



**Dale Threatt-Taylor, Director
Wake Soil and Water Conservation District**

Dale Threatt-Taylor is the Director of the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District and Wake County's Soil and Water Conservation Department. She received a Bachelor of Science in Conservation from NC State University in 1991 and a Master of Environmental Management from Duke University in 2011.

In 2012, she was selected as one of 30 agriculturalists in North Carolina identified to participate in the Agricultural Leadership Development Program at NC State. Her daily goal is to make sure that Soil and Water Conservation is the most effective department in Wake County Government, helping both land and landowner. Dale's long-range goal is that Wake will best Soil and Water Conservation District in the nation.

In 2016, Dale was elected to a national board of directors, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, as the Southeast Regional Director. She represents 12 states and the US Caribbean Territories. She is also the Past President of the North Carolina Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society and Past President of the Wake County Agribusiness Council.

In 2018, North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts recognized Dale with their Distinguished Service Award for outstanding contribution to the conservation of Natural Resources and nicknamed her the 'Conservation Evangelist'. In 2019, Dale received the Dr. Maurice G. Cook Superior Service Award from the Hugh Hammond Bennett (NC) Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

For nine years Dale served on the Conservation Trust for North Carolina Board of Directors, many as the Chair of the Diversity and Equity Committee. She also served seven years on Triangle Land Conservancy's Board of Directors. Dale continues her trek in conservation leadership as Vice-Chair of the City of Oaks Foundation Board of Trustees. She has served in many other leadership roles, including environmental committees for Duke Energy and Triangle Community Foundation and as Sunday School Superintendent at Oak City Baptist Church for over 20 years.

Dale wants everyone in the city, county, state and nation to understand that locally-led conservation begins with an individual, and that all our conservation work matters.