

# TERESA KAMPMEYER

## DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST



We want to announce that Teresa D. White Kampmeyer, District Conservationist (DC) for Wicomico, and Dorchester counties, will be retiring on June 30, 2023, with just over 39 years of government service. Teresa graduated from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in 1983 with a BS degree in Agriculture. Her passion for agriculture started when she was just a young child visiting her grandfather's cattle and tobacco farm in Frankford, Ky where her father was from. She started her career in Wicomico County in the spring of 1984, working for the county as a Public Drainage Coordinator stationed in the Wicomico SCD office. After a year learning about watersheds and walking tax ditches to record maintenance needs, she took a job as one of the first Soil Conservation planners with the State of Maryland, working for MDA in April of 1985.

It was here she learned about the importance of soil and water conservation plans and the implementation of best management practices, working to improve the water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. In August of 1987, she was offered a federal job opportunity in Princess Anne, with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (SCS at the time) as a soil conservationist. After 4 months in Somerset County an opening came up in Easton, Md., for a DC. This led NRCS to hire Teresa as a DC in training, allowing the experienced neighboring DC in Caroline County to work with her for a year to ensure she had adequate training for the DC position. After a year, in the early winter of 1989, Teresa took on the roll as DC for Talbot County. Teresa served the upper shore Districts for 24 years including time served as DC for Caroline County and Queen Anne's, before applying for the DC position in 2011 for Wicomico and Dorchester Counties. Teresa is looking forward slowing down in retirement after working for NRCS for 36 years. She and her husband, James, "Bear", live on 7.5 acres in Vienna, Md., where they enjoy gardening, hanging out with their small back yard chicken flock and relaxing by the pool in the summertime. Teresa has a daughter Megan and son-in-law Zachary, and two granddaughters living in Colorado Springs, Co. that she plans to visit more frequently during her retirement years.

To wish Teresa the best in her retirement the Wicomico Soil Conservation District would like to invite you to an open house June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM for light refreshments and cake to wish her the best in retirement.

Please come reminisce of the time you shared with Teresa over these years. Folks are also welcome to join staff after work at Burnish Beer, 2305 Northwood Drive Salisbury, MD 21801 after 4:30 pm June 28<sup>th</sup>.