Lets Share the Cost!

New Program Year, Lots of New Cost-Share Opportunities!

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! For the last couple of newsletters, we've been positing articles on our cost-share program. This year is different; we have more programs and more funding available than we've ever had before!

Why we have these programs

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) (Agriculture products include crops, hay, and livestock such as cattle, equine, sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, etc.)
- 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 Jav Yankey at jayyankey@pwswcd.org.

We look forward to working with you!

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4th Annual Farm to Table Dinner

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On Saturday August 24, 2019 the Prince mission is achieved William Environmental Excellence Foundation will be hosting their 4th annual Farm to Table fundraiser dinner to support environmental education. This year's event will be held at Windy Knoll Farm located at 11602 Kettle Run Rd., Nokesville, VA 20181. Windy Knoll Farm is a working farm in addition to being an event center that hosts a variety of the education programs that the Foundation funds for county residents.

The event will run from 3 - 7 p.m. The meal will be served from 4:00-5:30 with the ability to eat anytime within that time frame. Tickets for the meal are; \$35 for adults, \$15 for children ages 13 - 18, and free for children 12 and under. Following meal time, a live auction and speaker on rural development, Chris Price, Deputy County Executive, will commence. There will also be a silent auction, photo sessions, opportunities to meet local artisan & farm sponsors, farm hayride tours, a cornhole tournament, and antique equipment displays.

All proceeds from the event go towards the implementation of beyond the walls of the classroom environmental and agricultural education for the Prince William County Community. This

through educational programs: Farm Field Days, Meaningful Watershed Educational **Experiences**

(MWEE's), Arbor

Day activities,



Water Quality Monitoring, and Adopt-A -Stream, to name a few. Your support of the Foundation and the community enable us to provide these outreach programs.

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Purchase your tickets early and bring a friend or neighbor to a dinner that highlights the wonderful agricultural products produced in Prince William County. All ticket sales for this event are final. If you are unable to attend this wonderful event we ask that you consider making a tax exempt donation through this site to help us expand the learning environment of Prince William County youth. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

For the event menu or more information about the event, visit our website at

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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.

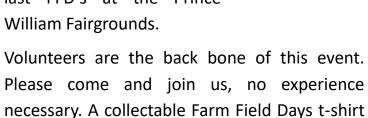
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- Contact Pam Popovitch for Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience mwee@pwswcd.org
- Contact Alice Markiewicz for Farm Field Days Education@pwswcd.org
- Contact Veronica Tangiri for Water Quality waterquality@pwswcd.org

Farm Field Days 2019 30 Years! Save the Date and Pre-Register!

Farm Field Days 2019 will be on October 16th and 17th this year. This will be the 30th year for Farm Field Days (FFDs) and may be the last FFD's at the Prince William Fairgrounds.

and lunch are provided.



Since this will be the big 30 we are planning special treats for the volunteers. For more

> information please contact education@pwswcd.org. To volunteer, please go to our website at:

www.pwswcd.org/programs-and-events.

Registering helps us make sure everyone has a t-shirt, lunch, and that all of our barns are covered, so if you plan to attend, please pre-<u>register</u>! Thank you!

Save the Dates!

- July 21- PWTSC Paddle event
- August 24- Prince William **Environmental Excellence** Foundation Farm to Table Dinner
- Sept 29- Public Lands Day
- October 16,17 & 18 Farm Field Days
- November MWEE Dates TBD

Welcome Claire Hetrick



Claire Hetrick, a local Prince William County resident, is a Virginia Tech graduate degree with а Communications and Public Relations. She will be serving as the Promotion and Marketing Assistant for this summer's Farm to Table event. If you have any questions about the Farm to Table event please email Claire at pweef@pwswcd.org

Website Makeover

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The District has recently given our website a makeover. Check it out and let us know what you think! www.pwswcd.org



Welcome Duane Mohr

Duane Mohr has been volunteering with the Prince William SWCD since September 2017. During this time he has become an integral member of our team and exemplifies what it means to be an earth team volunteer.

Starting July 1st Duane officially became our new Conservation Planner. Duane is only working with us part time but every minute he's here is golden.

He uses organic methods on his own farm so he



Duane Mohr and Jack Bricker (NRCS))

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