



2009 - 2010

Annual Plan of Work

South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation & Development Council

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Forward

The Food and Agriculture Act of 1962 authorized the RC&D program and gave permanent authorization as part of the 2002 Farm Bill. South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council was authorized by the US Secretary of Agriculture in 2002. The RC&D program is administered by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The purpose of the RC&D program is to encourage and improve the capability of volunteers, the locally elected and civic leaders in designated RC&D areas to plan and carry out projects for resource conservation and community development. The Council's mission is to develop partnerships to advocate and promote the conservation, preservation, and development of our resources to enhance the quality of life in the region."

South Centré Corridors RC&D Council goals focus on:

- Promoting environmental educational opportunities to adults and youth
- Increasing the use of best management practices in rural and urban areas
- Improving water quality of impaired streams
- Improving revitalization of urban and rural areas
- Increasing recreational opportunities
- Creating and retaining businesses through entrepreneurial education and training opportunities
- Providing educational opportunities to farmers and landowners on agriculture and forestry
- Increasing the use of bio-energy alternatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

To achieve our mission and goals, South Centré Corridors RC&D Council has adopted this Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Plan of Work. This document is designed to be a flexible management tool the Council uses to guide its activities throughout the fiscal year. Benefits of the Annual Plan of Work include:

- Allowing continuity of action from one year to the next;
- Keeping everyone working toward the same goal;
- Informing the sponsors about South Centré Corridors RC&D Council activities;
- Forming the basis for technical assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in accessing programs and services from USDA and others to achieve the Council's goals and objectives.

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Overview

The Annual Plan of Work is an annual action plan focusing and directing the activities of the South Centré Corridors RC&D Council. Planning builds a framework leading to the achievement of organizational goals and objectives.

Some benefits of an annual plan:

- Defines the actions needed to meet established goals and objectives in a defined time frame within the organization's capacity for implementation.
- Communicates those actions to the organization's constituents.
- Ensures the most effective use is made of the organization's resources by focusing the resources on important priorities.
- Provides a base from which progress can be measured and establish a mechanism for informed change when needed.

The annual plan will be reviewed at least mid-year and updated as projects are completed or otherwise modified in any major way. Progress documentation will be handled through Council meeting minutes and project updates provided as appropriate at Council meetings. The annual plan will be adjusted to reflect completed/cancelled/withdrawn projects and major project modification.

Services

South Centré Corridors RC&D Council provides diverse services in the areas of natural resources protection and enhancement and community development. The Council provides technical assistance to its sponsors and organizations consistent with the Council's annual and area plans. The Council places a high priority on projects and issues that affect or could serve as a model to large portions of the Area. The Council and its Committees undertake projects consistent with the Annual and Area Plans. Sponsors and other organizations desiring assistance may make a request to the Council. All sources of technical and financial assistance are explored. RC&D does not address projects that can best be addressed by others or where collaboration is not needed or possible.

New Projects

The Annual Plan of Work is an adaptable document with modifications made throughout the year as opportunities arise or shift. New projects may be added to the Annual Plan of Work as needed. Project proposals may be submitted to the Council for its consideration throughout the year. They may be submitted by individuals, local governments, non-profits, and other organizations that are focused on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Council area. Proposed projects must be compatible with South Centré Corridors RC&D Council's goals and objectives. Partnerships with other organizations and citizen participation are a must in order for the project to succeed and be successful.

Budget

The budget associated with the Council's annual plan of work and administrative obligations is a separate document that is approved annually. Funding for new project proposals are taken from unallocated budgeted project reserves or sought after grant funds.

Coordinator Time Obligations

A rough estimate of coordinator time obligations to carry out all coordinator duties and responsibilities based on a workload analysis is as follows: 34% of time spent on projects; 34% of time spent on Council duties and administration; 6% of time spent on Virginia Association of RC&D Councils responsibilities; 26% of time spent on NRCS duties. These percentages may vary in any given year.

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Land Conservation

Goal 1: Promote environmental educational opportunities to youth in five counties and two cities.

