Name: Heather Jacobs Deck

STAC Member Since: August 2012

Title: Pamlico-Tar Riverkeeper, Assistant Director

Department: Washington, NC

Organization: Pamlico-Tar River Foundation

Education: MEM Water Resources, Duke University (2000) BA Biology, Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania (1998)

Primary Focus Area: Riverine water quality; river protection and improvement through

advocacy, education and research

Secondary Focus Area(s): Water quality restoration and monitoring

Career Experiences: I joined the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation as the first Pamlico-Tar Riverkeeper in July 2003. In my current position, I am the foundation's lead science and policy director in which my duties include developing and implementing our advocacy, legislative and policy campaigns. I oversee the Foundation's Environmental Restoration Program. Current work includes water quality improvements via stormwater BMP implementation and restoring fish passage in the Tar River. Other duties include management of volunteer & education programs. I currently fill one of the conservation seats on the North Carolina Sediment Control Commission, as well as being appointed to the Tar-Pamlico Basin Oversight Committee.

Current project grants include: 1) water quality restoration planning for Meeting House Branch, Greenville; 2) Stormwater improvements at the Edgecombe Community College Campus, Tarboro; and 3) Ecotourism and public access improvements via construction of camping platforms and camping trail, Tar-Pamlico River.

Prior to working with PTRF I worked for ASA Analysis and Communication in Pennsylvania as an environmental consultant. In addition, I was an agroforestry and environmental education Peace Corps Volunteer, located in El Salvador.