

# Alabama Soil & Water Conservation Society Newsletter



## News From The President

Hello Everyone,

It's hard to believe we've already been through a month of the New Year. Time seems to go by faster and faster. I know that everyone is busy with their respective jobs and activities; the same can be said about our SWCS Chapter, we have many work items and opportunities ahead for the year.

Plans are well underway for our Annual Meeting; and as in years past we anticipate another great meeting. Mark your calendar and plan to attend: Birmingham, on June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> because there are many activities available in the city make plans to bring your family.

Our Chapter continues to work with our partners on the "Erosion and Sediment Control on Construction Sites and Urban Areas in Alabama" project. For 2005, an update of the manual, field days, printing, and distribution of the Field Guide along with training seminars are planned.

Plans are underway to provide RUSLE2 training for those working on construction and urban sites. The RUSLE2 model can be a great planning tool for those involved with construction sites. Alabama SWCS will coordinate and sponsor this event; other partners in this effort are NRCS and ADEM.

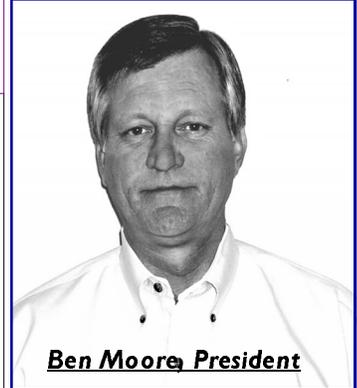
Our Chapter Development Committee is updating our chap-

ter long range plan and developing a leadership manual for officers and committees. Please help by providing chairman Bill Hughes with your suggestions and input.

Each of you as chapter members is a vital part of the membership recruitment team. Our membership grows because YOU discuss what is happening with Alabama Chapter SWCS and INVITE and ENCOURAGE colleagues to join.

I want to thank all those who are working hard to make our chapter the best we can be. This hard work is making a difference. See You in Birmingham.

**Ben Moore**



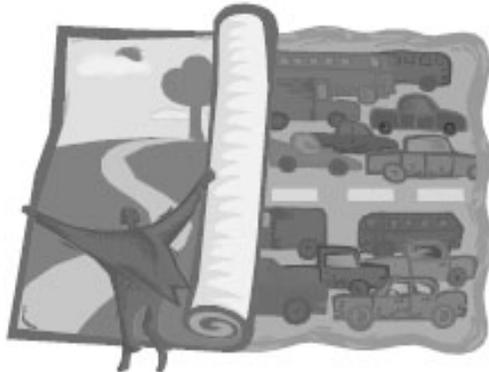
**Ben Moore, President**

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**June 8-10, 2005**  
**Birmingham Botanical Gardens**  
2612 Lane Park Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35223



Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Society  
Annual Meeting

This year SWCS is partnering with the Homebuilders Association of Alabama; beginning with the field tour on Wednesday, June 8, 2005. More details inside this issue

# Annual Meeting

# Preliminary Program

## Managing Our Landscapes for Multiple Uses



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Registration Guide

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Birmingham, Alabama 35223

## Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 8, 2005

7:30 - 9:30 AM ..... Registration  
8:00 - 9:00 AM ..... Home Builders Association QCI session  
9:30 - 10:00 AM ..... Opening Session  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 PM ..... Field trip

Thursday, June 9, 2005

7:30 AM - 8:30AM ..... Registration/Continental Breakfast  
8:30 - 4:40 PM ..... Technical Sessions  
4:45 - 6:30 PM ..... Committee Meetings  
6:30 PM ..... Dinner (fried catfish) - Zoo Pavilion

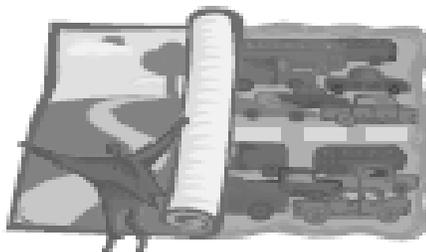
Friday, June 10, 2005

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM ..... Registration/Continental Breakfast  
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM ..... Business Meeting  
9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon ..... Technical Sessions

Check the website for a copy of the detailed program:

<http://www.alchapterswcs.aces.edu/>

## About the Meeting



**Continuing Education/ Professional Development**  
The workshop provides high quality technical sessions and a

field trip that is relevant to Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control, Certified Crop Advisors, Professional Engineers, Qualified Credentialed Inspectors (QCIs), etc. Certificates of training will be available to participants. \*QCIs may meet their annual continuing education requirement by attending the field trip and attending the 8-9 AM Wednesday session presented by the Home Builders Association of Alabama. However, we encourage QCIs to attend the entire meeting.

