



2009 – 2014

# Strategic Plan

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## **Introduction**

This document is a 5-year long range for South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council. This plan was developed and created with input from a wide variety of individuals and organizations. Input was provided through surveys, face-to-face, and phone interviews. Public input was solicited through newspapers, workshops, public meetings, email and the Council website. Those individuals consisted of local, state, and federal government officials, sponsors, farmers, teachers, community leaders, and local citizens. Input was received from 125 individuals and partners that live or provide a service to the general public in our Council area. The area plan will serve the counties of Dinwiddie, Greensville, Prince George, Southampton, Sussex and the cities of Hopewell and Petersburg.

This plan will provide guidance to the Council addressing the needs of the local citizens for the next five years. The area plan will also be utilized as a tool to measure our program effectiveness and success. Each year the plan will be evaluated and retooled with more effective strategies to meet objectives and goals. There will be unanticipated issues or projects that may arise and present a significant opportunity for the Council to address. The area plan will be modified if needed for the Council to address those opportunities that will impact our community.

As required by USDA the area plan goals, objectives and strategies have to meet two of the four program elements. Those elements consist of land conservation, water management, community development, and land management. South Centré Corridors RC&D Council's area plan will be composed of all the elements.

## **Overview of Organization**

### Vision

**“Our Vision** for our area is 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.”

### Mission

**“The Mission** of South Centré Corridors RC&D 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.”

## **Background and Council Structure**

The Food and Agriculture Act of 1962 authorized the RC&D program and gave permanent authorization as part of the 2002 Farm Bill. The Natural Resources Conservation Service administers the program. The purpose of the RC&D program is to encourage and improve the capability of volunteer, locally elected, and civic leaders in designated RC&D areas to plan and carry out projects for resource conservation and community development.

South Centré Corridors RC&D Council was formed in January of 2002. It was created to identify and address Natural Resource concerns and issues that have potential to be developed and utilized in a manner that both protects the resources and provides economic stimulus. The Council is located in the southeastern portion of Virginia. It includes the counties of Dinwiddie, Greensville, Prince George, Southampton, and Sussex, and the cities of Hopewell and Petersburg. South Centré Corridors RC&D is a 501(c) (3) Non-Profit Corporation. Members of the corporation include the governing bodies of the counties and cities mentioned above, the Appomattox River, James River, and Chowan Basin Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the Crater Planning District Commission.

Each of these corporate members appoints two individuals to our governing Council. In addition, the Council has two at large appointment slots. The Council is made up of a very diverse board, which influences a broad spectrum of projects. Meetings are held bimonthly to discuss Council business and adopt projects. Council meetings are rotated between counties and cities throughout our service area. Projects are brought forth by Council Members and suggested by the RC&D Coordinator.

## **Overview of the Area**

South Centré Corridors RC&D Council is located in the South central section of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The area consists of typical rural and urban localities each with unique historical value. The American Civil War took place in Petersburg and surrounding communities of Hopewell, Prince George, and Dinwiddie. There are many recreational opportunities located within the area given the number of rivers, lakes, streams, and woodlands. The area also has many farming operations, urban centers, commercial and industrial areas, and typical residential areas, all served by major interstate roads and railroads. These highway, rail, and river corridors are the source of our name.



## Demographics

County or City	Total Population 2007 Estimates	White	Black	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	Hispanic or Latino
Dinwiddie	25,747	66.0	32.1	0.4	0.3	0	1.5
Greensville	11,912	38.9	60.2	0.4	0.1	0	1.4
Prince George	35,866	60.3	35.3	2.1	0.6	0.2	6.4
Southampton	17,654	60.0	38.9	0.2	0.2	0	1.1
Sussex	12,222	39.0	59.7	0.4	0.2	0	1.6
City of Hopewell	23,028	58.4	38.1	1.1	0.4	0.1	3.9
City of Petersburg	32,885	20.1	77.2	1.2	0.2	0	2.9
Total	159,314	78671	76421	1636	522	95	5090
<i>Source: U.S. Census 2007 Estimates</i>							

South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation & Development Council is made up of five counties and two cities. The Council area has a population of 159,314 as indicated in the 2007 US Census estimates. Since the 2000 census, population estimates has risen by 8.3% in Prince George, 4.9% in Dinwiddie, and 3.4% in the City of Hopewell. This could possibly be due in part to expansion of Fort Lee military base. This expansion will increase the military population from 16,273 to 32,666 by 2011. The areas most affected by the expansion are Prince George, Hopewell, Dinwiddie, and Petersburg. This fast paced growth will have a tremendous impact on schools, social services, and infrastructure in these communities.

