The Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. (ARC&D) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that assists local governments and community groups in northeast NC with projects that protect land and water resources while promoting economic development.

Since 1972, ARC&D has partnered with our 10 counties to complete over 500 projects that continue to make the Albemarle Region a great place to live and work.

Each $1.00 invested by local governments or communities in ARCD-assisted projects has returned an average $4.80 in value!

The ARC&D proudly serves the people of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell & Washington Counties.

The ARC&D and Town of Plymouth have partnered for many years to increase public water access and nature tourism along the town’s waterfront on the beautiful Roanoke River. Projects over the past 30 years include:

- Roanoke River Maritime Heritage Trails System constructed in 2003
- Two over-water boardwalk systems on the west and east ends of the waterfront constructed in the 1980’s and then renovated in 2009 and 2012
- Nine-slip marina to serve transient boaters completed in 2013
- A 40-year-old public dock adjacent to Riverfront Park renovated in 2014
- Riverfront Park renovated in 2015
- Bear Track Landing on Conaby Creek constructed in 2019
- Extension of Riverfront Park underway.

Public access to the waterfront along the Roanoke River sets Plymouth apart from many other waterfront communities that have experienced over-development of commercial waterfronts.

For more information on Albemarle RC&D Council programs and services:
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Studying Algal Blooms in Albemarle Waters

The ARC&D is collaborating with the Albemarle Commission, Chowan-Edenton Environmental Group (CEEG), Green Saves Green Little River Keepers, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), local governments, and UNC Institute of Marine Sciences to monitor water quality in rivers and creeks in the region. Citizen scientists are collecting water samples from key locations on the Chowan River, Potecasi Creek, Edenton Bay, and the Little River, and sending them to labs for analysis. Identifying nutrient hotspots and their sources are key steps for developing an effective program to combat algal blooms.

This regional effort is funded by grants from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund, Albemarle Commission, Pasquotank County, Pasquotank SWCD, and the many volunteer citizen scientists who are donating their time.

Visit the ARC&D web page on fighting algal blooms for more information.

Partnership to Restore the Little River Watershed

To improve water quality, farmers, ARC&D, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Perquimans and Pasquotank counties used grants from Clean Water Management Trust Fund, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and EPA 319 to construct 8,900 ft. of in-stream wetlands on main drainage canals above the impaired section of the Little River. Click here to read more about the watershed project.