**Conference Registration** - Please register for the conference at your earliest convenience. The registration fee covers all meetings and scheduled events.

**Exhibits and Sponsorships** - Exhibit and Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Skip Regsdale for additional information at 205-674-6666.

**Meeting Location** - The 2005 Alabama SWCS Annual Meeting will be held at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, 2612 Lane Park Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35223.

**Hotel reservations** for your stay during the meeting may be made by contacting the Hampton Inn Birmingham/Mountain Brook, 2731 US Highway 280, Birmingham, AL 35223. Phone number: 205-870-7822; Fax: 205-871-7610. The lodging room rate is \$77 per night. Be sure to indicate that you are attending the Alabama SWCS Annual Meeting.

**Deadline for hotel reservations is May 16, 2005.** Reservations made after the deadline are subject to an increase at the hotel's discretion.

**Questions?** Contact Tracy Cole, 256-638-6398, or Ben Moore, 334-336-3613, for information about the meeting.

## "Managing Our Landscapes for Multiple Uses"

### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Category	Cut-off date	Member	Non-Member	Special	Enclosed
<b>Entire meeting (includes field trip)</b>					
Early Bird	April 11, 2006	\$75	\$100		_____
Advanced	May 9, 2006	\$90	\$115		_____
Late/on-site	After May 9	\$115	\$140		_____
Additional fee for Home Builders Association QCI session				\$95	_____
<b>Wednesday only (includes lunch)</b>					
*QCI session + field trip (cont. ed. for QCIs)				\$120	_____
Field trip only anyone (deadline May 9)				\$25	_____
<b>Friday only - Business Meeting and Technical Sessions</b>				\$25	_____

Additional tickets, with one registered participant, may be purchased for guests/spouse/children at the following rates:

Continental Breakfast (Thurs):	# _____	@ \$10.00	_____
Continental Breakfast (Friday):	# _____	@ \$10.00	_____
Thursday dinner	# _____	@ \$18.00 - adult	_____
	# _____	@ \$9.00 - child	_____

(For selected items, indicate the number needed)

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose payment with your registration form and return to:

*Make checks payable to Alabama Chapter of SWCS*

c/o Zona Beaty  
USDA-NRCS  
PO Box 311  
Auburn, AL 36830

Check the website for a copy of the detailed program:  
<http://www.alchapterswcs.aces.edu/>

Deadline for hotel registration is May 16, 2006  
Contact the Hampton Inn Birmingham/Mountain Brook at:  
205-870-7822

**Hampton Inn Birmingham/Mountain Brook**  
There is a block of rooms reserved at the rate of \$75 per night.

2731 US Highway 280, Birmingham, AL 35223  
Tel: +1-205-870-7822 Fax: +1-205-871-7610

## CPESC Committee

By: Earl Norton

The Red Water Blues Field Days of 2004 are history and were quite successful. Hurricane Ivan interrupted the original schedule, but we were able to reschedule the activities for Prattville and Fairhope after holding the field days as scheduled for Huntsville, Birmingham and Enterprise. The quality of the practices and products installed was excellent and everyone that attended should have increased their knowledge about the use and installation of erosion and sediment control practices and products. As a bonus, each attendee received a copy of the new Field Guide for Erosion and Sediment Control on Construction Sites in Alabama that was printed in August 2004.

Special thanks were earned by local field day sponsors - the soil and water conservation districts, NRCS staffs and others too numerous to list individually in this article. I hope that everyone appreciates the efforts of the local sponsors, the industry sponsors - American Excelsior (Mal Winter, Pete

Romocki and John Slupecki) and Sunshine Supplies (Skip Ragsdale) - and the State-level team of Perry Oakes and Jeff Holloway. I should mention, also, that the activities were strongly supported by the Home Builders Association of Alabama and the Associated General Contractors of Alabama. Truly, the field days were a team effort.

The Steering Committee for the Erosion and Sediment Control Program will be meeting in January to chart the course for activities in 2005. Items that will be considered include preparing a minor revision to the Alabama Handbook for Erosion Control, Sediment Control and Stormwater Management, developing a strategy for printing and distributing the new Field Guide for Erosion and Sediment Control on Construction Sites, preparing a brochure describing the impacts of non-point source pollution, and providing more courses and field days.

