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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Ensuring a quality urban and rural environment.
- Technical assistance to local landowners.

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Lee Soil & Water Conservation District

The mission of the Lee Soil & Water Conservation District is to ensure a quality urban and rural environment through protection, restoration, and improvements of our soil, water, and related resources.

Lee Soil and Water delivers a wide variety of local, state and federal technical, educational, and cost-share programs to the residents of Lee County. We are the primary liaison between the landowner/producer and state regulatory agencies

concerning natural resource protection. Our office maintains historical aerial maps of Lee County for use in Phase I Evaluations.



Technical assistance to local landowners for design, installation, and implementation of Best Management Practices to improve water quality and conserve natural resources, are provided by our Conservationist. Assistance is also provided to homeowners for drainage, surface water run-off control and fish pond management.

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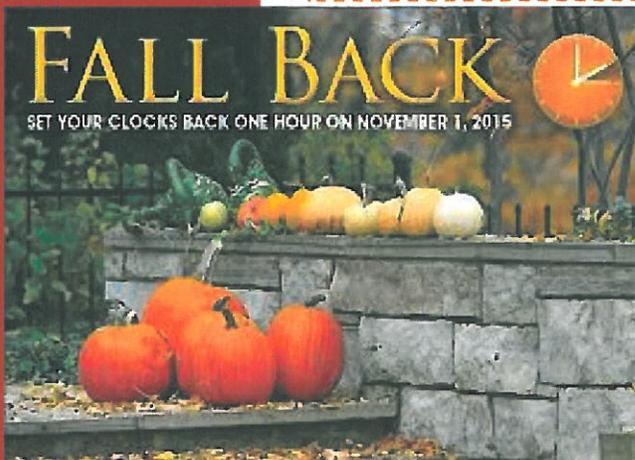
Megan Engel, NRCS Soil Conservationist Technician

Resource Conservation Workshop

The Lee Soil and Water Board sponsors high school students interested in attending the Resource Conservation Workshop (RCW) ; which is held at NC State University. This year, we were fortunate to have William Stack of Southern Lee High School participate. The RCW is a week long, hands-on workshop that exposes participants to many areas of conservation.

Education

Lee SWCD sponsors three contest's each year, in conjunction with the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The poster contest is for 5th grade students, essay contest for 6th grade and public speaking contest for 7th and 8th grade students. The posters and essays are judged by retired teachers and past district employees. The public speaking contest are judged by employees and past employees. Winners are awarded with monetary prizes, certificates and ribbons during our Awards night, held in March. First place winners are eligible to compete on the Area Level,, then the State level. The theme for this years contest is "We all live in a Watershed."



Remember to fall back one hour on November 1st, 2015. To remember which way the clock goes, keep in mind of this saying, "Spring Forward, Fall Back".

Soil Samples

Soil Sample boxes may be picked up or dropped off in our office. Our Regional Agronomist will transport soil samples to Raleigh for analysis. Normal wait time for soil sample results varies seasonally from 1 week to longer during the busy season in the late fall. Please get your samples in soon. There is no charge for soil samples now but there will be a \$4.00 charge per box starting November 25th. The charge will be from November 25th thru March 31.



No-Till Drill Rental

Fall is a perfect time for seeding or reseeding fescue pastures, grass waterways or establishing winter cover crops. The No-Till Seed Drill helps provide farmers and landown-

ers the ability to plant their grasses and small grains. Fall seeded cover crops helps prevent soil erosion and leguminous cover crops, such as clover, vetch and winter peas

add nitrogen to the soil. The rental calendar is filling up fast so if you are interested in renting a drill please come by the office.

