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# IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS : Tree Sale Dates

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UPDATE ON THE NO-TILL DRILL Currently we are in the process of getting a new drill. So, at the moment we are not renting the drill out. But, we are taking BID offers for the drill if you are interested in buying it.

Tree Sale will be held January 27th-31st. We will have white pines, redbud, persimmon, dogwood, and red maple trees. There will also be seed mix packs and bluebird boxes. We are taking pre-sale orders now.

Conservation Contests

The deadline for teachers/educators to get their projects into the district is February 28th, 2025.

Envirophon

The Area 3 Envirothon is March 4th, 2025 at Alamance Community College. To participate you need a group of 3-5 students. <u>You can</u> <u>start registering now!</u>





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We Are Open!

Our staff is available to assist you! We are in the field often, if you would like to meet with any staff member please call ahead to set up an appointment. The Agriculture Center is currently limiting direct access to the building but we are open. We look forward to working with you!

## MEET THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION COORDINATOR



Sydney S. Kirkpatrick is the new Environmental Education and Conservation Coordinator. This position will take on roles of doing CCAP, VAD and outreach education programs. Sydney has her Bachelor of Science in Biology from East Carolina University. She also has her Soil Science Certification from NCSTATE. She is looking forward to helping members of the community in the different programs and doing outreach for the programs offered.

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## SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS









### AGWRAP

This is a voluntary program used to identify opportunities to increase water use efficiency, availability, quantity and storage.

### ACSP

This is a voluntary cost share based program offering financial and technical assistance for the installation of best management practices to address nonpoint source pollution. This is a water quality based program.

#### CCAP

A voluntary incentive based program designed to improve water quality and quantity through the installation of various best management practices on urban and suburban lands not directly involved with agriculture production.

#### VAD

This is a voluntary, free program for farm owners of 20 acres of forestland, 10 contiguous acres of farmland or 5 acres of horticultural land. Landowners commit to enhance their agriculture community by preserving and protecting farmland from non-farm development

#### USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service Staff:

Supervisory Conservationist is Casey Harrington and Soil Conservationist is Eddie Velazquez Collazo. Please feel free to reach out at anytime!

Casey Harrington: 336-228-1753 X3

Eddie Velazquez Collazo: 336-375-5401 X3

#### **Guilford SWCD Mission:**

"To promote the conservation of natural resources in Guilford County through education, information, technical assistance, and available economic incentives"

The Guilford Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is a governmental subdivision of the State of North Carolina, charged with the responsibility of promoting soil and water conservation and establishing conservation programs in the District. The District partners with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) to carry out these responsibilities. As a local organization, we work with citizens, agencies, and landowners to plan and direct programs for the conservation and development of our natural resources.

#### Our Team:

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#### **District Board of Supervisors:**

- · George Teague, Chair
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  - · Anna Amoriello,
  - Secretary/Treasurer
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- Grace Summers, Member

Board Meetings: 1st Wednesday of Each Month @ 9:00 a.m. Ag. Center Auditorium

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