Daniel Rosenberg

Hello Henderson County

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to the Agriculture community in Henderson County. I began working here this September. I replaced Bob Carter as the USDA-NRCS District Conservationist and I realize that I am following after one of the top District Conservationists in the state. I will try to do everything possible to provide the same high level of service that Mr. Carter did.

I am very excited to be moving back to the Appalachian Mountains with my family. I grew up in west-central Maryland and attended college at Virginia Tech. I received a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Extension from Tech. After college I joined the US Peace Corps where I served in the West Indies as an extension educator specializing in fruit and vegetable production. This was a very worthwhile experience.

I later attended graduate school at Ohio University and earned a Master’s degree in Environmental Science. After many years of doing environmental regulatory work I opted to return to the field of agriculture. I began work with the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a Soil Conservationist in 2002. I was stationed in Aberdeen, South Dakota and later worked in three additional counties in NE South Dakota. I learned the ropes of NRCS conservation planning and also learned how farmers operate in the Northern prairie. The farms were very large there, and also very flat. South Dakota was a good learning experience. The -20 degree temperatures in winter did take some getting used to however!!

After several years (and one baby daughter we named Sophia) my wife and I decided to move back East where we both have family in the area. I remain very excited to have been selected to be the District Conservationist in Henderson County. I am eager to provide conservation assistance to local farmers with their fruit and vegetable operations, haying and grazing operations, livestock, and other conservation goals. My door is always open and I am available at 697-4949 to offer any assistance that I can. I am looking forward to meeting many more of the producers in the county. Those of you who I have already met have been a pleasure to work with.
Henderson County Soil and Water Conservation District has many faces in the public. We are a group of professionals in many different areas as an advisory group. Many people think of us when there is only a soil erosion or water quality problem. Actually we work on almost anything to do with the Natural Resources. This would include soil, water, plants, animals, forestry and environmental issues. We assist residents who have called requesting us to visit their property for advice on stopping erosion or surface water problems. If we don’t have an answer, we will find someone that does. On most occasions, we will give you a phone number right at that moment to help you find a solution. This isn’t passing the buck – just trying to help you get your hands on the most accurate information. The public is who pays our salaries and we are working for them.

The North Carolina Ag Cost Share Program is a good example of what we do to help farmers with non-point pollution problems, saving 75% of the cost to the farmer. A lot of this program has been put on the ground in the past 18 years. Henderson County has been a leader in using this program.

One of our least known programs – provided for many years the public really hasn’t heard much about is our pride in our educational programs for the youth of Henderson County.

Each year we attend “Outdoor Ed”. For me it is three weeks of two/three half days at Camp Arrowhead in Tuxedo talking with all the 5th grade students in the county about soil, water, wildlife, and riparian buffers.

I spend time in each 5th grade classroom talking about the Poster Contest, the 6th grade classrooms for an Essay Contest, and the 8th grade classrooms for a Speech Contest. This year’s theme is: “Water… the Cycle of Life”. The county winners go to our Area 1 Contest and then on to the State Contest. We have had several winners to go all the way to State and it is quite a good feeling for us to see Henderson County students standing tall at State competitions.

For high school students, we have the FFA Soils Judging. East Henderson High School placed 3rd this fall. Congratulations to the all ladies team! We also sponsor teams for the Envirothon which is a great opportunity for middle grade or high school students to learn about soil, water, wildlife, forestry, and current events. Students can meet the people who have careers in this type field, and will give students an insight to a future career – along with some training. We have had in the past – teams from East Henderson and West Henderson High Schools go to State Competition after winning the Area 1 Competition. We are in hopes of North Henderson and Hendersonville High Schools having a team this year (2006). E-mail me: cary.pace@nc.nacdnet.net. We haven’t had a middle grade team before, and I would like for our county to try and implement a team. We now have the information on CD’s. This is a great program, and if the state winners are from Henderson County, they go on to the Cannon sponsored Envirothon!

We also have the North Carolina Resource Conservation Workshop, held at NC State University in Raleigh for a week of learning and a little education on college life at NC State. This is for one county student from any high school, 10th or 11th grader, held in June each year. We will have applications here at the office.

These are a few of the “many hats” we here at the Henderson County Soil and Water Conservation District wear. Please contact us and we might be able to help you or your student. (828-697-4949)

Cary Pace, District Technician

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