

Coordinator's Report November 10, 2008

Project Activity

Sustainable Agriculture:

- Todd Erling visit Hudson Valley Agribusiness Corporation, multiple a.m./p.m. meetings, media interviews, etc., Sept. 22-25, begin follow-up planning;
- Feedback provided re: dairy survey in Valley 9/23 to Environmental Defense;
- Local Foods Steering Committee meeting 9/26/08, Augusta County Extension office;

Natural Resources:

- Committee meeting to review RWA Main Stem Shenandoah 10/28/08;
- Met with SWCD technicians, Faye Cooper multiple times re: collecting data for fencing project for reporting purposes, project files, contracts, etc.;
- Talked with Andy Gordon 10/8/08 re: Farm Audit Training for VA Councils;
- Further discussions with Maria Papadakis and Robin Jones, On-Farm Energy workshop and project (multiple and ongoing);
- PWF pre-board meeting, 10/15/08;
- 10/16/08 Waste Solutions Forum Steering Committee;

Managed Growth and Land Protection:

- VCC Land Protection Committee meeting 10/6/08; VCC Policy Committee meeting 10/29/08;
- 8/27/08 teleconference with Environmental Defense, VCE, re: farmland protection work in Valley;

Forestry:

- Forestry Committee meeting 10/10/08;

Executive Committee:

Grants/Funding

- Co-hosted field trip to view local food-related projects with Bill Buchanan of Risk Management Agency, USDA, and others, 9/16/08;
- Chesapeake Bay Funders fencing project, conference call, 9/17/08;
- CBFN fencing project tour and meeting with consultants and project team, 9/30/08;
- Discussions on resubmitting RC&D for Smith Creek Partnership to NFWF, decided DCR would resubmit via WSF;
- Submitted BFBL grant to Agua Fund in partnership with VCE NW District;
- Assisted Joan Comanor in collecting information re: Market Maker position, discussion held 10/7/08; annual review held 10/30/08;
- VEE fencing report due Oct. 1, submitted;
- Grant progress report and new request to Agua Fund from Council;
- Technical assistance from Pat Munoz, River Network, re: Council fundraising plan;
- All day NFWF PI meeting, 10/10/08;
- PowerPoint presentation created for CBFN meeting, fencing meeting, in PA, attended Nov. 5-7;

NRCS Activities

- Submitting travel vouchers and trying to learn GovTrip, new reimbursement system for travel;
- Updated and reworked Council Annual Plan of Work and Annual Report; POINTS data entry;
- Prepared for coordinator annual review with documentation requirements;
- Coordinator annual review 10/16/08 in Charlottesville; Lorraine annual review 10/20/08;
- Success Story drafted for NARCD national meeting;
- Coordinator teleconference on Farm Bill 10/30/08;

Other

- SE Association of RC&D Councils meeting in Wytheville, 9/10-9/13/08; Virginia hosted this regional meeting, which only occurs once every 12 years or so;
- VARCD Forestry teleconference 10/22/08;
- Prepared Council materials for 11/10/08 meeting;

- Met with Ray Houser WKDW radio for 30 minute general radio show interview 10/6/08;
- Buy Fresh Buy local information table at Harrisonburg Farmers Market Grand Opening; 10/25;
- Met with Andrew Jenner, Lancaster Farmer, 10/31/08, re: fencing project;
- Met with Bonnie Riedesel, Executive Director of CSPDC 11/3/08;