



Earth Team Volunteer Spotlight

Amanda Gibbons Guam

Amanda Gibbons, better known as Amy, started out as an Earth Team Volunteer in mid-May, 2004. Amy had applied for a Forestry position within the Department of Agriculture, Government of Guam, when she was contacted by John “Bart” Lawrence, State Resource Conservationist. A fellow (former) Washington resident and Washington State University graduate, Bart advised Amy of the USDA-NRCS Earth Team Volunteer Program. “He is the one who sold the Earth Team Volunteer program to me – he convinced me it would be good to get some local experience while I waited to hear about the GovGuam position”, explains Amy.

Unfortunately, the GovGuam job didn’t work out, but fortunately for NRCS, Amy is enjoying her Earth Team Volunteer experiences and is dedicated to volunteering as much as she can. Amy has been working at the Barrigada Service Center, assisting on resource projects for Colleen Simpson, Conservation Technology Specialist, and Dr. Robert Gavenda, State Soils Scientist.



Amy grew up in northwest Washington and graduated from Washington State University in 1997, with a degree in Natural Resource Management. Along with her husband, who works for USDA Wildlife Services on Andersen Air Force Base, she relocated to Guam this past January. Hobbies include hiking, snorkeling and scuba diving. During the school year Amy is a substitute teacher for DODEA schools.