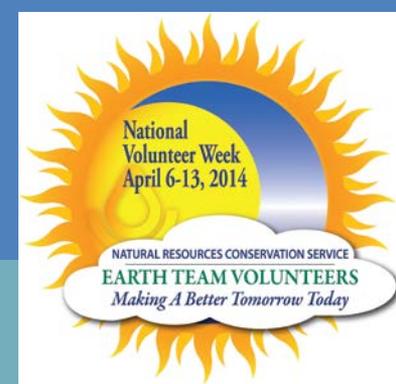


Earth Team Volunteer Spotlight

Allegra Stransky



I grew up outside Durango, Colorado on a small organic farm where we raised pigs, chickens, cows and vegetables. After high school I attended Fort Lewis College and graduated in 2008 with a degree in Environmental Biology and a minor in Chemistry. During my last year of college I was hired with a local environmental consulting company and thus began my professional life.

Working as an environmental consultant exposed me to many interesting facets of the environmental field; I participated in forestry surveys, storm water BMPs and sediment control, oil and gas Phase 1 assessments, biological surveys, endangered species surveys and GIS. I worked with that company for five years before meeting my husband, a soldier in the Army.

His army career led me to Ft. Benning, Georgia where I was hired as a civilian contractor for the land management division on the base, working as a watershed technician. Our latest army move was to Ft. Stewart, Georgia where I am currently an Earth Team volunteer with NRCS. I am enjoying learning about coastal Georgia and experiencing life in the low country.

"While volunteering with the Richmond Hill Field Office, Ali hit the ground running. She has accompanied us on numerous site visits with producers in our area and helped with follow up documentation and conservation planning on those farms. She has attended a Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting and helped prepare for and participate in several field days and outreach events. Ali has also helped me with contract reviews and practice reminder letters. She has been a great help since she started and we look forward to delving further into conservation activities in the future with her." -- Karri Honaker, District Conservationist