

Jeff Foster, PE

Jeff Foster is a NC Civil PE with a degree in Architectural Technology from Wake Technical Community College (WTCC). Jeff's career began in 1989 as a draftsman with Ragsdale Consultants where he soon ramped up adoption of AutoCAD® and Softdesk® for new projects. He taught AutoCAD to engineering students at night at WTCC and soon became a recognized AutoCAD authority. While progressing within the civil engineering field, he continued to work evenings developing AutoCAD enhancements, eventually starting an AutoCAD support website known as CADShack.com, a website recognized as a Top Ten in the world by CADALYST magazine. Jeff went on to establish AutoCAD standards and train employees in Softdesk and Land Development Desktop® for previous employers; McKim & Creed, CE Group, Brooks Engineering, and Mercer Design Group.

Jeff sat for the PE and passed it in 2002 while employed at CE Group, the same week his daughter, Belle, was born. His ongoing desire for knowledge and skill in the civil engineering field often saw him working on ways to simplify the day-to-day design requirements he and others faced. His efforts also came during a time of transition for many in the industry when design was often done by hand or with relatively simple computer programs. Sometimes it took shape in spreadsheets or in AutoCAD shortcuts or simple programs written in AutoLISP. These constant efforts to improve efficiency and productivity also allowed for gaining an enhanced knowledge of civil engineering principles, including stormwater management and BMP design.

Jeff is also an NCDENR certified BMP Stormwater Plan Reviewer and Level One certified NCDOT erosion control inspector. He is now an independent Engineering and CAD consultant, and co-owner of Cooking Traditional Foods, an online menu planning service located at www.cookingtf.com. He, his wife KerryAnn, and children, Belle and Trey, live in Asheville, NC. He can be reached at (828) 545-2972 or jrfosterjr@yahoo.com.