Objective 1: Educate students on the importance of natural resources.

Action Items	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Sponsor a youth mini-grant program for seven school districts and three Soil & Water Districts to fund environmental education projects and activities.	Sep 2009 – June 2010	\$6,000	25	Stacey Bradshaw, Victor Liu,

Accomplishments _____

2. Provide technical assistance to Wyatt Middle School with developing their outdoor nature classroom and exploratory trail.	September 2009	\$16,000	25	Stacey Bradshaw
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Goal 2: Increase the use of best management practices in rural and urban areas.

Objective 1: Provide support to NRCS and Soil & Water Conservation Districts to increase the number of acres enrolled in local, state, and federal cost share programs.

Action Item	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Host or support a workshop that specifically addresses conservation programs that will reduce erosion and sedimentation for the Chesapeake Bay and Chowan River Watershed.	Winter 2010	\$1,000	25	Stacey Bradshaw, Linda McAllister, Bonnie Thompson

Accomplishments _____

Objective 2: Partner with local governments, Soil & Water Districts, Virginia Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners to introduce low impact development practices to homebuilders, homeowners, and landscaping businesses.

Action Item	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Provide financial and technical assistance to establish a rain garden within a residential development common area, local government grounds, or on a school property.	Spring 2010	\$1,500	45	Victor Liu, Dan Lee

Accomplishments _____

Water Management

Goal 1: *Improve the water quality of impaired streams throughout the Chowan River and James River watersheds.*

Objective 1: Coordinate and establish a volunteer water quality monitoring group for the Chowan River and James River watershed to improve impaired streams and rivers.

Action Item	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Identify volunteers from grassroots organizations, nonprofits, and schools that are interested in being trained to conduct water quality monitoring.	May 2010	\$500	20	Stacey Bradshaw, Dan Lee

Accomplishments _____

Goal 2: *Reduce or prevent nonpoint source pollution throughout the Council's project area.*

Objective 1: Implement three effective strategies to reduce or prevent nonpoint source pollution.

Action Item	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Host or support 2 workshops for local citizens to construct and take home a rain barrel that will be used to reduce storm water runoff.	Spring 2010	\$2,500	30	Linda McAllister, Dan Lee

Accomplishments _____

Goal 3: Increase cooperation among local, state, and federal environmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, grassroots organizations and citizens in watershed protection.

Objective 1: Continue to provide leadership over the Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable projects and activities.

Action Item	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Coordinate and host quarterly Roundtable meetings, projects and events.	Spring 2010	\$8,000	60	Stacey Bradshaw, Jerry Skalsky

Accomplishments _____

Community Development

Goal 1: Improve revitalization of urban and rural areas by participating in six projects or local initiatives that strengthen community development.

Objective 1: Provide support to five counties and two cities to implement beautification projects and conserve natural resources.

Action Item	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Partner with local governments, institutions, and Master Gardeners to establish two community garden projects.	Spring 2010	\$3,000	40	Vandy Jones, M.L. Everett

Accomplishments _____

Objective 2: Improve capacity building for nonprofit and grassroots organizations.

Action Items	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Assist Mission Ministries with grant writing efforts to secure funding for the Waverly Food Bank.	Winter 2010	\$33,500	85	Crocket Morris, Linda McAllister

Accomplishments _____

2. Provide support to James River Soil & Water Conservation District to facilitate five year strategic plan.	December 2009	Technical Assistance	15	Linda McAllister
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Accomplishments _____

Goal 2: Participate in the development of two recreational opportunities throughout the Council area.

Objective 1: Support the development and expansion of three greenway/blueway trail projects within Council area.

