

Debbie Maner - North Carolina

Debbie Maner was first employed with the North Carolina Rural Water Association in January of 1999 as a Groundwater Specialist and has been instrumental in the success of the Wellhead Protection Program in North Carolina. She has been directly involved in the development and completion of a large percentage of the state approved Wellhead Protection Plans. She has worked with the Source Water Protection Program since July of 2004.

Debbie is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Asheville with a BS in Environmental Studies - Pollution Analysis and Control. As an intern with Land of Sky Regional Council in Asheville during her senior year, she worked on a pilot Wellhead Protection Plan for the Town of Black Mountain, and co-authored the final Plan submitted to the town and to the state for their approval. It was the first Wellhead Protection Plan to be approved by the state. Debbie also has an Associate Arts degree from the College of the Albemarle in Manteo, North Carolina in Liberal Arts.

Prior to employment with the NCRWA, Debbie worked as a Hydrogeological Technician for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Groundwater Section and Underground Storage Tank Section, in the Washington Regional Office for three years. During this time she managed the clean up of soil and groundwater contamination incidents in a six county area. She has also been employed as an analytical chemist by the Environmental Quality Institute in Asheville and has worked as an Environmental Specialist with Environmental Management Corporation East, an environmental consulting firm located in Black Mountain, North Carolina.