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To Exercise Leadership in Promoting Natural Resource Protection

The Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District (TJSWCD) serves the Virginia counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa and Nelson, as well as the city of Charlottesville. Soil and Water Conservation Districts are self-governed subdivisions of State government. The 47 Districts across Virginia are funded through local government appropriations and State and Federal grants. The Board of Directors of each District is made up of unpaid, locally elected citizens who set priorities and guide the activities and programs of the District.

TJSWCD works in partnership with various local, state and federal agencies and organizations. These partnerships allow us to provide comprehensive and efficient natural resource assistance.



Election 2015

Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) are governed by a Board of Directors. Two directors are elected from each locality and two directors may be appointed (one at-large and one from the Virginia Cooperative Extension). The Thomas Jefferson SWCD Board of Directors has 12 seats, ten of which are elected positions. SWCD Board of Director elections are held every four years.

TJSWCD Board of Directors is in an election year for 2015. The election of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held in conjunction with the 2015 General Election on November 3rd. The following are on your local ballot:

Charlottesville City
William Lucy
Joseph Thompson
Clement Tingley

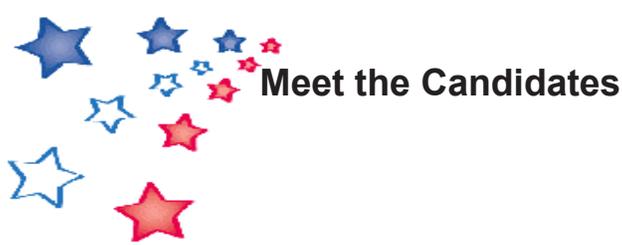
Albemarle County
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Lonnie Murray (incumbent)



Fluvanna County
Angus Murdock
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Louisa County
Mistie Goodman
Troy Lamb
Brian Wagner (incumbent)

Nelson County
David Collins (incumbent)
William Uhl (incumbent)



Meet the Candidates

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

★ William Lucy

Restoring the plant and sea animal nurturing capacity of the Chesapeake Bay is one of the nation's most important environmental challenges. The TJWCD is a significant player in Central Virginia in mitigating non-point pollution sources. Meadow Creek and Moores Creek in Charlottesville are the most polluted of the streams monitored by Stream Watch. I would like to work on each of these problems, with special attention to what occurs and can be improved in Charlottesville.

I know the city and its neighborhoods well, having taught urban and environmental planning at the University of Virginia for 39 years, served on the Charlottesville Planning Commission, Urban Design Task Force, Board of Architectural Review, and Affordable Housing and Strategic Planning Committees. One of my goals will be to consult with Charlottesville city officials to determine how to improve the TJSWCD's collaboration with the city's storm water management policies and programs.

★ Joe Thompson

I believe that Soil and Water Districts provide a great opportunity to use a locally elected Board to identify the most critical resource issues for their area and obtain and direct the appropriate resources to address those issues. I would like to be part of this effort. I am therefore running for the office of Director on the Board of the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District.

If elected I would bring 35 years of experience in the planning and implementation of conservation and environmental restoration programs, including; working currently as the Landowner Advisor for the Potomac Conservancy, worked as the Conservation Easement Specialist for the Northern Neck Land Conservancy and a had 30 year career with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) working in Oregon, California and Nevada and Virginia.

I am currently the sole proprietor of Smarts Creek Enterprises LLC, providing consultation services for analysis, design and implementation of natural resource conservation projects, organic agricultural production, and conservation easements. I am also the field manager for a 120 acre grain farm producing both organic and conventional wheat and soybeans.

I would work hard to represent the citizens of Charlottesville and would appreciate your support on election day.

★ Clement Tingley

My name is Clement "Kim" Tingley and I would like to represent the City of Charlottesville as a director of the soil and water conservation district. I am a residential real estate developer, a civil engineer, and businessman. I also worked in local government for fifteen years. Under mandate from the EPA, the State of Virginia has adopted new regulations governing construction activities designed to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. These are in addition to existing regulations on stormwater runoff from denuded areas. TJSWCD has a role to play in assisting local government in the implementation of these regulations. I would like to assist in the development of techniques that are both effective and easily integrated into new construction. As a developer, engineer and former government official, I am uniquely suited to make a significant contribution to this new regulatory process.

I also have a deep interest in the environment. I was a founding director of the Capitol Region Land Conservancy in Richmond, VA. I was also a founding director of Virginia Forever, the only statewide organization that advocates for increased government funding for water quality improvements and land conservation across the Commonwealth. In addition, I worked with Karen Firehock at the Green Infrastructure Center to initiate Green Infrastructure planning in parts of Virginia. She and I worked together on one of my projects to demonstrate how green planning can be a win-win for both the developer and the community. I believe in it, I have done it, and I want to help the TJSWCD navigate the challenges associated with their mission of comprehensive and efficient natural resource assistance.

