

Coordinator's Report
September 8, 2008

Project Activity

Sustainable Agriculture:

- Rural Regional Group working session 7/18/08 Oak Spring Dairy;
- BFBL Working Group meeting 7/29/08 Winchester about guide in Frederick County;
- Local Foods Steering Committee meeting 7/31/08;
- Ongoing arrangements/announcements re: Todd Erling visit Hudson Valley Agribusiness Corporation, including meeting with VCE 8/27/08;

Natural Resources:

- Committee meeting 7/30/08;
- WSF co-chair announcement 8/1/08;
- Ongoing work/discussions re: adaptive Livestock Exclusion project, Joelle leaving/staff turnover, contract reminder letters out;
- Met with Maria Papadakis about On-Farm Energy workshop and project 8/22/08;

Managed Growth and Land Protection:

- Committee Meeting 9/3/08;
- 8/27/08 teleconference with Environmental Defense, VCE, re: farmland protection work in Valley;

Forestry:

- Received \$1,500 Forestry Mini-Grant from VA Tech for outreach to underserved groups, 8/28/08;

Executive Committee:

- Meeting prior to Council meeting 9/8/08;

Grants/Funding

- Agua Fund grantees in the Valley meetings 8/21/08;
- Proposal to Farm Aid for Buy Fresh Buy Local Steering Committee sent 9/3/08;
- Discussions on resubmitting RC&D for Smith Creek Partnership to NFWF;

NRCS Activities

- Prepared materials for RC&D for Earth Team Meeting, Richmond, 8/18/08;
- First Monday and third Tuesday of the month SE Association teleconferences with VA coordinators, including 8/22/08, 8/19/08; lots of associated work on SE!
- Updated and reworked Council Annual Plan of Work;
- Spouses' Tour calls and associated tasks for SE meeting ongoing;
- POINTS data entry and PRS;
- Coordinators meetings in Wytheville 8/28-29/08;
- RWA team meetings in Front Royal/WV 9/4-5/08;
- Vehicle inspection (annual);

Other

- Headwaters SWCD annual tour 7/15/08;
- VARCDC Forestry teleconference 7/23/08, 8/20/08;
- Prepared Council materials for 9/8/08 meeting, reworked Annual Plan, etc.;
- Met with Conservation Fund representative 8/24/08 re: their work in the Valley;
- Facilitated Pure Water Forum annual work plan session 9/2/08;