

**Financial Report, July 2008 through
June 2009**

The Council has an operating budget of \$ 10,448.96 funded through memberships of RC&D county sponsors. Projects are completed with funding from grants and fundraising activities.

**Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2008**

Total Revenues	\$ 10,684
Net Assets	\$ 24,505
Total Expenses	\$ 13,027

Dunham, Aukam & Rhodes, PLC performed an audit with a resulting statement that generally accepted accounting principles are followed. An IRS Form 990 was filed as a 2008 statement of financial activity.

Tidewater RC&D Council is authorized by the U S Department of Agriculture and received approximately \$ 137,310 in technical support through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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**TIDEWATER
RESOURCE CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL**

2009 Annual Report

VISION: Prosperous Communities
in Harmony with the Environment

MISSION: Helping to build an
economically diverse and ecologically
sound region

**Representing the counties of
Essex
Gloucester
King and Queen
King William
Lancaster
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Middlesex
Northumberland
Richmond
Westmoreland**

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GOALS

Expand educational programs to help the public understand their interaction with the environment and the cultural heritage of this region

Support Sustainable Economic Development

Initiate activities to build stronger communities

Promote balanced development in concert with nature, heritage and local needs

Sustain the quality and quantity of water resources to support the region

Strengthened the abilities of TC&D Council to deliver effective services to the communities in the RC&D area

**Tidewater RC&D Council Members
2009**

Officers:

Chairperson Robert H. Mallory

Vice Chairperson Steve Pope

Secretary/Treasurer Jerry W. Davis

Immediate Past Chairperson Margaret "Prue" Davis

At-Large Members

Jean Adams, Clifford Dixon, Patricia Bradshaw

Richard (Dick) Porterfield

Planning District Commissions

Jerry W. Davis, Northern Neck

Dr. Maurice "Mo" Lynch, Middle Peninsula

Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Joe Thompson, Northern Neck

Robert T. Respess, Jr. Tidewater

Dawn Shank, Three Rivers

Counties

Lynn Brownley, Westmoreland County

Margaret "Prue" Davis, Essex County

Jack Lawson, Lancaster County

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Robert Mallory, Richmond County

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Steve Pope, Mathews County

Carol E. Steele, Gloucester County

Ida Hall, Northumberland County

John H. "Jerry" Walker, King & Queen County

Staff:

RC&D Coordinator—USDA/NRCS—Patricia H. Tyrrell

Administrative Assistant—USDA/NRCS—Helen Heck

Message from Chairperson

The Tidewater RC&D has had another busy year and it looks like that will not change in the future. As chairperson, I am inspired by the knowledge and willingness of both council members and staff to set lofty goals then get the job done. The diverse nature of the projects and the community needs addressed are key features of what we have accomplished. From the Northern Neck Farm Museum to invasive species workshops, the RC&D works on local concerns and opportunities. In the future, we plan more of the same plus adding bio-mass fuel usage as a forestry project and developing plans for a business to grow eel grass for our coastal waters. In summation, we have a great group of people that I feel honored to be a part of, who are looking to better the lives of the people of our area.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Mallory

Robert H. Mallory
Chair

Project Status Report

New Projects Approved

182	Forestry & Wildlife Tour
184	Down on the Farm—MP 2009/2010
185	Woods in Your Back Yard
186	Wine and Arts Festival 2009
187	Dragon Run Festival

Projects Completed

42A	Value of Forestry Brochure
42B	Value of Forestry Presentations
167	Bridging the River
172	Wine and Arts Festival
173	Wood Based Bio-Fuels Forum
178	Down on the Farm-2009
180	Shoreline Erosion Control for Navy
181	Invasive Species Workshop
182	Forestry & Wildlife Tour
183	York River Green Infrastructure Workshop

FORESTRY

Woody Based Bio-Fuels Forum was hosted at Rappahannock Community College, to provide community leaders with information to decide if wood based bio-fuels have a future in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. An analysis of forested areas within a 50 mile radius of Aylett revealed that there is more than adequate waste wood that is currently unutilized that could sustain a commercial pellet manufacturing operation. The analysis was prepared by Dr. Richard Porterfield with data assembled by Virginia Dept. of Forestry. Jennifer Gagnon and Scott Barrett of Va. Tech Forestry Department provided a review of the development of bio-fuels and how wood based fuel is emerging as a technology for future energy production. Paul Howe of the Virginia Forestry Association provided an update about the 2009 legislative issues regarding bio-fuels. Check Tidewater RC&D's website to see the presentations.

