

NRCS Chief Weller Announces Acting Director for the Pacific Islands Area

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Jason Weller, Chief of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced Ms. Christine S. Clarke as the Acting Director for the Pacific Islands Area. Effective January 6, 2014, Ms. Clarke will be in Honolulu to oversee the NRCS employees throughout Hawaii and the Pacific.

Ms. Clarke served as State Conservationist for the NRCS in Massachusetts since November, 2006. As State Conservationist, Clarke is responsible for the federal agency's programs, operations and staff in Massachusetts, fulfilling the agency's mission of "helping people help the land" in the Bay State. A Rhode Island native, Clarke began her career with the agency – then known as the Soil Conservation Service – in 1981 in the Newport field office as a soil conservation technician. She has been with the agency for 28 years, during which time she has served in several technical capacities including soil scientist, GIS Coordinator, and SSURGO coordinator. Clarke has worked in several states with NRCS, including Washington, DC.

Clarke, who enjoys kayaking, gardening and anything outdoors, holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Rhode Island in Resource Development and Soil Science, and a graduate certificate from the University of Connecticut in GIS. She is a certified Soil Scientist. Please help us in welcoming Ms. Clarke to the islands!



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