

During the past twelve months the Council was very busy and successful. The new year started with a new Coordinator and Patrick has done an outstanding job in the performance of his duties. We also had a few Council member changes which will be noted later in this report.



A letter was sent to the Navy Department opposing OLF and supporting localities that are against the proposal as well.

Two grants were received from Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation. One grant was for \$7,000 to coordinate projects and activities for the Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable. The Council also received a \$3,000 Southern Rivers Mini-Grant for our Educator and Youth Mini-Grant Program.

Some of the projects we participated in or sponsored were the Small-Scale Woodland Management Workshop, Fall Forestry and Wildlife Bus Tour, Biodiesel Fuel Quality Seminar and Well Capping. Please note that this closes out the Well Capping Project at this time, if another application is received it will be considered at that time.

Two other region wide projects were implemented during the year. The Educator & Youth Mini-Grant Program, benefited over 3300 youth in our Council area. In partnership with our Roundtable partners we were able to coordinate our first Albemarle-Chowan Watershed & Rivers Day event, a watershed awareness project.

I would like to thank Anna K. Cahoon, the RC&D Forester, for her contributions to the Council as she has resigned her position. The Forestry Committee remains very active with their meetings.

During the past year one new Council member was appointed and I would like to welcome Vandy Jones from the City of Petersburg.

Thank you for taking time to read this report and it was a honor once again to serve as Chairman. If you wish to offer possible ways that you may become involved in any of our projects, please feel free to contact our RC&D Coordinator, Patrick for information as an official "Earth Team Volunteer."

Don Bagshaw

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Chairman

Well Capping in Greensville County



Employees from Branch Welding Excavating look down into the well as it is filled with gravel during the well capping process.

To protect groundwater quality the RC&D Council capped four wells in Greensville County. The wells were determined to be a safety hazard or had potential to be a point source to groundwater contamination. Landowners received cost share assistance between 50% - 100% for wells to be capped. Since 2004, the RC&D Council capped a total of eight wells in five counties.

Small-Scale Woodland Management Workshop



Watkins Outdoor Products, Inc Contractor, Glen Newman speaks to participants about proper felling and chainsaw

The RC&D Council sponsored a Small-Scale Woodland Management Workshop for landowners that manage less than twenty acres. Thirty participants attended the workshop at Eastside Community Enhancement Center in Dinwiddie County. Landowners received indoor classroom instruction on basic forestry practices, hiring a contractor, and non-timber forest products. Participants also received outdoor classroom instruction on chainsaw safety, proper felling, crop tree selection, and low impact harvesting.

Educator & Youth Mini-Grant Program



Students from Southampton Middle School look on as their teacher Mimi Rudy explains the watershed model.

South Centre Corridors RC&D Council sponsored an Educator & Youth Mini-Grant Program in our Council area. The Council allocated \$3,000 and received a \$3,000 matching grant from Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation's Southern Rivers Mini-Grant program. The purpose of the grants were to fund projects at area schools that would educate youth on the environment and natural resources. Ten projects were funded that benefited over 3,300 youth from 14 schools.

Albemarle - Chowan Watershed & Rivers Day



Stacey Brown from Virginia Save Our Streams demonstrates water quality monitoring with youth at Rivers Day.

Under the leadership of the South Centre Corridors RC&D Council the Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable held their first event on April 19, 2008 at Blackwater Landing in Franklin, VA. The event was called Albemarle-Chowan Watershed & Rivers Day. The Rivers Day event was an awareness day program to educate citizens about protecting the watershed. Over 100 participants attended the event.

Fall Forestry & Wildlife Bus Tour



Ashby Brown from Woods, Water, & Life, Inc discuss restoration management issues with tour participants at the JEJ Moore Middle School Outdoor Classroom/Nature Trail.

The RC&D Council participated in the planning of the 31st Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour that took place in Prince George & Surry Counties. This tour is an annual event that is coordinated by Virginia Cooperative Extension. The tour incorporated some historical elements to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown while still providing participants with information on forestry and wildlife.

Biodiesel Fuel Quality Seminar



Dennis Sullick from Virginia Biodiesel Refinery speaks to participants during the seminar about basic biodiesel knowledge.

In an effort to promote biofuels education in our project area, twenty-three participants attended a Biodiesel Fuel Quality Seminar in Prince George. This workshop was targeted towards fleet managers and petroleum marketers. Seminar participants gained knowledge on blending considerations, blending techniques, cold weather considerations, and storing blends. Project partners that helped make the seminar a success were Virginia Clean Cities and Virginia Biodiesel Refinery.

About South Centré Corridors RC&D

South Centré Corridors RC&D is a local Non Profit 501(c)(3) corporation. The members of the corporation include five counties, two cities, three Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and one planning District Commission. These are Prince George, Dinwiddie, Sussex, Southampton and Greenville Counties, cities of Hopewell and Petersburg, James River, Appomattox River, and the Chowan Basin SWCD's and the Crater Planning District Commission. Each member appoints two representatives to the Council. Day-to-day operations of the Council are provided by the staff supplied by the United States Department of Agriculture NRCS.

Our Mission

Developing partnerships to advocate and promote the conservation, preservation, and development of our resources to enhance the quality of life in the region.

Our Vision

A place where our children and grandchildren are proud to call home because of the abundant recreational opportunities, a sustained agriculture economy, preservation of the Rural Character, enhanced environmental quality, and the existence of vibrant, safe urban areas.

Our Goals

- Improve Downtown Re-Development and Revitalization
- Increase Agricultural Opportunities
- Increase and Improve Recreational Opportunities
- Protect and Ensure Groundwater Quality
- Improve and Increase Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Council

Executive Committee

Don Bagshaw, Chairman

Stacey Bradshaw, Vice Chairman

Mary E. Jones, Secretary

Linda McAllister, Treasurer

Financial Report

July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Income:	
Membership/Support Fees	\$24,750
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$599
Grants & Donations	\$924
Interest Income	\$157
Total Income	\$26,430
Expenses:	
Membership Dues	\$1,044
Grants & Contract Expenses	\$4,750
Insurance	\$1,549
Office Supplies Expenses	\$766
Travel & Meetings Expenses	\$6,151
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$154
Project Cost	\$4,805
Total Expenses:	\$19,219
Net Income:	\$7,211
Beginning Fund Balance as of June 30, 2007	\$33,356
Ending Fund Balance as June 30, 2008	\$40,567

The finances of South Centré Corridors RC&D Council were audited by Sandra Claytor, CPA

South Centré Corridors filed an Internal Revenue Service Form 990 as a statement of their financial activity in fiscal year 2007.

South Centré Corridors RC&D is authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture and received \$127,000 in technical support through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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- Greenville County
- City of Hopewell
- City of Petersburg
- Prince George County
- Southampton County
- Sussex County
- Appomattox River SWCD
- Chowan Basin SWCD
- James River SWCD
- Crater Planning District Commission

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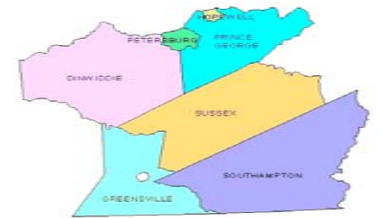
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