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## LOCAL RC&D COUNCIL RECOGNIZED FOR EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENTS

The Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development (ARC&D) Council was named a member of the 2009 Circle of Diamonds by the National Association of RC&D Councils. According to Marshall Stevenson, Chairman of the Albemarle RC&D, “the Circle of Diamonds program is designed to recognize councils that exemplify positive impacts on the quality of life within their local areas, and that demonstrate public accountability, integrity and stewardship in their business practices. We are proud to be in a select group of RC&D Councils nationwide to receive this special recognition.” Mike Doxey, past chairman of the ARC&D Council, accepted the award at the recent meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Albemarle RC&D Council, based in Edenton, NC, facilitates the creation of partnerships from the private and public sector to address issues pertaining to conservation of natural resources, the environment, and economic and community development in Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties. Over the past decade, ARC&D has successfully partnered on more than 75 local projects valued at over \$12 million. Currently, the Council is pursuing projects related to renewable energy and energy efficiency. [www.albemarlercd.org](http://www.albemarlercd.org).