

Dale Threatt-Taylor
District Director
Wake Soil and Water Conservation

Choosing greener pastures, Dale left USDA Soil Conservation Service to begin her career with Wake County in the Soil and Water Conservation District. Being hired as a Conservation Technician, Dale stepped into the Wake County Agricultural Services Building on September 20, 1993 and the place has not had a quiet moment since!

Her love of conservation field work allowed her to advance from Conservation Technician to Natural Resource Conservationist to Project Team Lead. On August 13, 2008, Dale was promoted to District Director because the District Board of Supervisors wanted someone who would fight for conservation, for the farmers and for water quality... and they got it!

Through the years, Dale realized that the most effective way to implement conservation was through partnerships. Now known as the "Conservation Evangelist" (because of her incessant talk of soil health and conservation practices), Dale's network expanded as she partnered with every person willing to protect our natural resources.

Over her career, Dale's resume has grown lengthy, being recognized with several awards and having served on local, regional, statewide and national boards of Directors. Dale also served on several funding entities, including Duke Energy Water Resources Fund, Triangle Community Foundation, and most recently, Dale was selected by Governor Roy Cooper to serve on the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Board. Under Dale's leadership, Wake is one of the best-known Conservation Districts in the nation.

On December 6, Dale will retire from local government after 26 years with Wake County. She has been selected to serve as State Director for The Nature Conservancy in South Carolina. The Nature Conservancy is the largest conservation organization in the world, located in 72 countries and all 50 states. Dale will be the **FIRST** African American to serve in the position of a State Director for the Nature Conservancy in its 68-year history.

Please join in me congratulating Dale on her retirement.