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Mr. James Coman, Chairperson
Buncombe Soil and Water Conservation District
155 Hilliard Avenue, Suite 204
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Dear James,

On behalf of the North Carolina Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation's Board of Directors, I am delighted to inform you that the Foundation has awarded a **\$2,500.00** grant to the Buncombe Soil and Water Conservation District for the Pisgah Elementary Outdoor Environmental Learning Center. This grant is made available to your Conservation District for the purchase of basic materials and educational resources to be used in the installation and use of the outdoor environmental learning center as described in your proposal to the Foundation.

The creation of outdoor environmental learning centers is a high priority Foundation goal. Through this goal, the Foundation is helping conservation districts provide environment learning experiences for students in public schools throughout the State. We encourage your District to be actively involved with the installation process. We will rely on you to handle all notifications and communication with your contacts at the school concerning this grant. In addition, we request that you complete and report the project as soon as possible and not later than **June 1, 2014**.

In the interest of getting this project going as soon as possible, we are enclosing the Foundation's Statement of Agreement and Grantee's Acceptance. ***Please carefully review this document, obtain the needed signatures, and return two signed copies of the form to the Foundation at your earliest convenience.*** If you have questions, please contact Foundation staff at 919-510-4599.

This support was made possible by a grant from the **Walmart Foundation**. We requests that you include appropriate recognition of the Walmart Foundation's generous support at a strategic location in the center. We encourage you to publicize this grant and your efforts in your local media. We ask that you please share news articles, photographs, other documents, and experiences with us so we might pass them on to the Walmart Foundation. Our Board of Directors is happy to have a part in your important project.

Sincerely,



Michelle Lovejoy, Executive Director