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NRCS selects new district conservationist for Southern Aroostook

BANGOR, Maine (Nov. 2, 2020) – The USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has selected **Phil Quint** as new District Conservationist for Southern Aroostook County.



Southern Aroostook District Conservationist Phil Quint.

Quint, a Houlton native who most recently served as an NRCS Soil Conservationist in the USDA Service Center in Houlton, started in the new position at that office on Oct. 28, 2020. Quint is replacing Helena Swiatek, who was selected as the NRCS District Conservation for Central Aroostook in Presque Isle.

“Soil conservation is the first step in making sure that crops – including potatoes – are productive on our farms in the County, and Phil is a true expert in that field,” State Conservationist Matt Walker said. “He knows the farms and communities around Houlton, and for the past decade has been focused on helping landowners address a

variety of resource concerns like erosion or ag waste storage.

“Phil is a really strong advocate for our farmers and landowners in Aroostook County; we’re lucky that he continues to be part of the USDA team of professionals,” Walker added.

Quint grew up in the Houlton area, graduated from Hodgdon High School in 2002, and earned a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Science (with a minor in Wildlife Ecology) from the University of Maine at Fort Kent in 2008.

He started his career with NRCS as a soil conservation technician in 2010 in the Houlton Field Office, and later served as a soil conservationist in Presque Isle. In 2017 he transitioned back to the Houlton Field Office as a soil conservationist.

“As my role changes here in the Houlton Field Office I hope to make the transition as seamless as possible for clients here in the Southern Aroostook area,” Quint explained.

“Working in the Houlton Field Office on two different occasions over the past 10 years has helped me continue to identify and address natural resource concerns here in Southern Aroostook. I look forward to continuing to work with existing clients and hope to increase participation with new clients moving forward.”

Quint can be reached at philip.quint@usda.gov.

The USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides leadership and technical assistance to address natural resource conservation issues on private land. NRCS employees work to improve and protect natural resources in partnership with Maine's 16 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, federal, state and local agencies, farmers, landowners and communities. The partnership's commitment to conservation provides a solid foundation to a locally led program delivery system. The partnership is also committed to a voluntary, incentive-based approach to private land stewardship and conservation treatment.

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