## Natural Resources

The majority of South Centré Corridors is located in the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary, which is the second largest in the United States. The area consists of three major rivers; the Nottoway River, Blackwater River, and Meherrin River, which are located in the Chowan River watershed. The Appomattox River runs through the Council area as well and is located in the James River watershed. The James River Watershed drains into the Chesapeake Bay, which is the largest estuary in the United States. Some sections of all of these rivers mentioned hold scenic river designations. South Centré Corridors is 1,427,544 acres in size and 956,675 acres contain forested land.

## Agriculture

<b>2007 Virginia Ag Census</b>	<b>Total Farms</b>	<b>Total Acres of Farmland</b>	<b>Total Acres of Cropland</b>	<b>Average Sales per farm</b>	<b>Total Farm Sales per County</b>
Dinwiddie	374	78,840	35,330	33,663	12,589,962
Greensville	143	48,741	29,578	50,028	7,154,004
Prince George	186	44,805	22,275	29,504	5,487,744
Southampton	342	161,650	91,291	104,335	35,682,570
Sussex	151	74,224	38,344	112,235	16,947,485
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>408,260</b>	<b>216,818</b>	<b>329,765</b>	<b>77,861,765</b>

*Source: 2007 Virginia Agricultural Statistics Bulletin and Resource Directory*

Our Council area is very diverse in agriculture. The major crops grown are peanuts, cotton, corn, soybeans, hay, and tobacco. You can also find livestock such as beef cattle, sheep, hogs located in our area as well. Southampton County is our largest agriculture-producing county in terms of farmland and total farm sales per county. Virginia ranks Southampton 1st in cotton and peanut production. Dinwiddie ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in flue-cured tobacco production. Greensville and Sussex are ranked very high in cotton and peanut production. Prince George farms usually consist of corn, soybeans, and wheat.

## Socioeconomic Information

<b>State, County, City</b>	<b>Poverty Rate 2007</b>	<b>Median Household Income 2007</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate December 2008</b>
<b>Virginia</b>	<b>9.90%</b>	<b>\$59,575</b>	<b>5.20%</b>
Dinwiddie	11.00%	\$47,395	5.70%
Greensville	19.90%	\$37,509	8.00%
Prince George	9.30%	\$59,780	5.00%
Southampton	15.00%	\$43,589	6.50%
Sussex	20.40%	\$35,835	7.50%
Hopewell	15.00%	\$39,871	7.70%
Petersburg	19.10%	\$34,630	9.70%

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau State & County Quick Facts, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

The table below shows three important socioeconomic indicators for the South Centré Corridors RC&D Council project area. All municipalities except Prince George County are above average state rates for poverty and unemployment. Prince George County is also the only jurisdiction that is above the Virginia average for median household income as indicated from the Virginia U.S. Census quick facts. The majority of our Council area exceeds state averages for poverty, median household income, and unemployment.

## **Resource Needs and Opportunities**

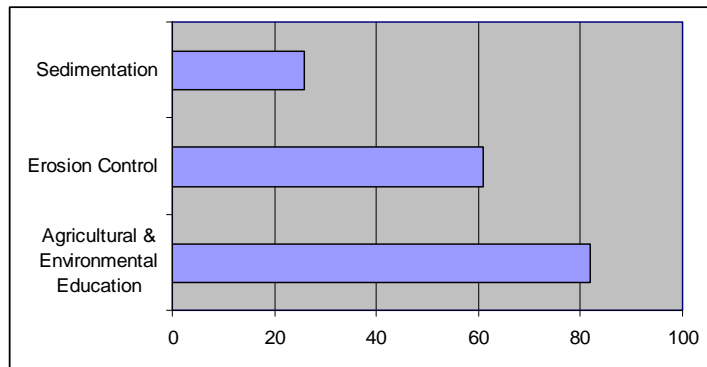
### **Public Participation Activities**

South Centré Corridors RC&D Council solicited input in a variety of ways from individuals and partnering organizations. A survey form was created through surveymonkey.com, an online website resource that creates survey forms. Once the form was created the web link was emailed to various partnering organizations, individuals, and government officials. Hardcopies were also mailed to those who did not have access to the internet or utilize email. The survey form was also posted on our Council website. A news release was also posted in local newspapers for solicitation of input and contact information. The most successful strategy used was providing the surveys to participants at public meetings, workshops and having them complete the survey. Through a variety of approaches used we received 125 survey forms back to analyze for input.

