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### **Farm and Forest Landowners Invited to 12th Annual Keeping the Farm Workshop**

As Wake County grows by an average of 64 people per day, the [Wake Soil and Water Conservation District](#) wants to provide farm and forest landowners with the resources they need to make the best decisions for the future of their properties.

The 12th annual Keeping the Farm Workshop will take place on Feb. 22, from 8:15 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Wake County Commons Building, at 4011 Carya Drive in Raleigh. Registration is free.

"Landowners aren't always farmers. They may have inherited land owned by their family for generations or purchased land but hired a farmer to operate the farm," said Dale Threatt-Taylor, Wake Soil and Water Conservation District director. "This workshop brings public and private partner organizations together to help all landowners learn about their options."

Attendees will be able to connect with professionals on topics such as estate planning, conservation easements, agriculture law, utilities easements, family farm planning and forest management.

Wake County Board of Commissioners Chairman Sig Hutchinson will open the workshop, and Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison will speak on safety and security.

Information will also be provided by cooperative state and federal partners, including USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency, N.C. Cooperative Extension – Wake County, N.C. State University Agriculture and Resource Economics, N.C. Forest Service, and the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District.

For more information on the workshop and to register, contact the [Wake Soil and Water Conservation District](#) at 919-250-1053 or at [keepfarm2017@gmail.com](mailto:keepfarm2017@gmail.com).

The event is sponsored by Friends of Wake Soil and Water Conservation District, Wake County Farm Bureau, Wake County Agribusiness Council, AgCarolina Farm Credit, ROMR, North Carolina Forestry Association, Triangle Land Conservancy, and The Branan Law Firm.

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