



# NESHOBA COUNTY CONSERVATION NEWS

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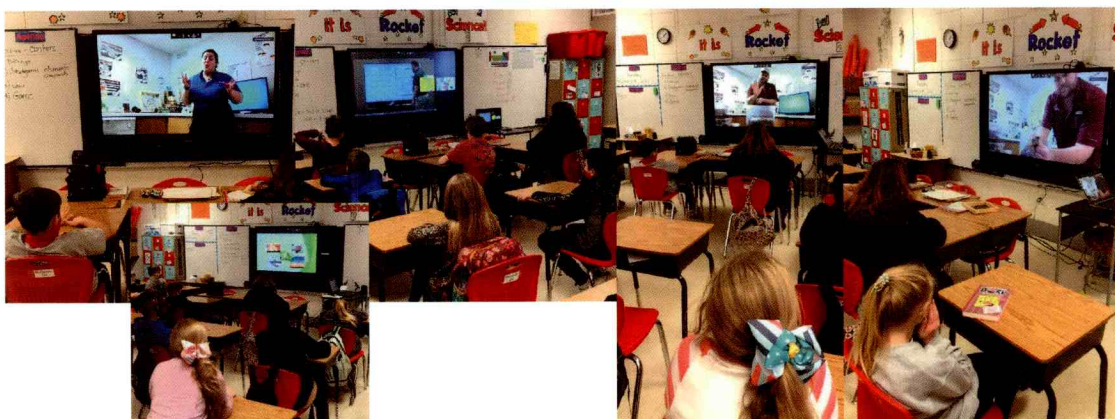


## Local Student wins Area Essay Contest!

Every year the National Association of Conservation Districts hosts a poster and essay contest. The 2021 Contest theme was "Healthy Forests/ Healthy Communities". Tucker Elementary's Aiyana Fraizer won first place at the County level and at the Area level for her amazing essay on this topic. She will move on to the State level and if she wins there, she will advance to the National level. Congratulations to Aiyana! We want to thank her teacher, Ashland Willis, for her devotion to teaching conservation to her students. Pictured above is Aiyana and Mississippi Association of Conservation District's President, Anita Cowen. (Picture by MSWCC's Carlee Goode)

## Follow us on Facebook!!

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



## Come visit our website!!

Come see us at the County's website:  
<http://www.neshobacounty.net/county-departments/soil-water-conservation/>

## Conservation Carnival finds new format in trying times

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic the Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District found a way to host their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conservation Carnival virtually the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Just over 200 fifth grade students from Neshoba Central Elementary School took part in this year's 4-day carnival. Starting Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, a new speaker presented to the students each day a program related to conservation. The purpose of this event is to enhance our youth of tomorrow with the importance of our natural resources and what they can do to conserve them.

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's Jennifer Milner and Lynn Bradshaw presented on Proper disposal, recycling and composting. The Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission's Chaz Ingram presented on Soils. MSU's Mississippi Bug Blues Museum's Beverly Keasler presented on Bugs. Mississippi Forestry Commission's Orlando Ellerby and Kevin Craft presented on Forestry.



## 2021 Membership Banquet cancelled



You are invited to the 2021 Neshoba County Soil & Water  
Conservation District's Annual Banquet

**Thursday, October 7th, 2021**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Neshoba County Coliseum**

This banquet is to honor the members of this district and to award local individuals in the following fields:

Outstanding Livestock Producer, Outstanding Poultry Producer, Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist, Outstanding Woodland

Conservationist, 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 Wednesday, September 30th by calling 601-656-8783 Ext. 3 Please note that there will be a \$10 charge for the meals of guest.



Like many other annual events in our community this year, the Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Members Banquet has been cancelled due to Covid-19. We will not let that stop us from continuing to reach out to our community and teach our youth about soil and water conservation.

