#### **Financial Assistance for Farmers Looking for Applicants!**

On your farm, do you have problems with:

- Too much manure and you don't know what to do with it all?
- Mud, mud, and more mud?
- Lack of pasture grasses?
- Livestock having access to waterways?
- No cover crops when cash crops aren't growing?
- Erosion and/or gullies in your fields?
- Other issues/concerns with your farm?

If you have any of the above issues, then we CAN HELP YOU! We currently have plenty of cost-share funding available and are looking for applicants.

#### Why we have these programs

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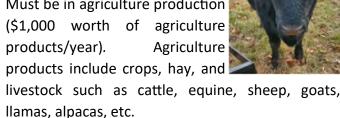
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The purpose of these programs is to address nutrient and pollutant runoff going into the Chesapeake Bay from agriculture properties. The more we protect the soil and the water, the more we can help improve the quality of the Bay!

#### **Qualifications:**

Must be in agriculture production (\$1,000 worth of agriculture products/year). products include crops, hay, and



 Must be located in Prince William County (if you are located outside of the county, we can help direct you to your county's soil and water conservation district)

If you think you qualify, it never hurts to ask! Contact our office at (571) 379-7514 or e-mail Nicole Slazinski at nicoleethier@pwswcd.org, Mike Miller at conservation@pwswcd.org, or Jay Yankey at jayyankey@pwswcd.org.

For more information, visit our website at www.pwswcd.org/costshare. We look forward to working with you!

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The mission of the Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District is to provide leadership in the conservation of soil, water, and related resources to all Prince William County citizens, through technical assistance information and education.

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# **Spring 2020**

#### Covid 19 and how it affects us

We at the district wanted to let everyone know about the precautions that we are taking here at the District due to the COVID -19 outbreak.

Until the Governor tells us otherwise, all District sponsored activities where larger groups will be gathered (stream cleanups, workshops, etc.) will be cancelled or postponed until a date after the outbreak is deemed over.

At this point, District sponsored individual and small group activities (Water quality monitoring, staff/volunteer meetings, etc.) will continue. We will be encouraging volunteers and partners to practice the increased hygiene and distancing practices and to avoid the activity if they feel ill or have knowingly been in contact with someone with the COVID-19 virus.

If you feel ill, please stay at home. All of our employees who are able are working from home. All are available through email.

All employees will be avoiding work related gatherings and meetings with large groups.

All employees will be practicing increased hygiene and social distancing measures when going about their regular duties.

Please stay safe, everyone!

## **Calling all Volunteers!**

Bored? Feeling Charitable with your time? We are always looking for volunteers here at the office and for our various out-in-the-field

endeavors. MWEE, Farm Field Days, and Water Quality, can always use another pair of hands.



## https://www.pwswcd.org/volunteer

- Contact Pam Popovitch for Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience mwee@pwswcd.org
- Contact Alice Markiewicz for Farm Field Days
   Education@pwswcd.org
- Contact Veronica Tangiri for Water Quality waterquality@pwswcd.org

## Farm Field Days 2020 Save the Date

Farm Field Days 2020 will be on October 14th and 15th this year. We are still going through with our normal time frame for planning.

Volunteers are the back bone of this event. Please come and join us, no experience necessary. A collectable Farm

Field Days t-shirt and lunch are provided.

Since we can't see into the future, we are still working on this event. Look at this as an opportunity to have something to look forward to over the next few months.

Please contact <a href="mailto:education@pwswcd.org">education@pwswcd.org</a>. If your school has not received and pre-registration email.

## Save the Dates! • What's in that

- August 8th Annual NOVA
   Certification Event—VASOS
   (PWSWCD and NVSWCD)
- October 10th Water Quality
   Monitoring Broad Run Via Broad
   Run Trail (Victory Lakes ES)

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- <u>October 13,14, and 15th</u> Farm Field Days
- <u>November</u> MWEE Dates TBD

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## What's in that box ?

Our Education Capsule Program is available to all Prince William County Schools, City of Manassas Schools, and Homeschoolers residing in PWC. We have fifteen self contained environmental education capsules. Learn about the Watershed, Animals, Soil and so much more. Reserved on a first come first served basis. More information about the individual capsules go to our website:

https://www.pwswcd.org/capsules

## **Welcome Spring**



Even though we are under the stress of dealing with the COVID - 19. Let's remember that Spring showed up. Take some time everyday to just sit outside even if it's on your own stoop, and enjoy the sun and the wildlife.

#### Welcome Natali Walker!

## **Our new Water Quality Monitoring Assistant**

Natali is a spring 2019 graduate of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalist program. She has a Bachelors of Science in Geography and a concentration in Environmental Studies from JMU. After graduating, she was offered an internship in Vermont with The SCA (The Student Conservation Association). She handled bats and checked them for White Nose Syndrome, caught and identified dragonflies and damselflies, and pulled many invasive plants, including garlic mustard and Eurasian water milfoil. In her

**Welcome our new District Directors** 

Be on the look out in future issues of the District Newsletter for information about our new District Directors.

#### **Our New Directors**

Will Lintner - Vice Chairman Tiziana Bottino - Director Mansimran Kahlon - Treasurer

#### **Our continuing Directors**

Jim Gehlsen - Chairman
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spare time she enjoys picking up litter during walks in her neighborhood and tending to her start up native plant garden

to attract pollinators to her vegetable garden. She is interested in becoming a Master Gardener with her mom sometime in the future.

