

David Harris

Candidate for Durham Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor

Biographical Information:

I was born in 1948 and raised in northern Durham County on a small farm in Rougemont. Lifelong resident of Durham and Durham County.

Educational Background:

Attended Durham County Public, Little River High School in Bahama, NC, 1968

Attended Durham Technical Institute from 1969-1971, Associate Degree.

North Carolina National Guard from 1971-1977.

Attended NCCU, 1980-1984, Math Major.

Work Experiences:

1971-1984 General Telephone and Electric (GTE), Switching Technician

1984-2007 NorthTel Networks, Software Designer, Software Tester, Technical Instructor and Course Developer.

2008-2016 Kerr Drugs which became Walgreens, Delivered medication to home bound customers.

Fitness for this office:

My roots are in the county, born and rear. Although I have lived in the city since 1968, I never left the county, I am there weekly on the family farm.

In 2007 when I ran for City Council my platform was neighborhood safety, smart growth, and water resources. I have continued to work in all three areas since 2007.

Now I have decided to concentrate my effort on preserving national resources.

In January 2014, I started as a volunteer with the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District. In September 2014, I was appointed Associate Supervisor and in April 2017 I was appointed Supervisor of an unexpired term by the North Carolina Soil and Water Commission.

Since 2014,

1. I have served on the Board of Directors of the Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA) representing the seven counties surrounding the Upper Neuse River. The UNRBA is developing new rules for the Falls Lake Watershed.

Since 2017,

1. I serve as the North Carolina Association of Conservation Districts' NC State Fair Committee as Chair. A state-wide position.
2. Chair of the Area 4 Education Committee, and
3. Secretary/Treasurer of Area 4.
NC is made up of 96 Conservation Districts and 8 areas.
Area 4 is made up of Durham, Edgecombe, Halifax, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance, Wake, Warren, and Wilson counties.

Since 2018,

1. I serve as North Carolina Association of Conservation Districts' Education Committee Chair. A state-wide position.
2. I serve on the Board of Directors of the Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc. (PCC). PCC's Mission is to leverage people and resources for innovative projects that promote conservation and sustainable of communities. PCC is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organization that is community-based and regionally-focused. It addresses natural resource conservation and development issues in its service area, which includes Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham and Wake Counties of North Carolina.

Goals:

My goals are to continue the work I have already started above.

1. I certainly would like to see the completion of phrase 1 of Falls Lake Rules completed, due 2023.
2. I also would like to follow through on the new building for the Soil and Water booth at the state fair and a permanent structure for Hugh Hammond Bennett, a North Carolinian and founder of the Soil and Water Districts.

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