

Debbie Maner

NCRWA Source Water Protection Specialist

Debbie Maner began employment with the North Carolina Rural Water Association in January of 1999 as a Groundwater Specialist and has been instrumental in the progress of the Wellhead Protection Program and the Source Water Assessment and 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 and Source Water Protection Plans. Along with attending numerous educational seminars every year, Debbie has a C-Well Water System Operator Certification and is a member of the North Carolina Waterworks Operator's Association.

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, NC, 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. 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, a consulting firm located in Black Mountain, NC.