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My name is Saahirah Walton and I am the new Service Forester for Lawrence and Mercer Counties. I grew up in Northeast Ohio and graduated from West Virginia University with a bachelor's in Wildlife and Fisheries Resources and minors in Forestry and Conservation Ecology. After college I worked with the Forest Service and then the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in a few different states. I moved to Mercer County in late May to start as the Service Forester with DCNR Bureau of Forestry in the Clear Creek Forest District.

I'm very excited to have made my way back to this area and I'm looking forward to settling into this new position. As a service forester, I help private forest landowners accomplish their goals, as well as assist the community by providing free resources and assistance to help keep trees and forests healthy. For example, I can:

- Provide technical assistance on your forested land
- Discuss cost-share assistance
- Provide information on hiring a professional forester/consulting forester
- Review Forest Management Plans
- Provide regional planning advice
- Advise landowners on forestry and water quality best management practices
- Provide workshops and education on topics relating to forestry for birds, tree ID, invasive plants, timber harvesting, and educational programs for schools and communities.

I am here to promote and assist with rural and community forestry in Lawrence and Mercer Counties through a variety of different avenues. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or are interested in an educational workshop or program. You can call me at 814-319-7941 or email me at [saawalton@pa.gov](mailto:saawalton@pa.gov).