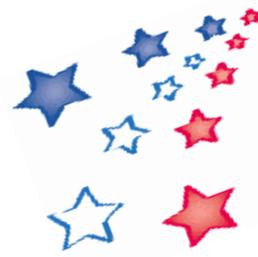
ALBEMARLE COUNTY

★ Steven Meeks (incumbent) Vice-Chairman, Albemarle County

(Director since January 1991) – A life-long resident of Albemarle County, I have a vested interest in insuring the conservation and preservation of all aspects of our community. As a district director since 1991, I have worked with my fellow directors and a highly competent staff in providing technical help and educational programs for all the citizens of our district. By doing so we have been able to demonstrate successful projects and share the knowledge that good land and water conservation is within the grasp of every landowner both rural and urban.

I am the current vice-chair of the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District and I also have the pleasure of representing all 46 districts in the Commonwealth as the First Vice President of the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts and as the alternate Virginia representative to the board of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Meet the Candidates



ALBEMARLE COUNTY *continued*



Lonnie Murray (incumbent), Albemarle County

(Director since 2012) – Lonnie Murray grew up in the Western part of Albemarle County, and has long been involved in local conservation issues. He was also one of the founders of Charlottesville Earth Week and has served on many citizen advisory groups, including the Citizen's Committee on Environmental Sustainability and the Albemarle County Natural Heritage Committee, where he is currently the Chair.

FLUVANNA COUNTY



Thomas Pratley (incumbent), Secretary, Fluvanna County

(Director since 2012) – Tom Pratley and his wife, Phyllis, reside on a small farm in Palmyra. Tom has an Associate's degree in Civil Engineering Technology and worked as a survey crew chief for a Pittsburgh engineering firm. He also served on the board of a small Pittsburgh-area land trust. In 2008, he and his wife moved to Fluvanna County, where they are vendors at the Fluvanna Farmer's Market. He served on the Fluvanna County Rural Zoning Task Force in 2010. He is also active with the James River Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society as Habitat Chair.



Angus Murdock

LOUISA COUNTY



Brian Wagner (incumbent) Chairman, Louisa County

(Director since January 2012) – Brian Wagner is co-founder and serves as the principal biologist of Ecosystem Services, LLC, a private ecological restoration and environmental consulting company based in Louisa, VA. Brian has 25 years of progressive experience in the environmental restoration and environmental consulting industry. His area of experience includes environmental assessment, environmental permitting, regulatory negotiation and environmental restoration. His experience has included employment with local and state government agencies as well as private consulting and environmental restoration companies.

Brian has served and continues to serve on a number of boards and scientific advisory panels including the board of the Historic Green Springs, Inc., the board of the Thomas Jefferson Water Resources Protection Foundation, South River Science Team, Virginia Wilderness Committee Scientific Advisory Panel, Virginia Dept. of Conservation and Recreation Regulatory Advisory Panel revising Virginia's stormwater regulations and Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Nutrient Trading Certification Regulatory Advisory Panel. Brian lives on a 40-acre farm with his wife and children in western Louisa County.



Mistie Goodman



Troy Lamb

NELSON COUNTY



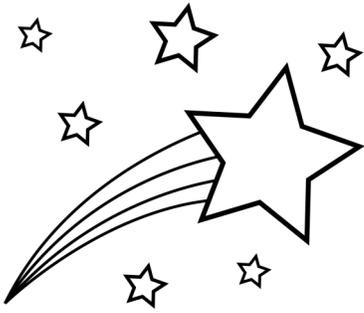
David Collins (incumbent), Nelson County

(Director since January 2004) – David Collins resides in Nelson County, near Nellysford, with his wife. Originally from South Carolina, he has been in Virginia for about 45 years, attended Virginia Commonwealth University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech. He is licensed as a Land Surveyor and Professional Engineer, and has worked in the area and lived along the Rockfish River for over 25 years. David is a member of the Virginia Association of Land Surveyors and the American Society of Civil Engineers.



William Uhl (incumbent), Nelson County

(Director since August 2014) – Bill Uhl is a resident of Nelson County, near Piney River. He is married and has a daughter, son-in-law and 3 grandchildren residing out of state. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Virginia as well as in four other states. His experience covers a wide array of water resources, sediment and erosion control, environmental permitting and pollution control.



The end of 2015 will bring an end of term for several TJSWCD Board of Directors. We wish to recognize the following TJSWCD Directors for their years of service, support and leadership. It has been a privilege and we sincerely thank you.

- Mr. Rich Collins, City of Charlottesville, Director since 2006.
- Mr. John Conover, City of Charlottesville, Director since 2006.
- Mr. Rob Parrish, Fluvanna County, Director since 2008.
- Mr. James Kean, Louisa County, Director since 2004.

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