

# CONSERVATION CHRONICLE

## 42ND ANNUAL TREE SEEDLING SALE

February 23, 2013 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (or sold out)



It's that time of year again to start pre-ordering tree seedlings for purchase at the Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District's 42nd Annual Tree Seedling Sale. While winter is a prime time to plant trees, many people just aren't in that "springtime" lawn and garden mode in frosty January. To accommodate, this year, the tree sale will be held the fourth weekend in February. The milder, sunny days tend to spark an interest in planting while still allowing a few weeks before the end of the tree planting season for

our region. As an added bonus, those who pre-order seedlings are not only guaranteed selection, but will also receive a **10% discount** off the purchase price of their pre-ordered seedlings (discount applies to pre-orders only). Seedlings are sold on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. The deadline to pre-order seedlings is on Friday, November 30th; pre-payment is required at the time of order. Prices range from \$1 to \$2.

## RAIN BARRELS FOR RAIN WATER HARVESTING

Rain Barrels are a great way to capture the water that flows off your roof and keep rain water out of storm drains. They provide a free source of chemical free water for your lawn and garden reducing your need for treated water. Rain Barrels are in stock and are available for purchase now. These are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact our office to verify availability and to schedule a time for pick up. Rain Barrels will also be available for purchase at the tree sale.

Photo Courtesy of a MSWCD Newsletter Subscriber



## Upcoming Events

### Envirothon Team Sign-up

Students test knowledge  
in five resource areas  
Contact MSWCD for Details at  
704-336-2455 or visit  
[www.NCEnvirothon.org](http://www.NCEnvirothon.org)

### Urban Cost Share Program

Do you have an issue  
with runoff or erosion?  
UCSP Funds are still available  
[www.mecklenburgconservation.com](http://www.mecklenburgconservation.com)

### Charlotte Area

#### Know Your Farms

Charlotte Area Farm Tour  
September 15 & 16, 2012  
12:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
[www.knowyourfarms.com](http://www.knowyourfarms.com)

### CPCC Fall Plant Sale

September 21 & 22, 2012  
Friday 9 am to 6 pm  
Saturday 9 am to 12 pm  
CPCC Cato Campus  
Horticulture Complex  
[www.cpcc.edu/horticulture](http://www.cpcc.edu/horticulture)

### UNCC Fall Plant Sale

October 5 & 6, 2012  
9 am to 3 pm  
UNCC Botanical Gardens  
McMillan Greenhouse Complex  
<http://gardens.uncc.edu>

### Wing Haven Plant Sale

**October 10 -13, 2012**  
October 10 10 am to 6 pm  
October 11 -13 10 am to 4 pm  
248 Ridgewood Avenue  
Charlotte, NC 28209  
[www.winghavengardens.com](http://www.winghavengardens.com)

## DISTRICT SUPERVISOR SPOTLIGHT



Jennifer Frost is serving her second term as an elected supervisor, being first elected in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. In 2008 she received the highest number of votes in Mecklenburg County aside from the Presidential seat. Jennifer is a certified Associate Professional Soil Scientist and holds an Environmental Science degree from Virginia Tech. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Environmental Assessment from NC State University. Before working at the City of Charlotte in their Storm Water Services Division, Mrs. Frost was an Urban Conservationist with the Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District.

## EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

### **Soil and Water Conservation Contests**

The MSWCD sponsors three contests each year in conjunction with the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

#### **Poster Contest**

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th grades are eligible. At the District level the top finisher in each grade moves on to the Area contest. The winners will advance to the state competition.

#### **Essay Contest**

6th grade is eligible. At the District level the top finisher moves on to the Area contest. The winners will advance to the state competition.

#### **Speech Contest**

7th & 8th grades are eligible. At the District level the top finisher in each grade moves on to the Area contest. The winners will advance to the state competition.

### **Envirothon**

The Envirothon Competition is an annual environmental competition for middle and high school students. Students compete in teams of 5 to test their knowledge of the natural environment. The students rotate between the following five stations where they take an exam: Aquatics, Current Environmental Issues, Forestry, Soils and Wildlife.

