

Appalachian RC&D Council

To conserve natural resources and improve rural economics through community leadership and enhanced educational opportunities.



Annual Report 2012

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A New Phase for RC&D Councils

The past 18 months have been challenging for RC&D Councils across the nation. Federal budget cuts in 2011 took away USDA funding, including staff and operations support, from the RC&D program. We are glad that our former Project Coordinator for the Appalachian RC&D, Roy Settle, found a new home for his talents as Vice President for Agricultural Lending at First Bank and Trust. Our Council remains financially stable and we are continuing to fulfill our mission as we plan for long term stability. This does mean a new phase for us. *Because we no longer receive operating support from the USDA, the Council will now depend more on our community—on you—to help us continue our work.* Please consider a gift to us in your end-of-year giving; it is a gift that will be invested here in your community to strengthen rural economy and conserve the natural resources and heritage we all hold dear.

Accomplishments in 2012

Every project and initiative depends on the dedication of countless volunteers, local, federal & state agencies, corporate donors and private foundations and many others. These are all locally led partnerships backed by people and organizations with a passion for making things happen.



FOLLOW THE QUILT TRAIL We brought back our Quilt Trail e-newsletter and unveiled our new Quilt Trail website. Two new historic sites were added to the Trail, the Netherland Inn in Kingsport and the Embree House in Telford. Keep your ears open and get ready to mark your calendars for 2013 celebrations: the Quilt Trail began in 2003 with a few squares...*this means that 2013 will mark the 10th Anniversary of the Quilt Trail!*

FARMLAND PRESERVATION Volunteers through the Council continued to educate landowners about conservation easement options with Lands of Boone and Crockett Trust, and work with the Land Trust for Tennessee to monitor the existing farmland easements in upper East Tennessee.

BRINGING IT DOWNTOWN Strong downtown cores are important to strong communities. In 2012 we have been implementing \$10,500 in grants from the East Tennessee Foundation and Eastman Chemical Company to extend the Quilt Trail into the downtown centers of Greeneville, Mountain City, Elizabethton, and Kingsport. We thank Council members Mary Faulkner and Romayne St. John for spearheading these projects. At a recent December reception the Kingsport Cultural Arts Division and the Mayor of Kingsport celebrated the efforts of volunteer artists who have painted 19 quilt squares that will be mounted through out downtown Kingsport to create a new public art walking trail.

AMERICORPS VISTA In 2012 the Council continued to be served by AmeriCorps from the Appalachian Coal County Team VISTA/OSM program. We thank Charis Endicott for her service with the Council in 2011. Emily Bidgood joined us as our new VISTA in August 2012. Emily hails from central Virginia and is looking forward to supporting the Council's work.



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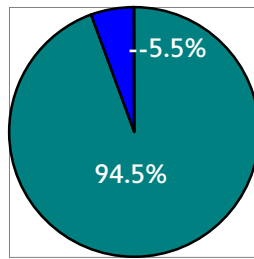
Include the Appalachian RC&D in your end-of-year giving: a contribution invested right here in your community. Mail the attached donation form, or donate online through our secure payment system at www.ARCO.org



End of Year Financial Review

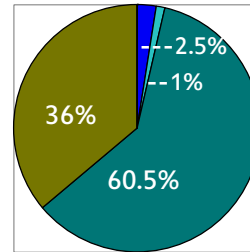
Cash Assets: \$62,000
 Property & Equipment: \$53,426
 TOTAL Assets: \$115,426

TOTAL Expenses: \$142,595



■ Programs
 ■ Management/Administration

TOTAL Revenue: \$167,448



■ Grants/Revenue
 ■ Donations
 ■ Firewise
 ■ Roan Creek Watershed 319

*This financial review is preliminary and unaudited

SINCE 1994...

The Appalachian RC&D has been improving rural economy and conserving natural resources in Carter, Greene, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties. Over 1,000,000 pounds of potentially toxic and harmful chemicals have been removed from homes in our region and recycled or properly disposed of due to the Council-led Household Hazardous Waste Collections. When major floods hit Carter County in 1998 & Greene County in 2001, the Council hosted four Disaster Relief Teams from the AmeriCorps National Community Service Program, bringing 7,000 hours in relief time. Thousands of students have been educated at Conservation Camp and Envirothon about how we can wisely use and protect natural resources. Today locally-owned businesses are getting better exposure to customers via www.LocalGoods.org, helping to keep our regional economy strong. To strengthen the region's agricultural economy we have hosted and sponsored dozens of successful workshops on diversifying and improving farm income. We have directly helped farms diversify by focusing on agricultural tourism and heritage: with 90 sites now on the Northeast Tennessee Quilt Trail (www.QuiltTrail.org), farm businesses are attracting more visitors and benefiting from extra dollars spent directly on the farm.

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