



NESHOBA COUNTY CONSERVATION NEWS

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RAINWATER SIMULATOR

On April 3rd, the Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District's Erica Fortenberry and the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Lee Jones visited with 230 8th grade students from Neshoba Central Middle School. They demonstrated the effects of erosion and compaction on soil samples using a Rainwater Simulator.



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You can now keep up with the Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District's activities on facebook! Just search: Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District

Forestry and Wildlife Field Day



August 24th, 2024 9 a.m. thru lunch (provided)

Oleo Acres - Bounds Family
10181 Road 1714
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Sign-in starts at 8:30 a.m.

Door Prizes will be awarded

Bring your own chairs

Guest Speakers:

Butch Bailey – Mississippi State Extension
Colby Henderson – MDWFP
NRCS Area Office
Russell Singleton – NRCS
Damion Hegwood - NRCS

Topics will include:

Drought and Bug Damage
Wildlife Management in Timber
Stands
Pond Management
NRCS Practices and Specifications

CEU Hours for Foresters provided

Must pre-register by **August 9th, 2024** to:

Neshoba County SWCD
511 East Lawn Drive
Philadelphia, MS 39350
(601) 656-8783 Ext 3

or

Leake County SWCD
506 Hwy 16W Suite 3
Carthage, MS 39051
(601) 298-9101 Ext 3

Please call to confirm your attendance so that we will have enough lunch to serve everybody.

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Phone Number _____

MACD CENTRAL AREA ESSAY AWARD WINNER



Every year the National Association of Conservation Districts hosts a poster and essay contest. The 2024 Contest theme was "May the Forest Be With You, Always" Tucker School's Jacoby Willis (pictured above left with MACD Central Area Vice President, Monte Ladner) won first place in grades 9-10 at the County level and at the Area level for his amazing essay on this topic. He will move on to the State level and if he wins there, he will advance to the National level. Congratulations to Jacoby!

Picture by Justin Polk



COMMISSIONER JERRY SMITH RECIEVES AWARD



The Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District's Commissioner Jerry Smith was honored at the National Association of Conservation District's Southeast Region meeting in Gainesville, Florida on June 17th, 2024. Mr. Smith was inducted into the NACD Southeast Region Conservation Hall of Fame.

2025 TREE ORDER FORM



# ORDERED	LANDSCAPE	SIZE	COST	TOTAL COST
	CRAPE MYRTLE - RED	2'	\$5.00	
	- WHITE	2'	\$5.00	
	- PINK	2'	\$5.00	
	- PEPPERMINT	2'	\$5.00	
	WHITE FRINGE (Grancy's Greybeard)	18"	\$6.00	
	DOGWOOD	2'	\$8.00	
	REDBUD	2'	\$5.00	
	BALD CYPRESS	2'	\$5.00	
	GINGKO	2'	\$5.00	
	SYCAMORE	2'	\$5.00	
	MAPLE - RED	2'	\$5.00	
	- SUGAR	2'	\$5.00	
	RIVERBIRCH	2'	\$5.00	
	FRUIT TREES & BUSHES			
	APPLES – RED DELICIOUS	3'	\$12.00	
	- YELLOW DELICIOUS	3'	\$12.00	
	- GRANNY SMITH	3'	\$12.00	
	PEACH – ELBERTA	3'	\$12.00	
	PEAR - KEIFFER	3'	\$12.00	
	- MOONGLO	3'	\$12.00	
	- BARTLETT	3'	\$12.00	
	HARDY PECAN	3'	\$6.00	
	WILDLIFE			
	CATALPA	2'	\$5.00	
	CRABAPPLE	2'	\$5.00	
	PERSIMMON	2'	\$5.00	
	CHESTNUT (IMPROVED)	3'	\$6.00	
	PAW PAW	2'	\$5.00	
	NATIVE PLUM	2'	\$5.00	
	OAK - SAWTOOTH	2'	\$5.00	
	- WHITE	2'	\$5.00	
	- SWAMP CHESTNUT	2'	\$5.00	
	- RED	2'	\$5.00	
TOTAL DUE				\$