### **Summary of Findings by RC&D Program Elements**

#### **Land Conservation**

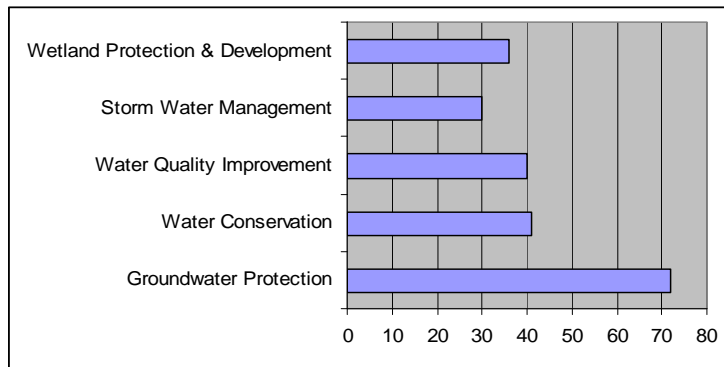
Agriculture and environmental education got the most votes under land conservation. There continues to be an increasing need to educate our youth and adults on the importance of natural resources. The Council has worked very hard in the past with increasing education by offering mini-grants to schools, offering assistance in development outdoor classrooms. We hope to continue improving these programs to help raise State Standards of Learning goals and strengthen our relationships with schools, teachers, and students.



Erosion control and sedimentation were also selected by many participants. There is a need to increase the knowledge of homeowners, builders, farmers, and loggers of implementing practices to reduce erosion and sedimentation. We hope to address these issues by working alongside local governments and Soil & Water Districts to increase awareness for better implementation of practices.

## Water Management

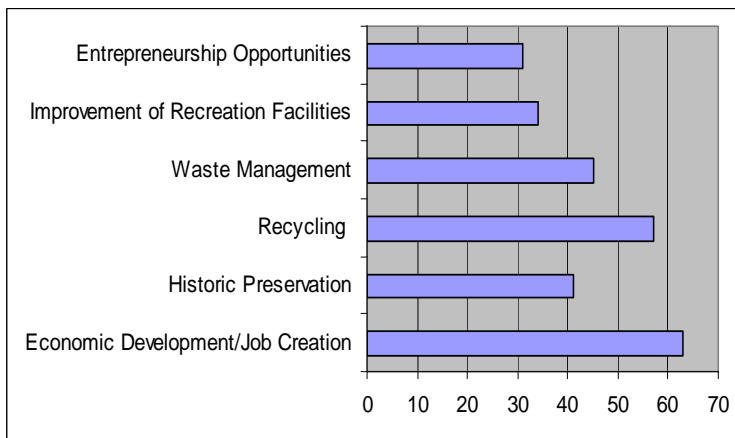
Groundwater protection was selected as the greatest need to address in the area of water management. With most of our Council area in rural areas there is a big concern to protect the drinking water. In the past to reduce nonpoint source pollution the Council decommissioned abandoned and unsafe wells, and



sponsored rain barrel workshops. These programs and services will be continued over the next five years. Improving water quality was also another big concern. Many river segments, swamps, and creeks throughout the Chowan River & Jammers River watersheds show up on Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's impaired waters list. The Council hopes to direct our focus over the next five years to assist Virginia Department of Environmental Quality with TMDL studies and establishing volunteer water quality monitoring groups. The Council will continue to provide leadership and program support to the Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable. The Roundtable is a regional partnership of stakeholders from environmental agencies, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and citizens groups, whose goal is to protect and develop the watershed. The Council will continue to work with Roundtable partners to address issues and concerns, eliminate barriers, and focus on partnering efforts to promote watershed awareness.

