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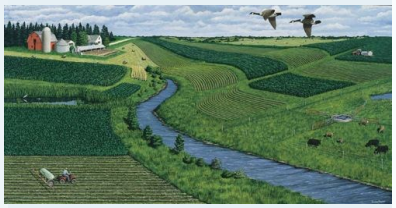
Onslow County Soil & Water Conservation



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

Onslow County Agricultural Day

Onslow Soil & Water proudly represented the district at the first Onslow County Ag Day at Richlands Farms on November 7-8, 2017. This event was put together by NC Cooperative Extension. Second graders throughout the county got the chance to get their hands dirty to discover the truth about where food comes from in honor of Onslow Agricultural Day! They were able to taste local produce, learn more about farming, and get the hands on experience local farmers have every day.

Students were able to roll through six different interactive stations at the event. They were able to see soil labs, soybeans, different types of grains, bee-keeping stations and even get up close to some farm animals.

Our staff was able to help educate nearly 750 students on the importance of agriculture and soil by doing an erosion rainfall simulation demonstration!

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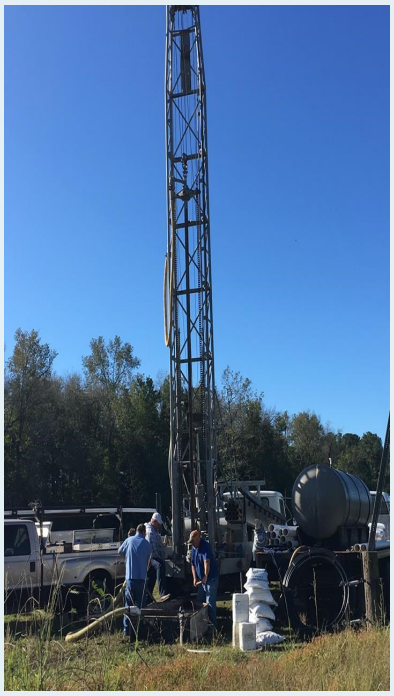
Onslow Agricultural Fair

For the last 63 years, the Onslow County Agricultural Fair has been showcasing the importance and education of agriculture. It's also a time when residents have the chance to show off their prized livestock, flowers and crafts for ribbons and recognition, sponsored by the Onslow County Agricultural Extension. Onslow Soil & Water had the opportunity to help judge the Field Crops, Produce, and Eggs this year!

The fair has traditionally supported agricultural businesses locally and throughout North Carolina for years.

"What you see depends on how you view the world. To most people, dirt is just dirt. To farmers' it's potential." – Doe Zantamata



Cost Share On the Ground!

We have been able to get a few of our livestock wells drilled and installed! These are done through our Ag. Cost Share Program. These projects consisted of a well, new fencing, cattle crossing, and a water facility that will help keep cattle out of the stream running through their pasture.

Financial Services

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 local office for more information at

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