

Coordinator's Report – November 18, 2008 – January 29, 2009

Project Updates

- **Prince George & Dinwiddie Drinking Water Clinics** – Prince George Cooperative Extension held their Drinking Water Clinic meeting on January 28, 2009. Over 100 people participated in the meeting. Dinwiddie Cooperative Extension will hold their Clinic on February 4, 2009. So far they have 25 people that have signed up.
- **Albemarle - Chowan Watershed Roundtable** - The last Roundtable meeting was held on December 16, 2008 in Chesapeake, VA at Hampton Roads PDC. Eric Walberg, from Hampton PDC gave a report on projects and activities associated with the Virginia's Coastal Program and Governor Tim Kaine's Commission on Climate Change. There were about 10 people in attendance.
 - Outreach - I gave a presentation to the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Citizens Advisory Committee about the Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable at Medoc State Park in Halifax, NC on December 2, 2008.
 - Educational Workshops
 - South Hampton Roads RC&D hosted a Watershed Awareness Workshop on November 18, 2009 in Suffolk. Over 55 participants attended the workshop. Speakers were from Virginia Cooperative Extension, City of Virginia Beach, VA Outdoors Foundation, NRCS, and Ducks Unlimited.
 - Old Dominion RC&D Council gave water quality presentations to Lunenburg County High School teachers on Friday January, 16, 2009 and to Nottoway High School Envirothon Team on Wednesday January 21, 2009. At Lunenburg High School, a presentation was given to 8 teachers during a teacher in-service day. At Nottoway High School, a presentation was given to the Envirothon Team, which included 7 students and 2 teachers.
 - Website – A new website for the Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable has been created. The address is <http://www.acwrt.org/>
 - Strategic Planning – The strategic plan is still being developed.
 - Albemarle-Chowan Watershed & Rivers Day is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 in Franklin, VA at Blackwater Landing.
 - The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2009 at Southside VA Community College in Brunswick from 10:30am – 12:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Sandra Tanner, Tourism Specialist with the Virginia Tourism Corporation. Sandra will discuss greenway/blueway trail projects in Southside Virginia.
- **Educator and Youth Mini-Grant Program** – Grants were recently awarded for \$500 to the following schools:
 - Blandford Academy (Petersburg) – The students will experience the proper application of pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides to reduce and/or stop point and non-point pollution. The students will mark Chesapeake Bay Watershed entry ways around the City of Petersburg.

- Woodlawn Learning Center (Hopewell) – All preschool and preschool special education students will participate in a garden program where parents assist the students and staff in planting an outdoor garden.
- Wyatt Middle School (Greensville) – Students will be introduced to freshwater ecosystems by using a virtual watershed and participate in hands-on activities to learn about stream ecology, water quality, and how their actions affect a watershed.

The Mini-Grant Program is currently open again to schools and SWCD's to submit applications by March 6, 2009.

- **Rain Barrel Workshops** – If you are interested in having Rain Barrel Workshop in your area please let me know and we can discuss the details.

Project Proposals – See attached sheet

- **Investing in Sustainable Forestry Workshop**
- **Waverly Food Bank**

Important Dates to Remember

- Leadership Forum – February 9-10, 2008, Washington, DC
- 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

- November 18 – South Hampton Roads Watershed Awareness Workshop, Suffolk, VA
- December 2 – Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program Citizens Advisory Committee, Halifax, NC
- December 3 – FOLAR Meeting, Petersburg, VA
- January 21 - Civil Rights Team Meeting – Farmville, VA
- January 28 – FOLAR Meeting, Petersburg, VA
- January 28 - Prince George Drinking Water Clinic, Prince George

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