

PENDER SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DESCRIPTION: The Pender Soil & Water Conservation District is a governmental subdivision of the State, authorized by the Districts Law of North Carolina, as amended. The District promotes conservation and wise use of land, water, and related resources for both agriculture and non-agriculture uses through technical, consultative and informational assistance to private landowners, local government and other agencies of state and federal government.

FY06-07 HIGHLIGHTS: The District: 1) provided design and funding for a state-of-the-art swine composting facility; 2) allocated \$169,843 from USDA/NRCS for implementing conservation practices to agricultural producers in Pender County through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP); 3) allocated \$23,829 to improve wildlife habitat on 153 acres through the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP), and allocated \$59,257 to Pender County landowners for conservation practices through the N.C. Agriculture Cost Share Program; 4) provided one (1) teacher workshop with 3.0 CEU credits for local teachers, classroom presentations for students expanding their knowledge of Environmental Education and issues, and provided assistance and funding for two (2) high school students to attend a Resource Conservation Workshop giving them the opportunity to explore career decisions; and 5) provided online access to Pender County Soil Survey.

FY07-08 GOALS: The District plans to: 1) increase the application of good conservation methods, and improve and sustain water quality throughout the County by developing resource management systems through state and federal assistance programs; 2) provide technical assistance for sludge removal from swine lagoons; 3) provide technical assistance to the swine and poultry producers that must have phosphorus based waste management plans for their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit; 4) design and provide an environmental field day for Pender County Schools, a 10-hour Food, Land and People and Project WET summer workshop for Pender County teachers, and coordinate with New Hanover and Brunswick Districts to design, coordinate and provide a 3 credit teacher re-certification workshop for teachers in these and neighboring counties; and 5) work together with swine and poultry growers in the County to achieve and maintain compliance with the .200 Regulations. (Previously required waste utilization plans, newly required waste utilization plans for poultry growers, newly introduced wettable acre calculations, and water quality guidelines, etc.)

Total FY07-08 County Funding Requested: \$68,705 Total FY07-08 County Funding Recommended: \$68,705 Total FY07-08 Agency Budget: \$96,021

SAFE HAVEN OF PENDER, INC.

DESCRIPTION: Safe Haven of Pender County provides food, clothing, shelter, and services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Pender County and beyond. Services are available for any victim of abuse regardless of age, gender, or sexual orientation. Victims may be married, living with an abusive partner, and/or have abusive family members. Additionally, Safe Haven exists to break the cycle of these crimes through outreach/intervention and the Safe Haven Youth Initiative. Safe Haven is the lead and exclusive agency in Pender County providing these services.

FY 06-07 HIGHLIGHTS: Safe Haven provides crisis intervention and a 24-hour hotline; emergency shelter; food and clothing; court advocacy; children's programs; transportation, referrals to support agencies; and weekly support groups to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The majority of sheltered clients are women with children making the majority of the sheltered clients children. From June 2005 through June 2006 Safe Haven received 315 crisis calls; served 227 clients in person; and sheltered 73 clients. In 2005-06 through the Safe Haven Youth Initiative (SHYI) 410 sessions ranging from anger management and conflict resolution to teen dating and violence and sexual assault prevention were held in Pender County Schools. 9000 students were served by these sessions, helping to break the cycle of abuse. The SHYI has also facilitated special groups for 589 at-risk students, using evidence-based curricula. These students were identified as being exposed to domestic violence or abuse. Safe Haven and the Pender County school system funded these programs through the Safe & Drug Free Schools grant.

FY 07-08 HIGHLIGHTS: Continue to take the lead role in the Pender County Coordinated Community Response Team initiative to enhance services of victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. This initiative includes enhanced court advocacy, distribution of key service numbers for distribution through first responders, training for law enforcement, and collaboration with law enforcement to develop a response protocol for these victims.

Total FY07-08 County Funding Requested: \$10,000 Total FY07-08 County Funding Recommended: \$5,000 Total FY07-08 Agency Budget: \$300,000