Our Chapter's annual meeting for 2005 is going to be outstanding.

There are several other events either planned or in the planning stage that will be of particular interest to CPESC's and others interested in erosion and sediment control. Let me mention the events and you can find the dates in the calendar section of the Chapter's website: CPESC Exam Review Course and Exam - Clanton, AL; the Annual Conference and Trade Show of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA) - Dallas, Texas; Southern Region Stormwater and Erosion Control Conference - Peachtree City, GA (a Southeastern Chapter of IECA co-sponsored event). We will add more events to our calendar during the year.

Let me remind you if there is a specific topic related to CPESC that you would like to have covered in our Chapter newsletter let me know.

Earl Norton, Chairman

CPESC Committee

[nortone1@bellsouth.net](mailto:nortone1@bellsouth.net)

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### **March 16, 2005 Guesthouse Inn, Clanton, Al.**

**9:30-10:15:** Annual Meeting Tour Subcommittee Meeting

**10:15-11:00:** Annual Meeting Program Subcommittee Meeting

**11:00 a.m.:** Executive Board Meeting

### **Annual Meeting**

June 8,9 &10 Birmingham, Al.

### **Special Activities**

March 8: AU Student Chapter , Spring Bulb Sale

International Erosion Control Association Annual Conference and Trade show. February 20-23, 2005 - Dallas, Texas

CPESC Exam Review Course and Exam March 9 & 10, 2005 - Clanton, AL

Southern Region Stormwater and Erosion Control Conference October 2-6- Peachtree City, GA

Please email Joyce with information to go in the newsletter.

Please email Deana with information to go the website.

## Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Society AWARD NOMINATIONS

By: Eddie May

The awards program provides an excellent opportunity to shine the spotlight on members and non-chapter members for their significant contributions to the Alabama Chapter and other natural resources organizations who have goals that are similar to ours. Please send your nomination to Eddie May . Deadline for entries is April 15, 2005.

Please send your nomination to Email Address: [eddie.may@al.usda.gov](mailto:eddie.may@al.usda.gov) Phone (256) 362-8210 Ext. 3. The successful nominees will be recognized at our annual meeting.

The awards categories are:

1. Distinguished Service
2. Outstanding Educator
3. Conservation Farmer
4. Conservation Legislator
5. Conservation Educational Facility



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Visit our Website: <http://www.alchapterswcs.aces.edu/>

To place information on our website contact Deana L. Mann.



## Auburn University Student Chapter

By: Dr. Mary Goodman

### AU CHAPTER SPRING BULB SALE

The AU Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) sells bulbs and other flowering perennials during both spring and fall to raise money for chapter activities, projects and student membership dues to the national society.

The web link to see pictures of the Spring 2005 choices and their cultural requirements is:

<http://www.touchofnature.com/fundraising/programSC.htm>

The deadline for spring bulb orders is March 8, 2005.

To order:

1. Decide on the package(s) you would like to order.
2. Contact Mary Goodman at [goodmms@auburn.edu](mailto:goodmms@auburn.edu) or phone 844-3936 with your selections.
3. Please make checks payable to : AU Chapter SWCS

I also have an order brochure with color pictures of all of the flowers and plants available that I will be happy to send to you if you prefer

that order method.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your generous support of the AU Student Chapter of SWCS.

Dr. Mary Goodman, Faculty Advisor  
AU Student Chapter SWCS  
Department of Agronomy and Soils  
202 Funchess Hall

**The Soil and Water Conservation Society fosters the science and the art of soil, water and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability. We promote and practice an ethic recognizing the interdependence of people and the environment.**

## Supporting the Bama Fine Sandy Loam, Alabama State Soil for the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit

By: Kirk Iversen and Charles Love

The Alabama Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (ACSWCS) has joined the Alabama partners in getting the word out, fund-raising, and submitting ideas toward the development of Smithsonian Soils Exhibit. As of the end of July, Alabama partners and individuals have donated \$3,600 to the Bama Soil Monolith Exhibit. Bama soil is Alabama's State Soil. We rank 5th out of 11 southeastern states; 13th out of 50 states.

That information is on SSSA's web site: <http://www.soils.org/smithsonian/monoliths.html>. California and Missouri had already met their goal of \$10,000. Since then, Montana and Florida have also reached the goal.

