

VOLUNTEERS

Helping People Help the Land

Burdon Provides Over 5,000 Hours of Clerical Assistance

Kelly Burdon provides valuable clerical assistance as an Earth Team Volunteer in NRCS Rhode Island State Office. Since she started in May 2003, Kelly has volunteered two days a week for an amazing total of more than 5,000 hours.

Kelly was referred by Access Point RI, a non-profit organization for children and adults with developmental disabilities and quickly found the perfect fit with NRCS.

"I like to volunteer my time at NRCS since it allows me to help other people complete work related to conservation," said Kelly Burdon.

Each week, she works with Walter Marshall, NRCS Public Affairs Specialist, to assemble various outreach and program application folders for potential NRCS customers. Kelly works independently to complete the folders, package the forms in a customer-friendly manner and ensure that all documents are current. This material is often the first information that potential clients receive from NRCS and first impressions are lasting impressions.

"Kelly demonstrates excellent organization skills when she updates the file folders. In addition, she always remembers to think 'green' by recycling outdated materials," Marshall noted. Kelly is also ready at a moment's notice to change gears and assist with other tasks essential to providing assistance to local producers.

"Kelly's wonderful disposition with her positive attitude and cheerful personality are benefits enjoyed by all which makes 'putting conservation on the ground' that much easier for the entire Rhode Island NRCS staff," said Marshall.



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The Earth Team is the volunteer component of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.



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