

## *Coordinator's Report – February 1, 2009 – March 30, 2009*

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### **Project Updates**

- **Prince George & Dinwiddie Drinking Water Clinics** – Prince George & Dinwiddie County Cooperative Extension have concluded their Drinking Water Clinics. Prince George had 102 participants and Dinwiddie had 60 participants. Both Counties were dispersed their \$1,000 payment. Many of the participants also completed our area plan survey.
- **Albemarle - Chowan Watershed Roundtable** – The last Roundtable meeting was held on February 25, 2009 in Alberta, VA at Southside Virginia Community College. Sandra Tanner, Tourism Specialist with Virginia Tourism Corporation was the guest speaker. Sandra discussed greenway/blueway trail projects in Southside Virginia.
  - Albemarle-Chowan Watershed & Rivers Day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 in Franklin, VA at Blackwater Boat Landing.
  - The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2009 at City Hall in Franklin, VA from 10:30am – 12:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Lynn Crump, Environmental Programs Planner with DCR. Lynn will discuss the Scenic Rivers Program.
- **Educator and Youth Mini-Grant Program** – Grants were recently awarded for \$500 to:
  - JEB Stuart Elementary School (Petersburg) – This project consists of fourth grade students removing litter from schools grounds and adjacent wooded areas. Students will also plant a variety of trees on the school grounds to improve beautification. Students will learn how natural resources can be negatively impacted by litter through classroom education. The grant money will be used to purchase trash bags, gloves, trees, compost, and fertilizer.
  - Chowan Basin SWCD – This grant will be used to provide an “on the farm” field day experience for approximately 250 second and third graders from public and private schools in Sussex County. The event will allow students to learn about natural resources and conservation topics at eight stations, each lasting 12 – 15 minutes. Stations topics include water quality, soils/erosion, wildlife, forestry, crops/life cycles, aquaculture, farm equipment, and a craft station where students will make a soil profile tube and crop art.
- **Rain Barrel Workshops** – The Council is partnering with James River SWCD to hold two rain barrel workshops in Prince George. The workshops will be held on April 14th and May 21<sup>st</sup>. The registration fee is \$35.

- **Waverly Food Bank** – I met with Mission Ministries on February 19<sup>th</sup> to review and discuss the content of the Altria grant application with members. The grant application was submitted to Altria for \$33,500 on February 23, 2009. A grant application was also submitted to Dominion Power on February 27, 2009. Both applications are currently pending. I plan to provide Mission Ministries with information on other foundations that may be possible funding sources for the food bank project.

**Project Proposals – See attached sheet**

- **Wyatt Middle School Outdoor Classroom**
- **COOP Plan Training**

**Important Dates to Remember**

- VARC&D Spring Meeting - April 29 – May 1, 2009, South Boston, VA
- National RC&D Conference – June 14-17, 2009, Albuquerque, NM

**Meetings/Events Attended**

- February 4 – Dinwiddie County Drinking Water Clinic, Dinwiddie, VA
- February 13 – Appomattox River SWCD Strategic Planning Meeting, Petersburg, VA
- February 19 – Mission Ministries Meeting, Waverly, VA
- February 24 – Sustainable Forestry Workshop Planning Meeting, Wakefield, VA
- February 25 - Appomattox River SWCD Farmers Breakfast, Mckenney, VA
- February 25 - Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable Meeting, Alberta, VA
- March 5 - James River SWCD Meeting, Prince George, VA
- March 19 – USDA Outreach Conference, Virginia State University
- March 20 – Connect Southside Steering Committee Meeting, Hopewell, VA
- March 23 – Chowan Basin SWCD Strategic Planning Meeting, Franklin, VA
- March 27 – Sustainable Forestry Workshop, Wakefield, VA

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