The teams compete at different levels. First at the Area VIII competition, where teams from 12 counties vie for the top seven scores. Those top seven teams go to the state competition later in the spring. The top finisher at the state level will go on to the national level to compete with teams from around the country.

MSWCD staff will work with teams to prepare them for the competition. MSWCD sponsors the two highest scoring teams from Mecklenburg County, paying for registration and hotel fees at the state competition.

## FEDERAL COST SHARE PROGRAMS

### **USDA Federal Cost Share Programs**

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical assistance focused on natural resource issues. Cost Share Programs available to approved applicants include: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program and more.

# STATE COST SHARE PROGRAMS

## **Agriculture Cost Share Program**

The District is available to help farmers and other agricultural operations prevent water pollution. Funds are available to assist with the cost of installing conservation practices to protect water quality and agricultural interests.

## **Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program**

The newest of our state cost share assistance programs; the Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program (AgWRAP) is available to assist with increasing water availability for agricultural production. For the 2013 fiscal year funds will be available to assist with the implementation of farm ponds (restrictions apply).

## **Community Conservation Assistance Program**

The NC *Community Conservation Assistance Program (CCAP)* is a statewide program designed help citizens to address urban/suburban non-point source pollution and erosion issues, much like our local Urban Cost Share Program. Available practices include: Cisterns, Rain Gardens, Backyard Wetlands, Riparian Buffers, Pet Waste Receptacles and more. CCAP is available county wide, however funding is limited. Applications are ranked and reviewed for maximum water quality benefit. Approved applicants will receive technical assistance related to best management practices (BMPs) specific to your site, as well as reimbursement of 75% of allowable expenses.

# URBAN COST SHARE PROGRAM



The Urban Cost Share Program is ‘new and improved’ as well as recently expanded. Beginning this fiscal year (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013), the Urban Cost Share Program has expanded county-wide. This change will allow the District to assist citizens and all Mecklenburg County watersheds. In addition to the expansion, our available practices have been modified to

better address the our most pressing resource concerns. The purpose of the Urban Cost Share Program is to assist citizens with small scale erosion and other non-point source pollution problems. District staff conduct a preliminary evaluation and schedule site assessments to evaluate resource concerns as appropriate. All projects are ranked based on severity of the issue, proximity to surface water, impairment of receiving waters and other factors. Qualified applicants who agree to participate in the program receive technical and financial assistance to implement a prescribed best management practice. Participants are reimbursed up to 75% of the cost of implementing the practice(s) approved by the District. Participants are required to maintain the practice(s) for a period of five years and are subject to periodic inspection. Currently, the District is able to offer assistance with the following practices (where appropriate): Rain Garden, Riparian Buffer, Critical Area Stabilization, Vegetated Swale, Streambank Stabilization and Pet Waste Receptacles. If you know or suspect that your are having a water quality issue, please contact the District; our staff will work with you to evaluate your situation and determine eligibility. McAlpine and McMullen additional practices may still be available for a limited time.

# MSWCD Annual Tree Seedling Sale 2013 Species List

Wildlife - Winter Cover  
 Wildlife - Fleshy Fruit  
 Wildlife - Nut or Seed  
 Butterfly - Nectar Plant  
 Edible Fruit - Host Plant  
 Shade or Yard Plant  
 Attractive Fruit (Human)  
 Spring Flowering  
 Evergreen Fall Color  
 Shrubs - Lg. and Sm.  
 Small Trees (10' -30')  
 Large Trees (>30')  
 Soil Moisture - Dry  
 Soil Moisture - Moist  
 Soil Moisture - Wet  
 Shade Tolerant  
 Partial Shade  
 Full Sun

\$2 ea	<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	<b>Beautyberry</b>	✓						✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	<b>Pawpaw</b>	✓		✓	✓					✓			✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	<b>Spicebush</b>	✓		✓				✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	<b>Arrowwood</b>	✓		✓				✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Corylus americana</i>	<b>Hazelnut</b>		✓			✓				✓			✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Morella cerifera</i>	<b>Wax Myrtle</b>	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Cornus florida</i>	<b>Flowering Dogwood</b>	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
\$2 ea	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	<b>Eastern Redbud</b>		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Ilex decidua</i>	<b>Possumhaw</b>	✓	✓		✓			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Catalpa bignoides</i>	<b>Catalpa</b>			✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	<b>Persimmon</b>	✓				✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Acer Rubrum</i>	<b>Red Maple</b>			✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
\$2 ea	<i>Carya ovata</i>	<b>Shagbark Hickory</b>			✓		✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
\$1 ea	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	<b>Eastern Red Cedar</b>	✓	✓					✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓



