Make plans to join the Association for a round of Rainfall Simulator Training!

The Association will have three units, one for each region, to be housed with the Mobile Soils Classrooms. We need to have as many people trained as possible so these units are cared for properly.

TRAINING DATES / LOCATIONS – Sponsored by Duke Energy

November 28 9:30AM to 3:30PM – Waynesville

Haywood USDA Service Center, 589 Raccoon Road, Waynesville NC 28786

November 29 9:30AM to 3:30PM – Pittsboro

Chatham District Office / Ag Center Auditorium, 1192 US 64 W Business, Pittsboro NC 27312

November 30 9:30AM – 3:30PM – Greenville

Alice F Keene County Park in Pitt County, 4561 County Home Rd, Greenville, NC 27858

REGISTRATION - https://goo.gl/forms/PasrsppLeFT3tm523

- ✓ No cost, but training is only open to staff or volunteers of NC Soil and Water Conservation Districts, USDA NRCS, or Division of Soil and Water Conservation. Lunch is provided.
- ✓ Go to the link listed above to register. Classes are capped at 25 per, you will receive a notification if you are placed on a waiting list.
- ✓ Training to happen rain or shine, and includes a classroom and field portion, dress accordingly.

MEET THE TRAINERS

George "Bud" Davis with Conservation Demonstrations, is a former NRCS State Agronomist in Kansas. He has revised these units over the years to include features such as capturing the runoff and the infiltration. Many soil saving management practices can be visually demonstrated with these units. The units are an important educational tool as conservation shifts from tracking tons of soil saved per year to improving the functionality of soils and their healthy ecosystems.

Keith Thompson is one of the founding members of No-Till on the Plains. Thompson Farms, located near Osage City, grows corn, milo, soybeans, wheat, sunflowers, cover crops, forages and livestock. He has traveled extensively to compare farming practices across the world. His operation is farmed using Regenerative Farming by focusing on integrating pasture and crop grazing systems. He improves production by focusing on Diversity, Rotations, and Intensity. His goal is to have something growing on the soils always, from cash crops to forage to cover crops.