



Vision Statement: A sustainable, prosperous community that values people, resources, diversity, and our heritage.

Mission Statement: To conserve resources and improve rural communities through community leadership and enhanced educational opportunities.

History of Appalachian RC&D:

The original sponsors of the Appalachian RC&D were the County Commissions and Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Carter, Greene, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington Counties. In 1992, they asked for help from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to improve the economy through the orderly development and conservation of resources through the Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D). After USDA approved this request in 1994, the Appalachian Resource Conservation and Development Area was established. The RC&D Council was established to represent the sponsors and carry out an Area Plan of action.

Early sponsors of the Appalachian RC&D recognized the opportunities available for not-for-profit organizations and filed for an official determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In August 1995, the IRS issued a letter of determination recognizing Appalachian RC&D as a 501 (c) (3) organization.

The governing body of the Appalachian RC&D is the membership. Every three years, the members elect a four member Executive Board to carry on the day to day operations of the Council.

Overview:

The Appalachian Resource Conservation and Development Area is composed of six counties located in extreme Northeast Tennessee. This area derives its name from the Appalachian

region of the country where it is located and its obvious position in the geography of the state of Tennessee.

The scope of the work the Appalachian Resource Conservation and Development Council is broad, with its programs designed to promote, educate, and enhance the region. These programs include youth education (Foodtopia, partnership with Build It Up!)), beginning farmer support (Field School), the Quilt Trail, and a free healthy eating initiative (Appalachian Farmacy), in addition to their work in wildfire prevention, water and land conservation, and various educational and fundraising events throughout the year.