

Albemarle RC&D



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Good People Doing Good Work

The Albemarle RC&D Council held its annual awards banquet on December 4th at the Vernon James Center in Plymouth. About 60 people gathered together to recognize the work of project partners and council members. Chairman Mike Doxey presented awards on behalf of the council.

Dwane Hinson, NRCS District Conservationist, for outstanding leadership and collaboration on water quality improvement and water management projects in the Albemarle Region.



Kirby Balance, NRCS Soil Conservation Technician, for outstanding collaboration on water quality improvement and water management projects in Tyrrell County.

Gwen Edwards, NRCS District Secretary/Technician Columbia Field Office, for outstanding collaboration on the Alligator and Goat Neck Water Management Project, Tyrrell County.



Doris Maldonado, Alligator & Goat Neck Community Association, for outstanding local leadership and collaboration on the Alligator and Goat Neck Water Management Project, Tyrrell County.

The Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) 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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Debbie Leete, Community Outreach Manager, Albemarle Hospital, for outstanding collaboration on nature tourism and community development projects in the Albemarle Region.

Johnny Bass, Owner, Bass Services & Rentals, Inc., **Contractor of the Year**, for superior construction of paddle camping platforms in Chowan County and Perquimans County.



Roy Smith, for 35 Years of dedicated service as a Council Member Representing Tyrrell County.

Linda Goodwin, Volunteer, for outstanding support at the 2007 Southeast Region RC&D Convention in Asheville, NC.



Scarlet Colombo, Albemarle RC&D Administrative Assistant, for outstanding support at the 2007 Southeast Region RC&D Convention in Asheville, NC. Wayne Howell, council member from Perquimans County presented the award.

Council Member Service Awards

Ten Years

- Wayne Howell
- Charles Mathews

Five Years

- Mike Doxey

Camping Platforms Open on the Perquimans River and Mill Creek



The **Perquimans County Nature Tourism Development Project** is making steady progress on developing the Perquimans River and its tributaries as a prime location for canoeing, kayaking, bird watching, fishing and camping. The project has

- Completed a cluster of three camping platforms on Town of Hertford property on the Perquimans River
- Completed a cluster of two camping platforms on Bear Garden Point on Town of Hertford property on the Perquimans River
- Completed a cluster of two camping platforms on county property on Mill Creek (picture above)

- Ordered signage for all camping platforms and access sites
- Started constructing informational kiosks and survey boxes for access sites
- Started working on a web site highlighting nature tourism attractions in Perquimans County and the region.

Early next year, the project will build a single or double camping platform on county property on the Perquimans River about 2 miles north of the triple camping platform cluster.

The camping platforms on the Perquimans River have primitive toilets. The camping platform on Mill Creek has a toilet enclosure, but portable toilets must be packed in to the site.

Camping platforms may be reserved through the Perquimans County Recreation Department at 252-426-5695.

The Perquimans County Nature Tourism Development Project is funded by a grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation. Project collaborators include Perquimans County, Town of Hertford, Town of Winfall, Town of Belvidere, the Perquimans County Trailblazers, Albemarle Hospital, and the Albemarle RC&D.

Alligator & Goat Neck Drainage Project in Tyrrell County

The Alligator and Goat Neck drainage improvement project is in its final phase. **Tyrrell County** is replacing up to 30 driveway culverts in the two communities, and installing three tide gates in the Goat Neck community. The two communities have also been included in the county's alligator weed control program.

The county installed three tide gates in the project area last year, and the NC Department of Transportation (DOT) dipped out about four miles of ditches. This project is being implemented with grants from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources—Water Resources Division, The Rural Center, cash contributions from the Alligator and Goat Neck communities, and in-kind support from NCDOT and the Conservation Fund.



On-Going Projects

Camden County

- Camden Community Park
- Dismal Swamp State Park Boardwalk

Chowan County

- Red Bank Farm Recreation Park
- Cape Colony Neighborhood Access
- Chowan County Water Quality & Water Management Study

Currituck County

- Whalehead Club Shoreline Protection and Water Quality Improvement

Dare County

- Roanoke Island Festival Park Canoe/Kayak Access and Maritime Forest Trail

Pasquotank County

- Albemarle Hospital Boardwalk & Nature Trail
- Frog Island Public Boat Access
- River Road Middle School Constructed Wetlands
- Regional Baseball Heritage Project

Perquimans County

- Commerce Park Shoreline Restoration and Constructed Wetland
- Perquimans County Nature Tourism Development Project
- Perquimans County Community Center Phase II
- Perquimans County Community Center Fishing Pier and Canoe/Kayak Access
- Water Quality Improvement and Water Management Study

Tyrrell County

- Alligator and Goatneck Community Drainage Improvements

Washington County

- Plymouth Riverfront Restoration Project

Regional

- Albemarle-Pamlico Regional Water Quality Study

Legislative Update

Federal Funding

The federal omnibus budget provides \$51,088,000 for Resource Conservation and Development instead of \$52,370,000 as proposed by the House and \$53,150,000 as proposed by the Senate.

For more information on the RC&D program, visit the web site of the National Association of RC&D Councils (NARC&DC): www.rcdnet.org

RC&D Calendar

Executive Board Meeting, January 24th, 9:30 am, USDA Service Center, Edenton.

Regular Council Meeting, February 19th, 6:30 pm, USDA Service Center, Edenton.

Executive Board Meeting, April 10th, 9:30 am, USDA Service Center, Edenton.

Regular Council Meeting, May 13th, 6:30 pm, USDA Service Center, Edenton.

All programs and services of the Albemarle RC&D Council are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital or family status, disability or political beliefs.