

VOLUNTEER SHOWCASE

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Students Gain Conservation Experience In West Virginia NRCS

Last year, three student volunteers helped the Grant County West Virginia NRCS assist area landowners in establishing beneficial conservation practices.

Volunteer efforts like the ones here allows NRCS to stretch resources and put additional conservation practices on the ground to improve our environment.

Retired veteran and college student Daniel Appold contributed to conservation efforts as an Earth Team Volunteer.

Last fall, Daniel spent time volunteering with NRCS in Grant, Hardy and Mineral Counties. The 552 volunteer hours worked in the Volunteer Program helped Daniel meet the professional experience requirement at Potomac State College needed to complete his Bachelor's Degree. One project highlight involved Daniel helping a landowner plant 30 trees to function as a windbreak for cattle.



Daniel Appold helping plant trees to function as a windbreak for cattle.



High school student Tyler Rohrbaugh working in the field

High school students Tyler Rohrbaugh and Jesse Walker spent the summer as NRCS Earth team volunteers. The experience allowed the two students to contribute to the Agency's efforts to improve the land and environment. Volunteer projects included obtaining soil samples in pasture and hay fields, assisting with tree planting and completing pasture land assessments.

Tyler Rohrbaugh, Jesse Walker, and Daniel Appold, we celebrate you for making a difference in Grant County, WV!



The Earth Team is the volunteer component of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a USDA agency. For more about NRCS and the Earth Team, visit www.usda.nrcs.gov.

If you are interested in volunteering, call (888) 526-3227 or visit your local NRCS office to learn about volunteer opportunities.