## Community Development

Given the condition of the economy it was of no surprise for many people to select economic development/job creation as the biggest need. As indicated in the plan previously, most of the Council area except for one County exceeds the state unemployment rate. The unemployment rate is expected to improve in those



areas that are in close proximity to Fort Lee Military Base. In 2005 the Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission made recommendations to increase operations at Fort Lee. Those recommendations were approved by the President and Fort Lee is now doubling the size of their military base. This will cause a tremendous impact on economic development and burden on regional services in the area. Prince George, Petersburg, and Hopewell will be directly impacted. Dinwiddie and Sussex could benefit from this development as well.

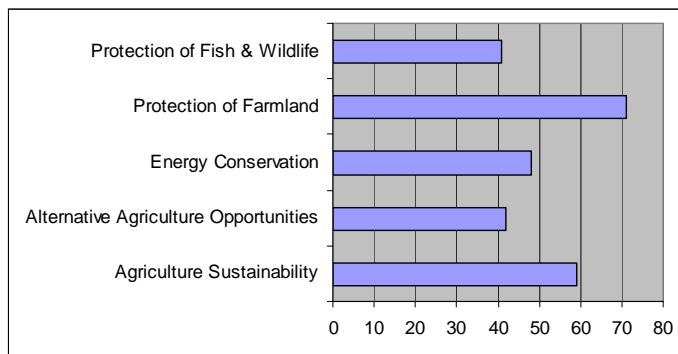
The Council will focus more on creating jobs in the rural areas. Citizens in rural areas lack the educational opportunities and training needs that are offered to those in urban areas. Youth will also be provided education and training on entrepreneurship to encourage learning business skills and financial management. The Council will partner with area schools, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and USDA agencies to promote opportunities for entrepreneurship and job growth.

Increasing recreational opportunities was a big concern to many citizens. South Centre Corridors will continue partnering with Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) to develop their regional greenway/blueway trail that extends from Hopewell to Dinwiddie. These trails are also linked to existing and newly developed parks that will create more recreational activities for citizens.

The Council will look to partner with other agencies and organizations that focus on recycling and historic preservation. We will look to identify areas of needs and the roles RC&D can play to eliminate challenges and improve program effectiveness.

### Land Management

The top selection for the area of land management was farmland protection. This is a very big concern in our Council area for two reasons. Citizens in Prince George County and the northern part of Dinwiddie County are dealing with growth and development that has spurred from the expansion of Fort Lee



Military Base. There will be a need for an increase of housing, and also commercial development to serve the base, contractors, civilian workforce, and military families. The second reason would be the threat from the Navy to locate an Outlying Landing Field (OLF) to consume 33,000 acres in Southampton, Sussex, and Surry Counties. The OLF site would consume a tremendous amount of land that would significantly change and remove homes, forestry, farmland, and wildlife habitats from its rural landscape.

Agriculture sustainability and alternative agriculture opportunities ranked very high as well. The farming community is very concerned about sustaining farming operations as the number of farms continue to decline. Farmers continue to deal with the increased production costs, low market prices, and current economic conditions. Local farmers are still struggling to replace traditional cash crops such as tobacco and peanuts which had quota programs that were eliminated. The Council will partner with our land grant Universities to promote alternative enterprises that will supplement farmers' incomes. Along with identifying those enterprises, increased education on marketing will have to be in place as well.

## **Goals, Objectives and Strategies**

The following goals, objectives, and strategies are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Results-Oriented, and Time-bound (SMART) as required by NRCS. The following goals listed will serve as the framework that will be utilized by South Centré Corridors RC&D Council to implement projects and activities for the next five years.

### **Land Conservation**

#### **Goal 1: Promote environmental educational opportunities to youth in five counties and two cities by 2014.**

Objective 1: Educate 2500 students on the importance of natural resources by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Sponsor a youth mini-grant program annually for seven school districts and three Soil & Water Districts to fund environmental education projects and activities.
2. Provide assistance to three schools with creating outdoor classrooms on school grounds by 2014.
3. Partner with James River SWCD, Appomattox River SWCD and Chowan Basin SWCD to increase participation of area schools in Envirothon by 2014.

#### **Goal 2: Increase the use of best management practices in rural and urban areas by 2014.**

Objective 1: Provide support to NRCS and Soil & Water Districts to increase the number of acres enrolled in local, state, and federal cost share programs by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Host at least 2 workshops that specifically address conservation programs that will reduce erosion and sedimentation for the Chesapeake Bay and Chowan River Watershed by 2014.