Action Items	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Provide support to Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) to continue development and promotion of their Regional Greenway/Blueway Trail that runs through Hopewell, Prince George, Petersburg, and Dinwiddie.	Winter 2010	Technical Assistance	35	Jerry Skalsky, Victor Liu, Dama Rice

Accomplishments _____

2. Continue to partner with Greensville County Government, Southside Regional Jail, and Chowan Basin Soil & Water District to seek funding to complete the Uriah Branch Wellness Trail.	Ongoing	\$25,000	20	Stacey Bradshaw, Linda Clements, Lin Pope
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Accomplishments _____

Objective 2: Support the development and improvements of two community parks in Dinwiddie, Hopewell, and Prince George.

Action Items	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Continue to provide technical assistance to Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) and the City of Hopewell to restore streambank at the Appomattox River Trail Head Park.	Ongoing	\$40,000	35	Jerry Skalsky, Victor Liu, Christina Baily

Accomplishments _____

2. Partner with FOLAR and the Prince George County Parks & Recreation Department to create at least 2 recreational activities at Appomattox River Regional Park.	Summer 2010	\$2,000	30	John Nicol Don Bagshaw, W.D. Kreider
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Accomplishments _____

Goal 3: Create and retain businesses through entrepreneurial education and training opportunities.

Objective 1: Create two youth businesses through education and technical assistance.

Action Items	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Make two entrepreneurial presentations to youth groups such as 4-H, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and Future Farmers of America (FFA) Clubs.	May	\$1,500	35	Susan Watkins

Accomplishments _____

Land Management

Goal 1: Create agriculture and forestry educational opportunities.

Objective 1: Promote sustainable forestry practices and management to 40 landowners, consultants, industry professionals that will benefit over 10,000 acres.

Action Item	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Partner with Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the Department of Forestry to host two forestry educational workshops to improve general woodland management practices throughout Council area.	June 2010	\$2,000	25	Crockett Morris

Accomplishments _____

Objective 2: Educate farmers on alternative income enterprises that will supplement farm income.

Action Items	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Partner with Virginia State University, Virginia Tech, and Virginia Cooperative Extension to provide 30 farmers with training and technical assistance opportunities.	Winter 2010	Technical Assistance	45	Granville Maitland, Gary Cross

Accomplishments _____

2. Plan and coordinate bi-annual equine workshop with James River, Chowan Basin, and Appomattox River SWCD's.	Winter 2010	\$1200	25	Linda McAllister, Bonnie Thompson, Stacey Bradshaw
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Accomplishments _____

Goal 2: Increase use of bio-energy alternatives by 10% to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Objective 1: Participate in an initiative to promote and support bio-energy alternatives that will increase public awareness.

Action Item	Target Date	Project Cost	Coordinator Hours	Council Members
1. Partner with Virginia State University, Virginia Tech, and Virginia Cooperative Extension to identify a bio-energy alternative project.	Ongoing	\$4,000	25	Crocket Morris, Jerry Skalsky

Accomplishments _____

Project Partners

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| Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable
Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program
Appomattox River Soil & Water Conservation District
Area Schools
Blackwater/Nottoway Riverkeeper Program
Chowan Basin Soil & Water Conservation District
City of Hopewell
City of Petersburg
Connect Southside
Crater Planning District Commission
Dinwiddie County
Farm Service Agency
Friends of the Lower Appomattox River
Greenville County
James River Soil & Water Conservation District
Natural Resources Conservation Service | Prince George County
Southampton County
Sussex County
The Nature Conservancy
Virginia Clean Cities
Virginia Cooperative Extension
Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation
Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Virginia Department of Forestry
Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, & Energy
Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program
Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Virginia Outdoors Foundation
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech |
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South Centre Corridors RC&D verifies that this FY 2010 Plan addresses the Chief's Priorities. Respectively submitted and approved,

Stacey Bradshaw
Chairman

Date

Linda Clements
Secretary

Date

Mr. John Bricker
State Conservationist

Date

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South Centré Corridors RC&D Council Meeting Dates

Thursday, July 30, 2009 - Greenville County

Tuesday, September 29, 2009 - Prince George County

Monday, November 30, 2009 - Sussex County

Thursday, January 28, 2010 - City of Hopewell

Wednesday, March 31, 2010 - Dinwiddie County

Thursday, May 27, 2010 - Southampton County