Forestry and Wildlife Tour on October 16 began at the Hutchinson Tract of the Rappahannock River Valley Wildlife Refuge where U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided an overview of their techniques to manage both game and non-game wildlife on the 727 acre tract. Jim

Vadas, forestry consultant and member of the RC&D Forestry



Committee, then led the tour through the Blandfield Plantation in Essex County on the Rappahannock River. This historic 3,500 acre farm featured an 8 year old tract of long leaf and loblolly plantings. Discussions included disease and insect challenges and how to choose the right species to plant following timber harvest. A duck impoundment was visited as a part of the discussion on increasing duck habitat. The tour was sponsored with Va. Tech Dept. of Forestry Cooperative Extension Service, the Departments of Forestry and Game and Inland Fisheries, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the RC&D Forestry Committee.

RESOURCE CONSERVATION



Invasive Species Workshop was held on Earth Day at Beale Memorial Church in Tappahannock, Va. The workshop was designed to help homeowners, landscapers, and municipal staff to understand the serious threat from invasive plants, how to identify the plants in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck areas, how to destroy the invasives, and pesticide safety and regulations. Sandy Spencer of US Fish and Wildlife Service provided a demonstration about safe and effective use of herbicides to control invasive species. Speakers were from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Va. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation-Natural Heritage, Va. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Cooperative Extension. The Department of Forestry donated hardwood trees for participants and USFWS provided drink bottles and safety gloves to use with pesticides.

Shoreline Erosion Control at Muse's Beach for the Navy -Tidewater RC&D developed three alternative designs for shoreline erosion control on at Muse's Beach to protect their naval testing site and access road. The design work was created by Bayshore Design. Virginia Institute of Marine Services and Virginia Shoreline Erosion Advisory Service partnered on the project to provide recommendations on innovative techniques to stabilize the area and encourage as many living shoreline techniques be incorporated as possible in this area with a very broad fetch and severe erosion.

York River Roundtable -Green Infrastructure Workshop was held at Randolph Macon College on November 6, 2008 to encourage localities within the watershed to consider the planning techniques available to create a permanent green infrastructure. Maps provided insight into what areas may be worth protected for a variety of reasons from agriculture, forestry, wildlife habitat, endangered plant and animal species and value of riparian buffer. May Sligh, York River Watershed Coordinator organized the meeting for 52 community leaders with assistance from Three Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District.

AGRICULTURE

Northern Neck Farm Museum- Barnyard Bonanza was a free, fun, and educational day at the Northern Neck Farm Museum on May 9 which announced the new exhibits for this year. Farm animals such as cows, pigs and chickens, and sheep were featured. The petable animals especially the baby chicks were a real hit with the children along with the pony rides and children's tractor pull. Antique cars were on display and the knitting guild provided a demonstration of spinning and knitting with wool from the sheep. Tours of the museum were provided to see the new tool exhibits, Farm Wife's Exhibit and the Beginnings of Rural Electricity exhibit.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The 2009 Wine and Arts Festival was co-hosted on June 13, 2009 with over 800 people attended to see the 50 artists who bring their wares from several states to rural King & Queen County. Seven different wineries provided wine tastings and numerous non-profit groups had booths at the event. Such as the antique buggy from the Northern Neck Farm Museum and the children's activities tent sponsored by the Mattaponi and Pamunkey Rivers Association.

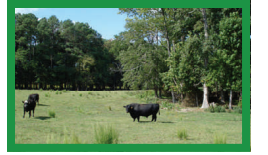


Partners & Contributors in 2009

Clear Water Forestry
Colonial Farm Credit
Va. Cooperative Extension
Three Rivers Forestry
Three Rivers Soil & Water Conservation District
Virginia Institute of Marine Science
Northern Neck PDC
York River Roundtable
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Va. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation
Va. Department of Forestry
Va. Tech. Department of Forestry Extension

Down on the Farm – Middle Peninsula 2008

Hillsborough Farm A Virginia Historic Landmark owned by Todd and Katherine Hendley. Visitors enjoyed seeing the family farm and the demonstration of a canola crusher. The alpaca exhibit kept visitors busy.



Elsing Green a stately manor house is one of Virginia's most outstanding examples of colonial architecture and listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.



Owned and managed by Edgar and Virginia Lafferty, the home sits on a 2,254 acre plantation and wildlife refuge. Visitors met Ray and Vin Davis to learn about modern corn and soybean agriculture. Features included exhibits on rain barrels, lawn care, land preservation, farm equipment.

The Pamunkey Fish Hatchery

featured Assistant Chief Warren Cook who shared stories about how the tribe became involved with shad restoration.



Researchers from Virginia Institute of Marine Science described their work with both the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Tribes to restore American Shad.

Day Spring Farm managed by Charlie and Miriam Maloney is a Community Supported Agriculture Farm growing squash, leafy greens, heirloom tomatoes, strawberries, peppers, and potatoes. There were also chickens, goats and a horse for the visitors to pet.

