

Coordinator's Report – April 1, 2008 – May 29, 2008

Meetings/Events Attended

- April 1 – Sussex County Youth Farm Day
- April 18 – Wyatt Middle School River Day
- April 19 – Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Rivers Day, Franklin
- April 24 – Forestry Committee Meeting, Spring Grove (Prince George Co)
- April 29 – May 2 – VARC&D Spring Meeting, Breaks State Park
- May 8 – Biodiesel Workshop, Prince George
- May 28 – Old Patrick Copeland Site Meeting, Hopewell
- May 28 – FOLAR Meeting, Petersburg

Project Updates

- **Educator and Youth Mini-Grants** – All of the mini-grant projects have been completed. All final reports should be in to me by tomorrow. I will be compiling a final report to submit to DCR on June 6, 2008. The Council will receive a final report with a summary of accomplishments at the next meeting.
- **Albemarle - Chowan Watershed Roundtable** - Albemarle-Chowan Watershed & Rivers Day program was held on April 19, 2008 at Blackwater Landing in Franklin, VA. There were about 100 people in attendance and 12 exhibitors from environmental agencies and organizations.

We did not receive any entries back from the high schools for the Roundtable Logo Contest. However, many of the Roundtable Partners did like the logo on the t-shirts that were made for Rivers Day and suggested that we use it for the Roundtable.

The next Roundtable meeting has been scheduled for June 26, 2008 in Greensville County at the County Administration Building. Mark Mansfield from Army Corps of Engineers will be our guest speaker. Mark will discuss the Chowan River Basin Study that will be conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers once funding is available from Congress.

- **Biodiesel Fuel Quality Seminar** – The seminar was held on May 8th in the Prince George County Human Services Building. There were about 25 people in attendance. The audience consisted of people from Chesterfield, Hopewell and Petersburg fleet departments. We also had representatives from Goochland County Public Schools fleet department and the Military. We had a total of five speakers with one being Prince George High School Teacher, Randy Bullock and two of his students whom discussed their Biodiesel Production Project.

Potential Projects

- **Old Patrick Copeland School Streambank Erosion Project** – Met with the Hopewell City Engineer Johnnie Butler, NRCS District Conservationist Anthony Howell, and FOLAR Vice-Chair Wayne Walton to review previous design and cost estimates to fix erosion problem that were done in 2006. The City Engineer

thought the design was very well done and no changes needed to be made to cost estimates.

- **Equine Workshop** – I have spoken with Bonnie and Linda about the RC&D Council, Appomattox River and James River SWCD partnering together to host an Equine Workshop at the VSU's Randolph Farm Pavilion. I hope to incorporate the development of horse trails into the workshop.

Other Items

- **Farm Bill** - The Farm Bill has been passed and it contained language that makes it a law that all Councils have Coordinators. However, the appropriations committee still needs to set the funding levels, which should begin mid to late June.
- **National RC&D Week** is September 21-27, 2008.
- **Awards Banquet** – Hopefully this year we can have an awards banquet or dinner to recognize some of our partners, highlight our projects and recognize certain individuals and organizations in the community in the areas of education, public service, community development, and conservation.

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