Objective 2: Partner with local governments, Soil & Water Districts, Virginia Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners to introduce low impact development to homebuilders, homeowners, and landscaping businesses by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Provide financial and technical assistance to establish three rain gardens within a residential development common area, local government grounds, or on school property by 2014.

## **Water Management**

### **Goal 1 – Improve the water quality of impaired streams throughout the Chowan River and James River watersheds by 2014.**

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 by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Identify grassroots organizations, nonprofits, and schools that may have volunteers interested in water quality monitoring by 2010.
2. Provide training to volunteers on how to conduct water quality testing by 2010.
3. Provide testing results to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to identify water quality problems each year after training is completed.

Objective 2: Provide support to Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation with a TMDL project in either the Chowan River or James River watershed by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Coordinate and assist Virginia Department of Environmental Quality with organizing public meetings by 2014.
2. Publicize meetings in newspapers, website, and partnering organization newsletters by 2014.
3. Seek input and participation of local governments, Soil & Water Districts and other environmental organizations by 2014.

### **Goal 2: Reduce or prevent nonpoint source pollution throughout the Council's project area by 2014.**

Objective 1: Implement three effective strategies to reduce or prevent nonpoint source pollution by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Host or support 7 workshops for local citizens to construct and take home a rain barrel that will be used to reduce stormwater runoff by 2014.
2. Provide financial and technical assistance to decommission 3 wells that have been determined to be unsafe or abandoned for each county by 2014.
3. Create a cost-share assistance program to assist 15 homeowners in all counties to have their household septic system inspected and pumped for proper operation by 2014.

**Goal 3: Increase cooperation among local, state, and federal environmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, grassroots organizations and citizens in watershed protection by 2014.**

Objective 1: Continue to provide leadership over the Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable projects and activities by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Coordinate and host quarterly Roundtable meetings.
2. Invite partnering agencies and organizations to be guest presenters at quarterly Roundtable meetings.
3. Update and maintain Roundtable website with current information on projects, events, and activities on a quarterly or as needed basis.
4. Seek funding to develop and create more partnering projects by 2012.

**Community Development**

**Goal 1: Improve revitalization of urban and rural areas by participating in six projects or local initiatives that strengthen community development by 2014.**

Objective 1: Provide support to five counties and two cities to implement beautification projects and conserve natural resources by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Partner with local governments and Master Gardeners to establish 3 community garden projects by 2014.
2. Provide support to local governments and historical societies with the preservation of 2 historical landmarks or resources by 2014.
3. Partner with area agencies and organizations to conduct at least one project that will promote litter prevention, and recycling by 2014.

Objective 2: Improve capacity building for 5 nonprofit organizations or grassroots organizations by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Assist Mission Ministries with writing grants to secure funding for Waverly Food Bank by 2009.
2. Provide support to Soil & Water Districts, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and other nonprofit organizations with strategic planning efforts by 2014.
3. Partner and assist 2 nonprofits or institutions, with securing funding for program support or project development by 2014.

**Goal 2: Participate in the development of 6 recreational opportunities throughout Council area by 2014.**

Objective 1: Support the development and expansion of three greenway/blueway trail projects within Council area by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Provide support to Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) to continue development of their Regional Greenway/Blueway trails that run through Hopewell, Prince George, Petersburg, and Dinwiddie by 2014.
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 by 2014.
3. Improve access to blueway trails on the Nottoway River by partnering with Virginia Game & Inland Fisheries to identify boating access points to construct ramps by 2014.

Objective 2: Support the development and improvements of 3 community parks in Dinwiddie, Hopewell, and Prince George by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Provide financial assistance to Dinwiddie County to establish A.P. Hill Monument Park by 2014.
2. 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.
3. Partner with FOLAR and the Prince George County Parks & Recreation Department to create at least 2 recreational activities at Appomattox River Regional Park.

**Goal 3: Create and retain 20 businesses through entrepreneurial education and training opportunities by 2014.**

Objective 1: Create 5 youth businesses through education and technical assistance by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Make 5 entrepreneurial presentations to youth groups such as 4-H, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and Future Farmers of America (FFA) Clubs.
2. Provide technical assistance to 5 youth with completing Farm Service Agency youth loan applications by 2014.
3. Utilize 4-H agents, schools, and teachers to identify youth that want to start their own businesses.

