



Karen Winkle joined us this month to fill in for Holly Boyson in our Human Resources Department while Holly is on maternity leave. Karen was recently hired by the NRCS through the Business Management Leaders Program (BMLP). Her first BMLP rotation was in a field office in Lexington, NC, where the District Conservationist was great, and made everything into a learning experience. She got to assist with several practices including wetland determinations, surveying for terraces, lagoon closure inspections, watershed inspections, and other issues. From there, she went to the State Office in Richmond, Virginia for Acquisitions and learned a lot about leasing and purchases. After Richmond, she was assigned to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to learn more about Finance, and worked with several different programs. Her Human Resources rotation

was spent in Alexandria, Louisiana, after which she returned back to North Carolina. While she says the offices that hosted her were “wonderful”, she admits enjoying the field office most.

This is her first government job, although she did a short stint with the USPS. When she isn't in New Hampshire, she lives in North Carolina, and works at the East National Technology Service Center in Greensboro, where she supports New York State as a Human Resources Specialist. She has worked in Human Resources for most of her career. Karen grew up in Michigan, though, so the NH's snow and cold seems normal to her. She is excited at the opportunity to work here in New Hampshire and says, “Everyone has been wonderful and helpful”.