledge and love of Agriculture with our District!

“A nation that destroys its soil destroys itself.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt



REACHING OUT TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY

Onslow SWCD recently participated in Career Day at Queens Creek Elementary School in Swansboro, NC.

Career Day is a way for schools to encourage students to explore their interests and passions as an extension of their curriculum and in the process, hopefully better understand themselves and their potential professional future.

Education outreach is a critical element of the districts conservation effort and educating the students will help them better understand the need for effective conservation. Our goal was to promote the conservation of our natural resources through a hands on soils presentation that the students could relate to.



PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016-2017

Agricultural Cost Share Program (ACSP)

Number of funded contracts– 12

Dollars allocated- \$44,373

Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP)

Number of funded contracts– 2

Dollars allocated- \$7,916

Onslow SWCD successfully encumbered all our funds for this fiscal year in Cost Share & AgWRAP

Other Highlights:

-Received 2 Applications for Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

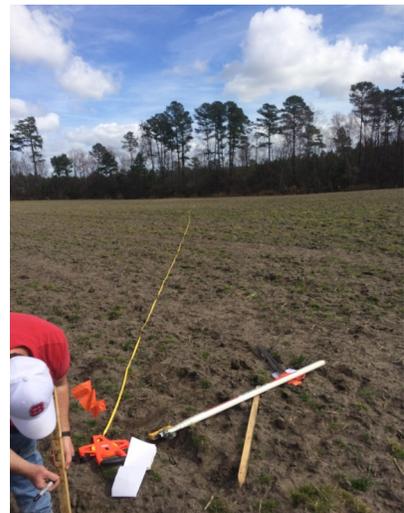
-We are excited for our growing interest in Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) for FY 2018!

ACSP Practices Implemented:

- Conservation Tillage
- Cover Crops
- Grassed Waterways
- Cropland Conversion
- Stream Crossing
- Livestock Exclusion Fencing
- Stream Protection Well
- Micro Irrigation

AgWRAP Practices Implemented:

- Wells



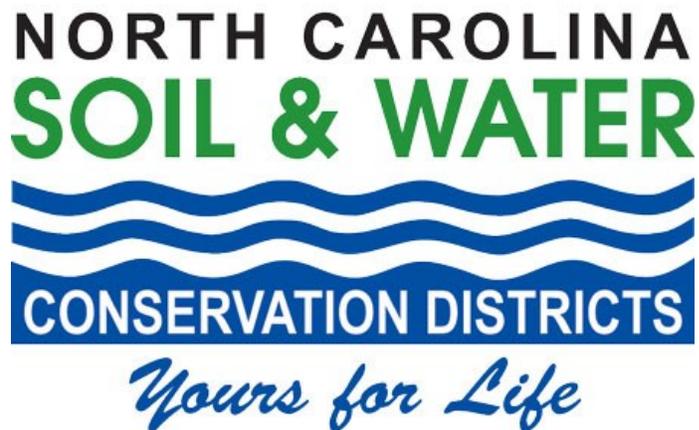


NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2018

Onslow Soil and Water Conservation District can help you by providing technical and financial assistance through our Cost Share Programs. Onslow SWCD administers and implements the North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program, Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, and the Community Conservation Assistance Program. The benefit of these Cost Share Programs is to help local landowners or land occupiers offset the costs of installing conservation practices that protect and improve water quality by controlling soil erosion and reducing sedimentation.

Cost Share amounts could cover as much as 75% of costs.

Please contact our office for more information at (910)- 937-1306



If you would like something published in the next issue or wish to be added to the e-mail list, please contact Nicole Edwards @ Nicole_Edwards@onslowcountync.gov



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- Emily Walton– District Supervisor

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