

## *Coordinator's Report – October 1, 2007 – November 29, 2007*

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### **Training/Workshops/Seminars Attended**

- October 19 – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour, Prince George County
- November 1 – Litter Control Summit, Charlottesville, VA
- November 16 – Green Infrastructure Workshop, Charlottesville, VA

### **Meetings**

- October 18 – Met with Dinwiddie County Administrator, Kevin Massengill regarding Litter Control project.
- October 25 – Attended the RC&D Forestry Committee meeting in Waverly, VA
- November 2 – Met with DCR, Regional Manager Noah Hill about the Albemarle-Chowan Roundtable.
- November 8 – Met with Southampton County Assistant Administrator Jay Randolph on the uses of vacant school building in Ivor, VA.
- November 13 – Traveled to Greensville County to view first well that was decommissioned.
- November 14 – Attended Albemarle-Chowan Roundtable Steering Committee meeting.
- November 15 – Attended VARCD Fall Meeting in Charlottesville, VA.
- November 28 – Attended FOLAR meeting.

### **Project Updates**

- **Albemarle - Chowan Basin Roundtable** – The Steering Committee met on November 14, 2007. DCR will hand over leadership activities of the roundtable to the RC&D Council. DCR has \$7,000 to use for roundtable activities. The committee would like to use those funds to sponsor a “River Day” event in April. The next meeting will mostly likely be held in January to plan and discuss roundtable activities.
- **Classroom Mini-Grants** – Classroom mini-grants applications were received from the following schools:
  - Edward W. Wyatt Middle School (Greensville County)
  - Southampton County Elementary Schools (Nottoway, Meherrin, Hunterdale, & Capron)
  - Prince George High School

The Council also recently submitted a mini-grant to DCR's Southern Rivers NPS Reduction Activities program for \$3,000. If the grant is funded this will help us fund another round of mini-grants to area schools. The grant will be matched with \$3,000 that the Council has already set aside for mini-grants.

- **Well Decommissioning (Greensville)** – All four wells have been decommissioned. The Independent Messenger newspaper ran an article on the wells that were decommissioned by the Council. Lin stated he has received three calls from other citizens interested in the program. We are still waiting to receive the invoice for payment from the contractor.
- **Well Decommissioning (Hopewell)** – Don, Robyn, and I identified about three streets in Hopewell with homes that had wells. Letters will be mailed to the homeowners to see if assistance is needed to decommission wells.

## **Potential Projects**

- **Litter Control** – Dinwiddie County had a town hall meeting on October 3, 2007 concerning litter control. I contacted the County Administrator, Kevin Massengill and informed him that the Council could possibly provide assistance if needed. Shared information with Kevin about the success that Black Diamond RC&D had with their litter control program. I was asked to serve on Dinwiddie Litter Control Committee.
- **Ivor School Building** – The town of Ivor held a town hall meeting on October 30, 2007 regarding potential use of a vacant elementary school. I was able to meet with the Assistant County Administrator Jay Randolph and shared with him RC&D involvement in Burrowsville School project. He was very interested in any assistance that the RC&D Council could offer on the project. A Steering Committee meeting will be held in January and Jay would like for us to be involved.
- **Biodiesel Fuel Quality Seminar** – Virginia Clean Cities recently conducted four Biodiesel Fuel Quality Seminars throughout the state. I attended the seminar in Chesterfield. It may be a good seminar to conduct in our council area to continue promoting education in biofuels. The target audience for this workshop could be transportation departments for city/county government and also school systems. Virginia Clean Cities indicated that they would be very interested to work with the council to conduct this seminar in our council area.
- **Regional Greenway/Blue Trail Project** – FOLAR will have some small projects that will need to be funded or sponsored to enhance their trail project in Petersburg and Hopewell. The RC&D Council could possibly fund a project in each locality as a beautification project. This would help us meet our goal of implementing beautification projects in the cities and also show our support to FOLAR and their trail project.

### **Additional Items**

- **Hopewell Ethanol Plant** – I was recently contacted by John Warren, Virginia Director of Energy regarding the ethanol plant in Hopewell. John thinks the ethanol plant would be a great asset to the city of Hopewell. He was interested in knowing the Council's position and thoughts on the plant coming to Hopewell. He feels the Council would have a high interest in the ethanol plant due to the impact it may have on farmers in the area.

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