

Biennial Report

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2015



Inspiring personal responsibility for our environment and natural resources

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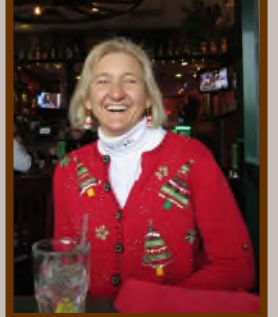
Jeannie Heflin
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Conservation Specialist



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Education & Outreach

A huge thanks to our wonderful volunteers in 2014 and 2015!



Volunteers:
Jim White



Alysha Raynor



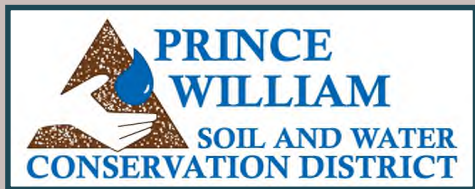
Kelly Jimenez



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Chris Lund



What is the Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District?

Across the United States, nearly 3,000 conservation districts - almost one in every county-are helping local people to conserve land, water, forests, wildlife and related natural resources by coordinating assistance from all available sources - public and private, local, state, and federal - in an effort to develop locally driven solutions to natural resource concerns.

More than 17,000 volunteers serve in elected or appointed positions on conservation districts' governing boards. They work directly with more than 2.3 million cooperating land managers nationwide, and their efforts touch more than 778 million acres of private land.

Among other things, conservation districts help:

- *implement farm, ranch and forestland conservation practices to protect soil productivity, water quality and quantity, air quality and wildlife habitat;
- *conserve and restore wetlands, which purify water and provide habitat for birds, fish and numerous other animals; protect groundwater resources;
- *assist communities and homeowners to plant trees and other land cover to hold soil in place, clean the air, provide cover for wildlife and beautify neighborhoods; help developers control soil erosion and protect water and air quality during construction; and
- *reach out to communities and schools to teach the value of natural resources and encourage conservation efforts.



The District receives funding via a Memorandum of Agreement with Prince William County, Department of Public Works, Environmental Services Division, to provide technical assistance, as well as compliance programs that solve and prevent natural resource problems for landowners, and natural resources conservation education for youth and adults to encourage good stewardship of our environment.



The Commonwealth of Virginia supports Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District through financial and administrative assistance provided by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Partner Organizations:

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, VA Cooperative Extension, Prince William/Fairfax Farm Bureau, Prince William Master Gardeners, VA Dept. of Forestry, VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries, Farm Service Agency, City of Manassas, Prince William County Schools, VA Assn. of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, National Association of Conservation Districts, Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition, Prince William Conservation Alliance, Alice Ferguson Foundation, and Clean Virginia Waterways

Summary of Accomplishments for FY 2014 & 2015

Soil & Water Quality Plans written: 147

Acres of land put under conservation plans: 2,562

Acres of land put in Best Management Cost Share Practices: 2,107

Number of animals: 1,575

Pounds of manure per day: 14,869 Tons per year: 7.43

Number of crop acres: 2,562

Nutrient reductions: Nitrogen 17,182 pounds

Phosphorous 925 pounds

Sediment reductions 324 tons

Citizen Technical Assistance: 353

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Adopt A Stream - Miles of streams cleaned: 128

Pounds of trash removed: 55,682

Number of volunteers: 1,704

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Youth in Conservation Programs: Classroom education 12,927 students

Farm Field Days 3,073 students

Arbor Day education program: 1,502 students

Teacher assistance: 545

Stream Education to the general public: 1,038 citizens served

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**The 2014 Awards Gathering
at Windy Knoll Farm;
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great folks!**

Clean Water Farm, Paul
House, Kettle Wind Farm

Potomac Grand Basin,
Tom House, Dutchland
Farm

Adopt-A-Stream Partner,
Prince William Trails &
Streams Coalition

Ducks Unlimited Conser-
vationist of the Year, Ed
Dandar

Educator of the Year, Lara
Biendl, Glenkirk ES



FFD Volunteer of the Year, Amanda Muir

FFD Partner of the Year, Chris Long, Veteran's Farm Club

PWSWCD Volunteer Recognition, Carrie Brausieck, Chris Lund and Babs
Wallace



**The 2015 Awards Gathering at Windy
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Clean Water Farm, Jim Gehlsen,
Evergreen Aces Farm

