



**Save the Date!**

## **Hyde County Disaster Resiliency Workshop**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

**8:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Hyde County Government Center, 30 Oyster Creek Rd., Swan Quarter, NC**

**The Hyde County Office of Economic Development & Planning, the NC Rural Center, North Carolina Sea Grant, North Carolina Coastal Federation, and the Hyde County Soil & Water Office have been exploring ways to make homes, farmland and infrastructure less susceptible to flooding!**



### **Don't Wait Until Disaster Strikes! Join us for a Hyde County Disaster Resiliency Workshop sponsored by the NC Rural Center!**

Our workshop will include a report on the progress of this work, along with keynote speakers who will share their knowledge about disaster recovery. The workshop will conclude with a tour of the Hyde Government Center, the Historic Courthouse, local homes that have been elevated, and the Swan Quarter Dike. Eastern North Carolina residents are encouraged to come learn about the options identified and to provide input on flooding concerns.

**A light breakfast and registration will begin at 8:30 AM. Lunch will be provided to all participants. Please RSVP to Rosemary Johnson (252-926-4474) by April 15 to give us an accurate lunch count.**

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**Guest Speakers:**



**Alice Keeney**, is the retired County Planner and Economic Developer for Hyde County where she was employed for 15 years. She was responsible for planning and economic development in one of North Carolina's most rural counties with a principal goal of protecting the natural environment of the county while encouraging feasible, aesthetically attractive development. As Economic Developer, she was responsible for attracting new business and nurturing small and startup business while implementing and maintaining economic development programs concerned with retaining existing business and industry. During the course of her employment, Ms. Keeney gained a vast amount of experience in the area of disaster recovery, having been a key player involved in recovery efforts following several hurricanes, including Floyd & Isabell. Ms. Keeney will talk about the history of disaster recovery and mitigation efforts in Hyde County.



**Jessica Whitehead, Ph.D.**, works with North Carolina Sea Grant/N.C. State University as a Coastal Communities Hazards Adaptation Specialist. Ms. Whitehead develops outreach programs for decision makers along the North Carolina coast that provide them with tailored, decision-relevant information about the impacts of climate variability and long-term climate change on coastal areas. Ms. Whitehead will discuss flood resiliency planning, Hyde County farming and infrastructure.



**Erin Fleckenstein**, is a Coastal Scientist with the North Carolina Coastal Federation. She also manages the Federation's Northeast Regional Office in Manteo. Ms. Fleckenstein leads a variety of initiatives to restore wetlands, create oyster sanctuaries and living shorelines, and build rain gardens. Ms. Fleckenstein will discuss the Lux Farms project in Hyde County.



## County Government:



**Daniel Brinn** serves as the North Carolina Agricultural Cost Share Technician for the Hyde County Soil and Water Conservation District. He provides technical assistance in implementing Best Management Practices on land within Hyde County to prevent non-point source pollution. He also assisted local landowners with drainage design and helps maintain the Swan Quarter Watershed Project on behalf of Hyde County. Mr. Brinn will lead the guided tour of the Swan Quarter Dike System and mitigation projects.



**Kris Noble**, is Hyde County's Planner and Economic Development Director since 2012. Ms. Noble is responsible for planning and economic development with a principal goal of developing commerce within the county by providing infrastructure and creating jobs while encouraging feasible, hazard resilient development. She is responsible for attracting new business and nurturing small and start-up businesses, while implementing and maintaining economic development programs concerned with retaining existing business and industry.

## The Rural Center:



**Chilton Rogers**, a member of the N.C. Rural Center staff since 2008, is a community and economic development practitioner. In her work at the center, she has extensive experience applying economic development concepts and principles to actual, on-the-ground situations and conditions. She first joined the Rural Center as the NC STEP (Small Towns Economic Prosperity) program Senior Coach working in small towns across the state and overseeing the other STEP coaches. In 2014, she became the Director of Community Engagement. The N.C. Rural Center is co-sponsor of the workshop.



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## AGENDA

8:30 - 9:00 am – Registration, light breakfast

9:00 – 9:30 am – Welcome, Hyde County Disaster History

- Alice Keeney

9:30 - 10:30 am – Flood Resiliency Planning and Hyde County Homeowners

- Jessica Whitehead, PhD – Coastal Communities Hazards Adaptation Specialist, North Carolina Sea Grant
- TBD - National Weather Service
- Kris Cahoon Noble – Hyde County Planning & Economic Development Director

10:30 – 10:45 am – Break

10:45 - 12:00 pm – Flood Resiliency and Hyde County Farms and Infrastructure

- Jessica Whitehead, PhD – Coastal Communities Hazards Adaptation Specialist, North Carolina Sea Grant
- Erin Fleckenstein, NC Coastal Federation
- Kris Cahoon Noble – Hyde County Planning & Economic Development Director

12:00 - 1:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 pm – Flood & Farm History in Swan Quarter

- Daniel Brinn – Hyde County Soil & Water Conservation District

1:30 – 3:00 pm – Tour of Swan Quarter’s Dike System and Mitigations

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