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Students Help Plant New Wetland at River Road Middle School

Science students and teachers at River Road Middle School (RRMS) recently planted a new 1,200 foot long wetland between the school and a residential development. Planted with native wetland plants, cypress, river birch and Atlantic white cedar, the wetland serves as an outdoor environmental education classroom for the school and general public. The project also demonstrates how a typical drainage ditch in the region can be easily converted to a wetland to help filter stormwater runoff.

The new wetland is an extension of a wetland that was constructed at RRMS in 2009. The wetland helps filter stormwater from about 25 acres of school property and recreational ball fields.



The wetland project is a partnership between the US Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife program, North Carolina Division of Water Quality 319 Program, RRMS, NC Community Conservation Assistance Program, Albemarle RC&D Council, Pasquotank Soil and Water Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

SAVE THE DATE
December 14th, 2010
Annual Awards Banquet at the Vernon James Center in Plymouth.

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Projects Help Protect Public Lands and Local Jobs

Almost 100 state, county and town officials, educators, and non-profit and volunteer leaders from northeastern NC attended the Albemarle RC&D Council's annual Seafood Dinner held on May 11 at the Perquimans Recreation Center in Hertford. Bobby Darden, Perquimans County Manager, described the recently completed projects at the recreation center. "The collaboration between Perquimans County and Albemarle RC&D is an outstanding example of how natural resource conservation projects can also support community and economic development".



200 ft Fishing Pier

The damage caused to the shoreline by Hurricane Isabel in 2003 threatened the new recreation center, according to Darden. "Through our collaboration with RC&D, the county was able to secure grants from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund, Parks and Recreation Trust Fund and CAMA Public Water Access Program to stabilize 1000 feet of shoreline, and construct three stormwater wetlands, 200-foot fishing pier, canoe/kayak access, over a mile of nature trails, sports fields, playgrounds and a skateboard park. Over 95% of the work was completed by local contractors, which helped preserve local businesses and jobs in a very difficult economy."



Over 1 mile of Nature Trails

NC Senator Edward Jones and NC Representative Annie Mobley, also present at the event, echoed their support for the Council's mission of natural resource conservation and local economic development.



1,000 ft of Stabilized Shoreline

Update on RC&D Funding

The partnership between the 375 RC&D Councils and the Natural Resources Conservation Service is unique in its ability to return \$5.40 for every dollar the federal government invests to support economic development and resource protection in rural areas. The 10 RC&D Councils in NC generate \$10.85 for each dollar invested by the federal government! A few of the many accomplishments by RC&D Councils in 2009:

- 676 new businesses were created
- 5,921 businesses were expanded or retained (115 jobs created or retained in NC)
- 7,060 jobs were created and 4,778 retained (397 in NC)
- Improvements were made on 2,420,000 acres of wildlife habitat, 400,000 acres of lakes and 7,731 miles of streams (In NC, 37,069 acres of wildlife habitat, 170 miles of rivers and 72,516 acres of shoreline were improved or protected.)

Please ask your congressmen to support federal funding of \$50.7 million in order to ensure continuation of the valuable programs offered by RC&D in the Albemarle region! Contact Linda Peterson at albemarlercandd@yahoo.com or 252-482-7437 for assistance in where to send your message of support!

RC&D On-Going Projects

Camden County

Treasure Point Community Park Access
Dismal Swamp State Park Boardwalk and Nature Trail

Chowan County

Town of Edenton Canoe/Kayak Access

Currituck County

Whalehead Club Shoreline Protection and Water Quality Improvement
4-H Rural Life Center Boardwalk and Canoe/Kayak Access

Dare County

Roanoke Island Festival Park Canoe/Kayak Access and Maritime Forest Trail
Manteo High School Constructed Wetlands and Outdoor Classroom
First Flight Schools Wetlands and Outdoor Classroom

Gates County

Merchants Millpond State Park Camping Platforms

Hyde County

Ocracoke Resource Development
Englehard Park Lighting Project

Pasquotank County

Shadneck Public Boat Access
River Road Middle School Constructed Wetlands
Upper Little River Watershed Protection

Perquimans County

Perquimans County Community Center Phase II
Perquimans River Riparian Forest Conservation

Tyrrell County

Alligator & Goatneck Community House Lifting and Septic Tank Repair
Alligator & Goat Neck Communities Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

Washington County

Plymouth Riverfront Renovation, Phase II
Pungo River Drainage District Water Management

Regional Projects — All 10 Counties

Wetlands for Work
Renewable Energy for Rural Communities

RC&D Calendar

August 10, 2010

Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Agricultural Building, Edenton

September 22-25, 2010

SE Regional RC&D Meeting in Biloxi, MS

October 14, 2010

Executive Committee, 9:00 am, RC&D Office

December 14, 2010

Awards Banquet, 6:00 pm Reception; 6:30 pm Banquet, Location TBA

The Albemarle RC&D Council is a 501(C)(3) private non-profit organization that serves the people of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell & Washington Counties

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