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WAKE TO PROMOTE SUCCESS OF LANDOWNERS

[Wake Soil and Water Conservation District](#) (SWCD) will host the 9th annual Keeping the Farm Workshop on Wednesday, February 12, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Wake County Commons Building, 4011 Carya Drive, Raleigh. The workshop brings professionals from various disciplines to inform landowners on the best practices to manage their lands.

“Keeping the Farm has been a great success with 170 Wake County landowners in attendance last year,” said SWCD Director Dale Threatt-Taylor. “It is a truly unique workshop with partners coming together to organize the event and sponsors funding it, allowing it to remain free for the nine years it has been running.”

This year’s emphasis will be on landowners developing strategic plans that will ensure the future success of their forests and farms. Chairman Phil Matthews will be opening the workshop and Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison will also be in attendance to discuss safety and security. The topics include:

- Updates from Wake County Department of Revenue
- Leases and liability
- Legal planning for farm transfer
- Food safety rules
- Understanding timber tax basis
- Estate planning

The event is a sponsorship with Wake Soil and Water Conservation District, North Carolina Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Wake County Farm Bureau, North Carolina Forestry Association, Wake County Agribusiness Council, Whole Foods Market, AgCarolina Farm Credit, Triangle Land Conservancy, Capital Grange. As well as cooperative partners USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency, NC Cooperative Extension Department, NCSU Agriculture and Resource Economics, North Carolina Forest Service and Friends of Wake SWCD.

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