

Coordinator's Report – August 1, 2007 – September 27, 2007

Training/Workshops/Seminars Attended

- August 24 – Small-scale Woodland Management Workshop in Dinwiddie County.
- September 13 – NRCS Joint Employee Development Training at Randolph Farm.
- September 19 – Biodiesel Fuel Quality Seminar in Chesterfield

Meetings/Conference Calls

- August 8 – NRCS conference call on office closings/restructuring.
- August 9 – Met with council member Linwood Pope for new member orientation and visit well capping project sites in Greensville County.
- August 16 – Met with RC&D Council Education Committee to discuss mini-grant project
- August 20 – Attended Old Dominion RC&D Council meeting.
- August 21 - Attended the planning meeting for 31st Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour.
- August 21 – Attended Appomattox SWCD meeting.
- August 23 - RC&D Coordinators conference call
- August 29 – Attended RC&D Forestry Committee meeting in Waverly.
- August 30 – Participated in conference call for 31st Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour.
- September 5 – Met with council members Victor Liu and Dan Lee to discuss Low Impact Development Awareness projects.
- September 9-12 – Attended the Southeastern Association of RC&D Councils meeting in Asheville, NC.
- September 24 – Attended Chowan Basin SWCD meeting

Project Updates

- **Chowan Basin Roundtable** – I had an opportunity to speak with Noah Hill at DCR regarding the roundtable. Inform him that the council still plans to support the project and now that we have a full-time coordinator in place we are available to take lead on the project if need be. He was very receptive of the council's support and plans to schedule a meeting with me regarding the status of the project.
- **Well Capping Greensville** – Spoke with Lin Pope and the contractor has been given the go ahead to get started and should be starting very soon.

Possible Projects

- **Small-Scale Woodlands Management Workshop** - This workshop was conducted on August 24, 2007. There were about 30 people in attendance. Overall we got a good response back from the evaluations. Participants indicated that they increased their knowledge level on all workshop topics. I recommend that this project be adopted.
- **31st Annual Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour** – This field tour is being sponsored by the Virginia Forest Landowner Program and Virginia Cooperative Extension and will be held on October 19, 2007. I have been participating on the planning committee for this tour. This tour will have stops in Surry, Prince George and Hopewell. The field tour will make stops at the Smurfit-Stone mill in Hopewell and the JEJ Moore Middle School Nature Trail. I recommend that this project be adopted.

- **Biodiesel Fuel Quality Seminar** – This seminar is currently being conducted by Virginia Clean Cities. I attended this seminar in Chesterfield. It may be a good seminar to conduct in our council area to continue to promote education in biofuels. The target audience for this workshop is biodiesel producers, petroleum marketers, fuel regulators and fleet managers. In our council area our target audience could be transportation departments for city/county government and also school systems. Virginia Clean Cities indicated that they would be very interested to work with the council to conduct this seminar in our council area.
- **Beautification Projects** – I had an opportunity to speak with Mary Lyons who is the President of Prince George County Master Gardeners Association. Informed her that the RC&D Council is planning to do a beautification project in Hopewell and Petersburg and would like Master Gardeners to partner with us to complete these projects. Ms. Lyons was very receptive of the request and stated she would include it on the agenda at their next meeting.

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