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COST SHARE SIGN UP



Don't forget to sign up for cost share assistance through the many programs that we offer in our office. Grassed Waterways, Field Borders, Cropland Conversion, Little storage sheds, composters, Diversions, Critical Area Stabilization, water troughs, Irrigation Wells, Irrigation Ponds, plus more. Please come by the office for additional information and assistance. Our Soil Conservationist, Ryan Faulk will be glad to come out to your location for a visit.

AGRICULTURAL WATER RESOURCES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Lee Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for Cost Share Assistance for new pond construction, repair/retrofit of existing ponds, pond sediment removal and water supply wells. Cost Share funding is limited to crop irrigation only. Applications are ranked and considered on a regional level, not county level. Development of a conservation plan is required.



COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Do you have wells on your property that are no longer in use? Would you like to eliminate the physical hazards of an open hole to people, animals and machinery and prevent pollutants from entering ground water? The District is now accepting application under the Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP) to permanently close these abandoned wells.

CCAP is a voluntary, incentive-based program designed to improve water quality through the installation of best management practices on urban, suburban and rural lands, not directly involved in agricultural production. Interested landowners may submit applications to Lee Soil and Water for practices of: abandoned well closures, pet waste receptacles and rain gardens. Applicants will be ranked based on local water quality priorities. A conservation plan is prepared for the applicant to install the BMP and the landowner may be reimbursed up to 75 % of pre-established average cost of the BMP.

Resource Conservation Workshop

The Resource Conservation Workshop is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in conjunction with the NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation, NC State University Soil Science Department, and the Soil and Water Conservation Society Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter.

Each year the Lee SWCD selects one to three students to sponsor for the weeklong camp. For more information, please contact the Lee Soil and Water office. You can also visit the following website <http://www.ncagro.gov/SWC/educational/RCW.html>.

Annette Gomez for Southern Lee High School was selected to attend the Resource Conservation Workshop that will take place June 26th thru July 1st at North Carolina State University. This is a weeklong camp focusing on conservation practices and hands on training. This is an excellent opportunity for students to spend a week in the field learning about our natural resources and management. It is open to all rising sophomore, junior and senior high school students interested in natural resources management.

Education

Soil and Water State Speech Competition

Congratulations to Allison Podlogar who received 2nd place at the Speech Competition for 7th grade. Also, we would like to congratulate Mikayla Comer who received Honorable Mention at the State Speech Competition for 8th grade. Both young ladies did an excellent job.



Allison Podlogar



Mikayla Comer

Conservation Farm Family

This award recognizes individuals practicing sound natural resource conservation on land they own. This year, Gross Farms was recognized as the Conservation Farm family. Gross Farms went on to compete in our Regional Farm Family and won. Gross Farms along with the Farm Family winner of the Western Region and also the Eastern Region will be judged to see who will win Conservation Farm Family in the State. They will be judged on Conservation activities, Stewardship, Community Leadership, Education and Conservation Knowledge.



"Educating about how Agriculture, the Environment and People connect."

Our area does a Project Food, Land and People Workshop/Project Wet. All workshops include K-12 curriculum guide with ins aligned with National Standards. Lessons are multidisciplinary. Teachers can receive 1 C.E.U. and 10 hours toward Environmental Education Certification. There must be a minimum of 15 participants to schedule a workshop. A minimum of 6 hours must be completed during the workshop with 4 hours of teaching homework. We provide educational resources and promote approaches to learning that help educators and students to better understand the interrelationships among agriculture, the environment and the people of the world.

Project Wet (Water education for teachers)-promotes awareness, appreciation, knowledge and stewardship of water resources.

The FLP will be held June 21-22 at the Cooperative Extension Office in Carthage.
www.ncagr.gov/sw/food-land-and-people