



# WAKE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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## Memo

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**To:** Wake County Agricultural and Farming Communities

**From:** Teresa Furr, Director Wake County Soil & Water Conservation District

**Date:** March 30, 2020

**Re:** Operations for Wake SWCD Field Office during COVID-19 Pandemic

**Message:**

I hope this message finds everyone safe and healthy during these uncertain times. I wanted to reach out to our farm and forest communities to let you know how the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District (Wake SWCD) office is continuing work efforts during the State of Emergency issued by Wake County and NC and amidst stay-at-home Proclamations that take effect on Friday March 27 and Monday March 30.

The Wake SWCD office is considered an essential government office and is thereby exempt from the stay-at-home order provided that we are in compliance with the social distancing requirements stated in the Proclamation.

Wake SWCD staff will continue natural resources conservation work while also implementing the recommended social distancing strategies such as working remotely, office visits by appointment only, assisting customers through email, video call or teleconference, and strategically completing field visits as needed. Staff will only conduct site visits to complete currently obligated contracts or in emergency/time-sensitive cases.

We are committed to maintaining our services while implementing these new working arrangements. However, there are likely to be unavoidable disruptions as we adjust to these new practices. We ask for your cooperation and understanding as we implement these strategies to protect the health and safety of our employees and citizens.

As we move forward over the next few weeks, the Wake SWCD has prioritized the oversight and installation of current cost share contracts (federal, state or grant) as our



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highest priority. Be assured that if you have an approved cost share contract, we will be there to provide technical assistance during the installation process to make sure the conservation practices meet the required standards and specifications. We will continue to certify the conservation practices that have been installed and submit the appropriate cost share reimbursement payments in a timely manner.

The Wake SWCD staff is available to assist with any issues that arise on the farm during this upcoming planting season. Wake County understands that farmers are a vital part of the local food production system and the staff is committed to making sure you have the guidance and resources needed to be successful this season.

If you need assistance from the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District office please call us at (919) 250-1050 or email us at [swcd@wakegov.com](mailto:swcd@wakegov.com). Office visits and field site visits are currently by appointment only.

Thank you all again for your support and understanding during these difficult times. We know there are better days ahead and I encourage each of you to continue to help your neighbors and communities that are in need. We appreciate all that you do in the farm and forest communities to provide critical infrastructure which supplies food and fiber to our nation.

Stay safe and healthy,

Teresa Furr, Director

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