Objective 2: Partner with Virginia State University's Rural Business Program to create or retain 15 businesses through education, training and technical assistance by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Annually assist Virginia State University with grant application for program funding from Rural Development.
2. Participate in annual training of small business owners and prospective entrepreneurs to sustain or start their own businesses.
3. Identify sources of funding for small business owners and prospective entrepreneurs.

## **Land Management**

### **Goal 1: Create 9 agriculture and forestry educational opportunities by 2014.**

Objective 1: Promote sustainable forestry practices and management to 200 landowners, consultants, industry professionals that will benefit over 50,000 acres by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Partner with Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and the Department of Forestry to host 5 forestry educational workshops to improve general woodland management practices throughout Council area by 2014.

Objective 2: Educate 200 farmers on alternative income enterprises that will supplement farm income by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Partner with Virginia Department of Agriculture, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tourism Corporation to hold one workshop on agritourism opportunities by 2014.
2. Coordinate and host 2 workshops that will educate 60 landowners on conservation easements and tax benefits by 2014.
3. Partner with Virginia State University, Virginia Tech, and Virginia Cooperative Extension to seek funding for opportunities to provide training and technical assistance to 100 farmers in 5 counties by 2014.
4. Plan and coordinate bi-annual equine workshop with James River, Chowan Basin, and Appomattox River SWCDs by 2014.

### **Goal 2: Increase use of bio-energy alternatives by 10% to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2014.**

Objective 1: Participate in 3 initiatives to promote and support bio-energy alternatives that will increase public awareness by 2014.

Strategies:

1. Assemble a Roundtable of partners from local governments, environmental agencies, nonprofits, and institutions to discuss bio-energy alternatives by 2011.
2. Identify and prioritize a list of bio-energy issues that are of importance to South Centré Corridors RC&D project area by 2012.

3. Hold at least one conference to educate government officials, community leaders, energy producers, citizens, and other interest groups on a bio-energy topic(s) by 2014.

### **Current and Potential Partnerships with USDA and others**

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  
Greensville 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

## **Linkages to the USDA NRCS Strategic Plan**

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Strategic Plan for 2005-2010 consists of six mission goals. The goals are listed below with linkages to South Centré Corridors RC&D Council Area Plan.

### **High Quality, Productive Soils**

- Land Conservation Goals 1, 2
- Community Development Goals 1, 2

### **Clean and Abundant Water**

- Land Conservation Goal 1
- Water Management Goals 1, 2, 3

### **Healthy Plant and Animal Communities**

- Water Management Goal 1, 3

### **Clean Air**

- Land Management Goal 1

### **Adequate Energy Supply**

- Land Management Goal 2

### **Working Farm and Ranch Lands**

- Community Development Goals 1, 2
- Land Management Goal 1

The NRCS Strategic Plan also includes three strategies to reach those six goals. Those strategies mention are:

**Cooperative Conservation** - seeking and promoting cooperative efforts to achieve natural resource goals

**Watershed Approach** – providing information and assistance to encourage and enable locally led, watershed-scale conservation efforts.

**Market-based Approach** – facilitate growth of market-based opportunities that encourage the private sector to invest in conservation on private lands.

All three approaches will be utilized by South Centré Corridors to achieve area plan goals and objectives.

The South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council certifies that the RC&D Programs will be conducted in compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions as contained in Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-259) and other nondiscrimination statutes; namely, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture (7CFR-15, Subparts A and B) that provide that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or handicap/disability be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial (or technical) assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture or any Agency thereof.

The South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council agrees that the signing of this document constitutes agreement to comply with Federal laws concerning restrictions on lobbying, a drug-free workplace, and responsibilities for procurement, suspension, and debarment, and State review.

The South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council hereby adopts this RC&D Area Plan and agree to use effectively the assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to realize the goals and objectives outlined herein.

South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council, Prince George, Virginia

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Secretary

This action authorized at an official meeting of the South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date).

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service

The State Conservationist hereby acknowledges the attached Area Plan of the South Centré Corridors Resource Conservation and Development Council as meeting the requirements under Public Law 97-98 to receive assistance from USDA.

Acknowledged by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Conservationist