Order forms are now available for the 2015 Seedling Sale. We have a variety of seedlings available for this year, but get your order in quickly as all our seedlings are available on a first come basis until we run out of that variety.

Species available this year include:


Please visit www.hendersoncountync.org/soil and click on the “Tree Sale” tab or stop by the office to pick up your order form.

The pick up date for seedlings will be February 28th, from 10 am to 3 pm.
Farm City Day

It was a cold and blustery day for Farm City Day this year on October 4th. Despite the cold conditions, there was a great turnout. Farm City Day is an annual event that highlights the dependency of farm people and city people on each other for products and services essential to modern living. The Farm City program was designed to encourage the exchange of ideas and development of shared activities creating a feeling of mutual understanding and good will.

SWCD staff spent the day talking with community members that stopped by our booth. We had a corn box for the kids to play in, which was a big hit again this year! We had Sammy Soil coloring books and a variety of brochures and posters available to take home.
Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District

Wins the 2014 Area I Outstanding District Award

For Outstanding Accomplishments in Natural Resources Conservation and Education

Henderson County is one of 16 counties in the Area I Region of North Carolina.

Henderson County received this award based on their Annual Report for the 2014 Fiscal Year. Some highlights of this report include Best Management Practices installed this year that have stabilized eroding roads, prevented possible chemical spills into waterways, restored riparian zones, and prevented a significant amount of sediment from entering waterways. The District also reached over 4,418 people through outreach and educational events.

In addition, working with a number of other organizations, the SWCD has been able to extend its outreach to install numerous additional practices that protect Henderson County’s watersheds and soil health for long term within the community. Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank all of the many departments that have worked with us to educate others and protect our county’s natural resources.

Soil & Water Staff with their award

Left to Right: Laurie Brokaw, April Hoyt, Emily Pohlman, and Jonathan Wallin
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Work with local conservation partners and landowners to address natural resource related issues on privately owned lands.

- **Technical Assistance**
  Our knowledgeable field staff can come out to your farm and help guide you in addressing any resource concerns that may be present

- **Conservation Planning**
  A conservation plan combines your farming skills with the science based knowledge and tools of the conservation planner.
  With NRCS technical assistance, landowners select the best combination of conservation practices to meet natural resource needs and production management goals.

- **Financial Assistance**
  Through the Conservation Farm Bill, money is awarded to agricultural producers as a way to help implement the conservation practices in their conservation plan.

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Meet Rachel Smith our new Watershed Coordinator!

Rachel Smith has joined the District Staff as the Watershed Coordinator as of December 1, 2014. After graduating from North Carolina State University with a degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Rachel worked for several years with the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service on water quality grant projects that focused on conservation practices. In the intervening years, she worked as a Professional Engineer, obtained a Master of Civil Engineering degree, co-owned a commercial construction company, and served as the business manager for an architecture firm. Rachel’s contacts within the conservation community and wide range of experience will be very useful as she pursues grant funds and develops conservation projects for watersheds within Henderson County.

District Supervisors Sworn In

Two of the three of Henderson County’s SWCD Elected and Appointed Board Supervisors were sworn in at the December 8th meeting. Theron Maybin and Greg Hoyt took the Oath of Office for District Supervisors for the 2014-2018 term. Supervisor Drew Brannon will be sworn in at a later date.

Theron Maybin (left) and Greg Hoyt (right) at Oath of Office Ceremony