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### LOCAL COUNCIL CELEBRATES NATIONAL RC&D WEEK

During the week of September 20, 2009, the Albemarle Resource Conservation & Development Council, based in Edenton, will join 375 other Councils across the nation to recognize National RC&D Week.

Since receiving its official designation by the USDA Secretary of Agriculture in 1975, the Albemarle RC&D Council has been encouraging the citizens of its ten-county region (Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington) to care for their natural resources and improve the quality of life in their communities.

The Albemarle RC&D Council partners with local governments, other non-profit groups, universities and other organizations to design and implement projects that balance conservation of natural resources with economic and community development. Over the last ten years, the council and its partners have implemented local projects worth more than \$12 million.

During the past year, the Albemarle RC&D Council is proud to report the following accomplishments in its local communities:

- 37 businesses were created or retained
- 169 jobs were created or retained
- 16,020 acres of forest land and crop land were improved
- 24,300 citizens of the Albemarle region were served by projects

Visit [www.albemarlrcd.org](http://www.albemarlrcd.org) for more information on the council's programs and projects.