

Leigha Williamson Assistant County Manager report:

I interviewed one of Catawba County's assistant managers, Mary Furtado.

Q: What is your as one of Catawba County's assistant managers?

A: "To work with Cooperative Extension, Board of Election, Parks and Recreation and Technology."

Q: How long have you been an assistant manager with Catawba County?

A: "Just under three years. Started the position in 2011."

Q: What type of schooling do you have to perform your job?

A: "Masters Degree in Public Education"

Q: When did you realize that you wanted to work in the public part of government?

A: "In high school in the 11th and 12th grades."

Q: Do you plan on becoming a county manager one day?

A: "Yes, but I feel there is so much more for me to learn as an assistant manager. I still like knowing that I can go to someone, such as, my county manager, if I have questions."

Q: What is your favorite part of the job as an assistant manager?

A: "My favorite part of the job is making a difference in people's lives. I know I make a difference, even though it is indirectly. For instance, foster care, I am not involved with the children directly, but what I do at my job helps make a better life for them."

Q: What is your least favorite part of the job as an assistant manager?

A: "When you have people bashing the government, and coming in to your office and blaming you for things that you have no control over and having to remain professional."