Beautyberry



Pawpaw



Spicebush



Arrowwood



Hazelnut



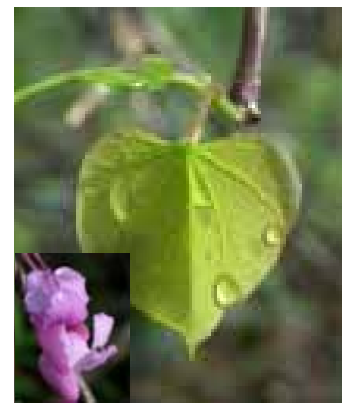
Wax Myrtle



Dogwood



Eastern Redbud



Possumhaw



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Catalpa



Persimmon



Red Maple



Shagbark Hickory



E. Red Cedar



Photos Courtesy of USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database and <http://bioimages.vanderbilt.edu/>

# TREE SEEDLING AND RAIN BARREL ORDER FORM

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity	Seedling	Price	Cost	Quantity	Seedling	Price	Cost
	Beautyberry	\$1.80 ea			Eastern Redbud	\$1.80 ea	
	Pawpaw	\$1.80 ea			Possumhaw	\$1.80 ea	
	Spicebush	\$1.80 ea			Catalpa	\$1.80 ea	
	Arrowwood	\$1.80 ea			Persimmon	\$1.80 ea	
	Hazelnut	\$1.80 ea			Red Maple	\$1.80 ea	
	Wax Myrtle	\$1.80 ea			Shagbark Hickory	\$1.80 ea	
	Dogwood	\$1.80 ea			E. Red Cedar	\$0.90 ea	
					<b>TOTAL</b>		

*\*Prices listed reflect 10% pre-order discount - Discount expires November 30, 2012*

Quantity	Rain Barrel	Price	Quantity	Rain Barrel	Price
	60 Gallon	\$95.00 ea		80 Gallon	\$110.00 ea

**Rain Barrels are paid for at the time of pick up on February 23, 2013 from 9 am - 12 pm**

*Deadline to reserve a rain barrel is February 11, 2013*

## Tree Seedling Sale Policies

- Seedling pre-orders will be accepted through **November 30, 2012**
- Payment in full is due at time of order
- Cash or Check only - Please make check payable to MSWCD
- Receipts will be mailed upon receipt of order and payment
- Trees will be available for pick-up at **700 North Tryon Street, Charlotte NC**  
**Friday, February 22 from 12 pm - 2 pm** or **Saturday, February 23 from 9 am - 11 am**
- MSWCD is not responsible for orders not claimed during the sale - Unclaimed orders will be considered a donation and sold to the public on a first-come, first-served basis
- **NO REFUNDS** will be issued for orders not claimed during the sale
- Reminders will be e-mailed prior to the sale (via postal mail if e-mail is unavailable)

**Return Order Form (include payment for seedlings) to:**

Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)  
700 North Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202  
(704) 336-2455

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**COST SHARE PROGRAMS** For additional information and how to begin the process please call (704) 336-2455 or visit our website at [www.mecklenburgconservation.com](http://www.mecklenburgconservation.com).

**EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES** To schedule a presentation or for additional information please call (704) 336-2455 or send an e-mail to: [Anganette.Byrd@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Anganette.Byrd@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

**TREE SEEDLING PRE-ORDERS** To receive a 10% Discount off tree seedlings, please pre-order by November 30, 2012. Pre-payment is required at the time of order.

**MSWCD IS GOING GREEN** Please send e-mail addresses to: [savetherain@yahoo.com](mailto:savetherain@yahoo.com) Include in the subject line “Newsletter Subscription” or call 704-336-2455 to provide us with your current e-mail address. In an effort to conserve resources, the Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District will be switching to a strictly digital format for our semi-annual newsletter.



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