

## Introducing Three New Forestry and Natural Resource Agents

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At long last – all six Forestry and Natural Resource Agent positions are filled! These folks are a great source for local forestry and natural resource information and programs throughout Virginia and we welcome them. Replacing Dan Goerlich in the Central District is Jason Fisher. Jason has a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Forestry and Wildlife and a Master of Science (MS) degree in Technical Education, both from Virginia Tech. For the past 10 years he has served as a 4-H Extension Agent. He resides in Halifax County with his wife and 2 daughters. Jason started his new position in February, and is serving the counties of: Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Franklin, Halifax, Henry, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Pittsylvania, and Prince Edward, plus the cities of Danville and Lynchburg.

In March, Karen Cox started in the new Northeast District position. Karen was formerly employed by the Indiana Bureau of Forestry. She received her BS in Forestry from West Virginia University and her MS in Forestry from Purdue. Karen will be working with landowners in Charles City, Chesterfield, Essex, Gloucester, Goochland, Hampton, Hanover, Henrico, James City, King & Queen, King William, Lancaster, Matthews, Middlesex, New Kent, Newport, Northumberland, Powhatan, Richmond, Westmoreland and York counties.

Neil Clark joined us in April in the new Southeast District position. Neil is also a Virginia Tech graduate, with both a BS and a MS in Forestry. He previously worked for the USDA Forest Service in Blacksburg. Neil's service area includes the following counties: Accomack, Chesapeake, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Isle of Wright, Northampton, Portsmouth, Price George, Southampton, Suffolk, Surry, Sussex and Virginia Beach.

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