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WAKE HOSTS ANNUAL KEEPING THE FARM WORKSHOP

[Wake Soil and Water Conservation District](#) (SWCD) will host the 10th annual Keeping the Farm Workshop on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Wake County Commons Building, 4011 Cary Drive, Raleigh. The workshop brings together professionals from various disciplines to inform landowners of the most current resources available that will help them make the best decisions about their farm and forest lands.

“Keeping the Farm has been a great success averaging 150 Wake County landowners in attendance each year,” said SWCD Director Dale Threatt-Taylor. “It is so wonderful to see so many public and private partners coming together. Landowners continue to request the workshop after 10 years.”

“Last year we began a new tradition” said Threatt-Taylor. “A farmer will stand and explain how they ‘kept’ their farm and encourage other landowners to act on all the information provided at the workshop. A fellow farmer providing advice is priceless.”

Vice-Chair Caroline Sullivan will be opening the workshop and Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison will also be in attendance to discuss safety and security. The topics include:

- Taxes on farm and forest land
- Estate planning
- Farm transition
- Conservation easements
- Forest management
- And handling trespassers

The event is a sponsorship with Wake Soil and Water Conservation District, North Carolina Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Wake County Farm Bureau, North Carolina Forest Service, Wake County Agribusiness Council, Whole Foods Market, AgCarolina Farm Credit, Triangle Land Conservancy, The Branan Law Firm, Earthwise Organics, LLC., and Friends of Wake Soil and Water Conservation District.

Information will also be provided by cooperative state and federal partners including USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency, NC Cooperative Extension Department, NCSU Agriculture and Resource Economics, and North Carolina Forest Service.

For more information, contact the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District at 919-250-1050.

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