Adopt-A-Stream Partner, Mike DePue,
PW Parks and Recreation

Water Quality Monitoring Volunteer,
James White

Ducks Unlimited Conservationist of the Year, Kelly Jimenez

Educator of the Year, Alcinda Hatfield

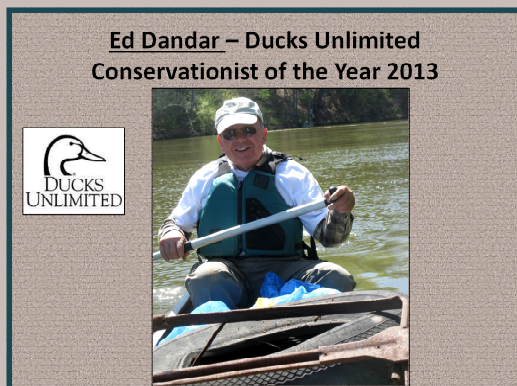
FFD Partner of the Year, Board of Directors, Veteran's Farm Club

PWSWCD Volunteer/Intern Recognition, Alysha Rayner and Kelly
Jimenez

Steve Danziger, Director, fourteen years of
service

Jeannie Heflin, Office Manager, ten years
of service

Nicole Slazinski, Conservation Specialist,
belatedly recognized for five years of service



Awards Gatherings





We bring the farm to the fairgrounds to give hands-on learning experiences to fourth grade students.



Where does food come from? Seeds, soil, pollinators, sun, rain, harvest.



Students at Rockledge Elementary School participate in an Arbor Day Ceremony, supported by District board and staff



The District annually hosts elementary school teachers for an Agriculture in the Classroom training at Windy Knoll Farm. Teachers are given tools to connect students to agricultural production and natural resources conservation concepts.

Youth Education



Dr. Walts, PWC School Superintendent, engages with students at the aquatic station at the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience at Windy Knoll Farm in the spring of 2015



Nicole teaches third grade students about soils at the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience



Alternative Water Gate design for stream crossing



Bar-Bar-A cattle waterer installation



Warm Season Grass



Stream Crossing



No till corn planting



Croushorn water installation

*A few of the conservation practices
installed for natural resources
conservation in 2014 and 2015*

Adopt A Stream

David Letterman may have signed off from his late night television show with his Top Ten List, fading into the sunset, but wait, Prince William SWCD in partnership with Clean Virginia Waterways has its own version of the Top Ten List!

The Top Ten Items collected at stream cleanups are:

- #10 foam cups and plates
- #9 straws and stirrers
- #8 glass beverage bottles
- #7 plastic bottle caps
- #6 plastic grocery bags
- #5 Other plastic bags
- #4 aluminum cans
- #3 plastic bottles
- #2 food wrappers
- #1 CIGARETTE BUTTS

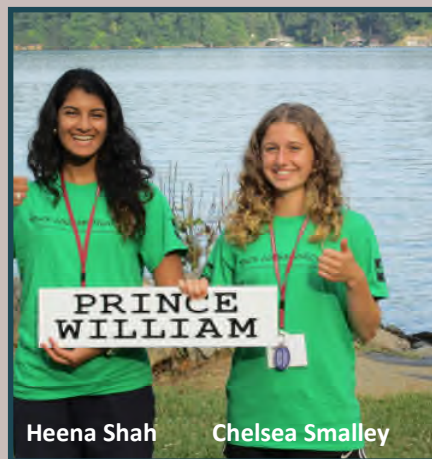


Neabsco Creek cleanup



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VA Assn. of Soil & Water
 Conservation Districts
 Youth Conservation Camp
 At Virginia Tech



Heena Shah

Chelsea Smalley

2014 Youth Conservation Camp
 Scholarship winners sponsored by
 Ducks Unlimited and Prince William/
 Fairfax Farm Bureau



Seth Hatfield

2015 Youth Conservation Camp Scholarship
 winner sponsored by Ducks Unlimited



Nicole Slazinski receives her belated five year
 Service recognition



Jeannie Heflin received her ten year service recognition
 from Jay Yankey, District Manager (left) and Jim
 Gehlsen, Chairman of the Board