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Amherst Watershed Coordinator Steps Down

Amherst Watershed Coordinator, Anne Marie Roberts, will be leaving the Robert E Lee SWCD and joining the James River Association. In her new position she will be managing JRA's tree buffer program within the Middle James River Watershed, which includes Amherst County.

Over the past 15 years, Roberts has worked with landowners within the protected watersheds of Amherst County to install conservation practices directly protecting the Town and Amherst County Service Authority's drinking water supply at the source.



Since 2003, 19.5 miles of live-stock exclusion fencing has been installed in the protected watersheds through partnerships with the District's Virginia Agricultural Cost-share Program, ACSA local BMP funding grant, Natural Resources Conservation Services and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Roberts also established the Amherst Tree Buffer Program in 2007. Volunteers assisted her with planting over 10,000 trees along 7 miles of waterways in Amherst County funded by forestry grants acquired totaling \$47, 253.00. In 2018, she developed the Amherst Pollinator Buffer Program which has helped two landowners install planted strips to help with source water protection and pollinator habitat.

She looks forward to partnering with the Robert E Lee SWCD, Amherst County Service Authority and other local agencies on getting riparian buffers on the ground in Amherst County and keeping her relationship with the Amherst County Community which she has grown to adore.

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