NAME:

DAYTIME PHONE / CELL NUMBER:

****DEADLINE FOR TREE ORDERS: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2024****

Drop off with payment at the drop box outside the office's front door or mail in with check for payment to:

Neshoba SWCD
 Attn: Erica
 511 E. Lawn Drive Ste. B
 Philadelphia, MS 39350

You MUST pay for trees when you order. You will be contacted as soon as the trees arrive in February 2025. Trees are bare root, so it is important that you pick up your order as soon as you are contacted. Thank you for your order! If there is a particular variety that you are looking for, please feel free to contact Erica.

NESHOBA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S 2024 Award Nominees

OUTSTANDING LIVESTOCK PRODUCER:

- _____ Billy Dickerson
- _____ Jeremy Morgan
- _____ Dustin Pope
- _____ Carl Shannon
- _____ Cedric Steele
- _____ Monica Sullivan

_____ **OTHER** _____

OUTSTANDING POULTRY PRODUCER:

- _____ Dobie Eakes
- _____ Lonnie Luker
- _____ David McDonald
- _____ Cuong Van Nguyen
- _____ Hieu Nguyen
- _____ Philip Tran
- _____ Jeffery S. Watkins

_____ **OTHER** _____

OUTSTANDING WOODLAND CONSERVATIONIST:

- _____ Craig Brown
- _____ Joe Fortson
- _____ Tyler Graham
- _____ James L. Hobby
- _____ Thomas McCarver

_____ **OTHER** _____

OUTSTANDING WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST:

- _____ Willie Jackson
- _____ Tony Luke
- _____ Erik Richardson
- _____ Troy D. White

_____ **OTHER** _____

OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION FARMER:

- _____ Jimmy Bates
- _____ Ronald J. Chiasson Jr.
- _____ Deric Horne
- _____ Kathy Rickles

_____ **OTHER** _____

Please return your ballot to the Neshoba County SWCD ~ 511 East Lawn Drive Ste. B ~ Philadelphia, MS 39350

DEADLINE TO VOTE: Friday, August 16th, 2024

You are invited to the 2024 Neshoba County Soil & Water
 Conservation District's Annual Banquet
Tuesday, October 8th, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Neshoba County Coliseum

This banquet is to honor the members of our district and to award local individuals in the following fields:
 Outstanding Livestock Producer, Outstanding Poultry Producer, Outstanding Woodland Conservationist,
 Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist and Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year! All members and potential
 members are invited and a **steak** dinner will be served! R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 27th by calling
 601-656-8783 Ext. 3 Please note that there will be a \$10 charge for the meals of guest.

MISSISSIPPI CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION SUMMER TRAINING



The MCDEA held their Annual Summer Training in Vicksburg, MS on May 20th—22nd, 2024

Contact Information: Phone 601-656-8783 ext 3,
E-mail erica.fortenberry@usda.gov



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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Neshoba-County-Soil-and-Water-Conservation-District/361945633835625?ref=hl>

WHAT IS A SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

The Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District is a governmental subdivision of the State of Mississippi located in the Third Congressional District. The formation of the Conservation District was authorized by the MS legislature on April 4, 1938, through House Bill 454. The Neshoba County SWCD was organized by citizens of Neshoba County on October 30, 1939. The Neshoba County SWCD is governed by five commissioners. Three are elected in a district (county) wide election by landowners. Two are appointed by the MS Soil & Water Conservation Commission upon recommendations of the SWCD board of commissioners. Each District is authorized to appoint five deputy commissioners. These commissioners serve without pay to carry out a cooperative program that addresses the natural resource concerns of the District.

COMMISSIONERS



DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
ERICA FORTENBERRY

DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS



OFFICE STAFF:

Priscilla Williamson - NRCS Supervisory District Conservationist
Jeff Fortenberry - NRCS Soil Conservationist
Scott Jackson—NRCS Soil Technician
Erica Fortenberry - SWCD District Administrator

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