As many of you know, the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) is working with the Smithsonian Institution to develop a soils

exhibit as part of their Global Links Gallery at the National Museum of Natural History.

The exhibit will be located near the Hope Diamond in an area of the museum that draws 6 to 9 million visitors per year. The exhibit will consist of two components, a collection of state soil monoliths and an educational, interactive display.

Our challenge is to create public awareness of the exhibit and help raise funds towards the sponsorship of the Alabama state soil monolith. If the \$10,000 sponsorship goal is attained, the Bama monolith will contain a plaque with ACSWSC name along with those of any Alabama individual or corporate donor that provides a gift of \$1000 or more.

The monoliths will be a permanent part of the museum. We would encourage everyone interested in learning more about this exhibit to

visit the SSSA–Smithsonian website (<http://www.soils.org/smithsonian/>).

There are conceptual drawings, informational brochures, and a PDF donation form linked on the site. Donations should be sent to SSSA in Madison, not to ACSWSC (see attached donation sheet).

Feel free to direct any ideas, questions, or comments to:

Kirk V. Iversen at  
[kiersen@acesag.auburn.edu](mailto:kiersen@acesag.auburn.edu)

334-844-4741, ext. 179

Ben Moore at  
[bennie.moore@al.usda.gov](mailto:bennie.moore@al.usda.gov)

334-335-2108

Charles Love at  
[charles.love@al.usda.gov](mailto:charles.love@al.usda.gov)

334-887-4517

## *Certified Crop Advisors*

By: Detra L. Boutwell, CCA Committee Chairperson

CEU's are available through NEDC

Certified Crop Advisors have an opportunity to earn continuing education units (ceu) at the web site <http://elearning.sc.egov.usda.gov/> managed by the National Employee Development Center (NEDC) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This web site is available to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) employees, customers (including Technical Service Providers) and partner employees of USDA, and the general public.

Courses such as *Nutrient Management* and *Pest Management* have currently been assigned up to 12 ceu's

and other courses such as *Conservation Planning I* and *Introduction to Conservation Planning on Cropland* are pending ceu assignment.

Some courses are web-based and others are self-study, where study materials are mailed to you. All require completion of an on-line exam. The web-site features printable certificates and options to email results of tests to your supervisor. Please view this web site for a full course listing and to monitor when new ceu's have been assigned.



## Smithsonian Soils Exhibit

\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to share background or an idea for the Smithsonian Soils Educational exhibit, web page or teacher curricula (attach larger materials if necessary):

\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to support the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit with a gift through the Agronomic Science Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization. I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ Please direct this towards the \_\_\_\_\_ state monolith.

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my gift, or

I would like to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ years (up to three, ending 2006).

Enclosed is my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for this year's payment.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(please print name as you would like it to appear on recognition)*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

For those making contributions, please include check made out to ASF or complete the credit card information below. Gifts are fully tax-deductible.

\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please suggest other individuals we should contact about the project:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/St/ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form:** ASF 677 South Segoe Road Madison, WI 53711 Fax: 608-273-2021

Project information: [www/soils.org/Smithsonian](http://www/soils.org/Smithsonian) Donate on-line: [www.a-s-f.org](http://www.a-s-f.org)

**Cooperators: Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History Soil Science Society of America Agronomic Science Foundation**



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*Alabama Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting,*

*See you in Birmingham on June 8,9,10, 2005*

*Managing Our Landscapes... A landscape is simply an area of land (at any scale) containing an interesting pattern that is affected by all ecological processes and the activities of humans. Managing Our Landscapes for Multiple Uses involves taking a look at landscape patterns, the interactions among the elements of this pattern, and how these patterns and interactions change over time.*

**Program Overview**

- *Municipal approach*
- *Forestry approach*
- *Agricultural approach*
- *Wetlands - regulations, function, and value*
- *Control of invasive species*

*Co-Sponsors include:  
 Southeast Chapter of International  
 Erosion Control Association  
 Partners of Red Water Blues Field Days  
 USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service*

**Board Members**

- President:: Bennie Moore
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- Membership: Skip Ragsdale
- Awards: Eddie May
- Chapter Development: Bill Hughes
- CPESC News: Earl Norton
- CCA: Detra Boutwell
- Student Chapters: Monday Mbila, A&M: Mary Goodman, Auburn

**Representatives:**

- Section I: Foy Kirkland
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- Section IV: Charles Ramsey
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