**Since we can not offer our members a steak dinner this year, we are offering Member gifts at time of renewal.**

## Membership Drive

**We will hold our annual membership drive from November 1st thru 12th (Closed November 11th for Veterans Day) A reminder will be sent out in October. We will maintain social distancing for the health of our members by having signup in front of the office. For this reason the hours of sign-up are 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Daily**

## Conservation Spotlight



Neshoba County Commissioner and MACD Past President Jerry Smith was recently honored in *Minority Landowner Magazine's* 2020 Farmers of the Year edition of the magazine.

The article spoke of Mr. Smith's time growing up in Winston County and the many achievements he has accomplished, one of which is being the first African American President of the Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts.

MSWCC is honored to have Mr. Smith serve on its Commission Board, and would like to thank him for his many years of service in conservation.

Above excerpt from The Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission Newsletter

## 2022 TREE ORDER FORM

#	LANDSCAPE SHRUB/ BUSHES	SIZE	COST	
	CRAPE MYRTLE - PINK	2'-3'	4.00	
	- RED	2'-3'	4.00	
	- WHITE	2'-3'	4.00	
	HYDRANGEA – OAK LEAF	2'-3'	6.00	
	<b>LANDSCAPE TREES</b>	<b>SIZE</b>	<b>COST</b>	
	BALD CYPRESS	2'	4.00	
	REDBUD	2'	4.00	
	RIVER BIRCH	2'	4.00	
	DOGWOOD - WHITE	2'	4.00	
	MAPLE - RED	2'	4.00	
	- SUGAR	2'	4.00	
	<b>FRUIT TREES &amp; BUSHES</b>			
	APPLES - GRANNY SMITH	3'-4'	9.00	
	- RED DELICIOUS	3'-4'	9.00	
	- YELLOW DELICIOUS	3'-4'	9.00	
	PEACH – EARLY ELBERTA	3'-4'	9.00	
	PEAR - KEIFFER	3'-4'	9.00	
	- MOONGLO	3'-4'	9.00	
	- BARTLETT	3'-4'	9.00	
	HARDY PECAN	2'	4.00	
	<b>WILDLIFE</b>			
	CATALPA	2'	4.00	
	PAW PAW	2'	4.00	
	PERSIMMON	2'	4.00	
	OAK - SAWTOOTH	2'	4.00	
	- BURR	2'	4.00	
	- SHUMARDI	2'	4.00	
	- SWAMP CHESTNUT	2'	4.00	
	- WHITE	2'	4.00	
	- RED	2'	4.00	
	PLUM - AMERICAN	2'	4.00	
	- SLOE	2'	4.00	
	<b>TOTAL DUE</b>			\$

**DEADLINE FOR TREE  
ORDERS: TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Order form pick-up**

Outside the front door

E-mail:

erica.fortenberry@ms.nacdn.net

Mail (You can call Erica at 601-  
656-8783 ext 3 to make this  
Request)

**Order form acceptance**

Drop off with payment at the  
drop box outside the office's  
front door.

Mail in with payment to:  
Neshoba SWCD Attn: Erica  
511 East Lawn Drive  
Philadelphia, MS 39350

**Other important  
Information**

You MUST pay for trees when  
you order.

You will be contacted as soon as  
the trees arrive in February  
2022. 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!



## COMMISSIONERS



Nelson White Vice Chairman   Lynn Copeland Chairman   Ross Williamson   Carl Mason Treasurer   Jerry Smith

## DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS



Glenda Winstead   Steve Cumberland   Mary Lundy Meruvia   Charlie Wilson   Vacant



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<http://www.neshobacounty.net/county-departments/soil-water-conservation/>

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Come see our website at:  
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### OFFICE STAFF:

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District Administrator

## 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.

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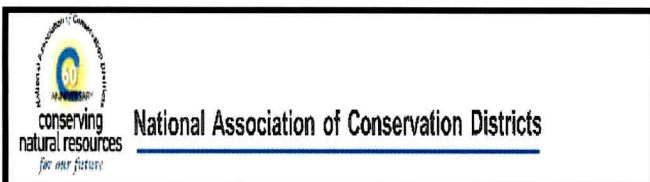


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