

# The Conservator

The Davie Soil and Water Conservation District

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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF FARMERS,  
LANDOWNERS, AND CONSERVATION MINDED

## *Davie County has State Poster Contest Winners!!!*

The North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts held their annual poster contest in Raleigh, NC and Davie County was well represented. Emma Osborne, a fourth grade student from Mocksville Elementary School placed 2nd, while Matthew King, a third grade student from Pinebrook Elementary received an Honorable Mention. This year's theme was "**The Living Soil.**" Congratulations to Emma and Matthew!!



EMMA OSBORNE



MATTHEW KING

# Remember...The NC Agriculture Cost Share Program is Available

The North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Program (NCACSP) is designed to help farmers implement *best management practices* (BMPs). The goal of this program is to improve the quality of water, soil, and in many cases air. In order to accomplish these goals the program provides money to assist in the installation of environmentally friendly farm practices. In many cases 75% of the average cost of a project is provided by the NCACSP.

There are many different BMPs through this program that reach a broad range of agricultural establishments (for a complete list of BMPs see our website at: [www.dswcd.com](http://www.dswcd.com)). Give us a call if you have questions or think you might be interested in applying for this program. The office is currently taking applications.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



District Board Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the County Office Building, 3rd Floor.

## Soil Information Available

Need information on soil and soil types in Davie County? The Natural Resources Conservation Service has a website that shows all the soil types in Davie County. The website is Web Soil Survey. There is information on engineering properties, building sites, sanitary facilities, crop production, woodland production, and many other areas pertaining to soils. Just click on the green WSS Button and follow the tabs on the left side of the screen. Here is the link to learn more information: [websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov](http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov). For more information on how to use Web Soil Survey, please contact our office.

## Other Education Notes

The Davie Soil and Water Conservation has begun working with two of the elementary schools to address erosion concerns around the school. Pinebrook Elementary School will be addressing soil erosion along the soccer field and capturing rainwater from the gutters around a portion of the buildings. Mocksville Elementary will be looking at soil erosion around the playground near the entrance of the school. The Soil and Water District Staff will be visiting other schools to try and tackle any soil erosion issues at the other schools.

### Some Soil and Water Conservation Facts

Did you know...

It takes about 500 years to form topsoil and only one heavy rainfall event to erode it away.

### *No-Till Drill Available*

*The Davie Soil and Water Conservation District has a no-till grass drill to seed/renovate pastures and hay fields. The drill can also be used to plant wildlife plantings. The drill rents for \$12/acre. For more information, contact our office.*

#### District Board:

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