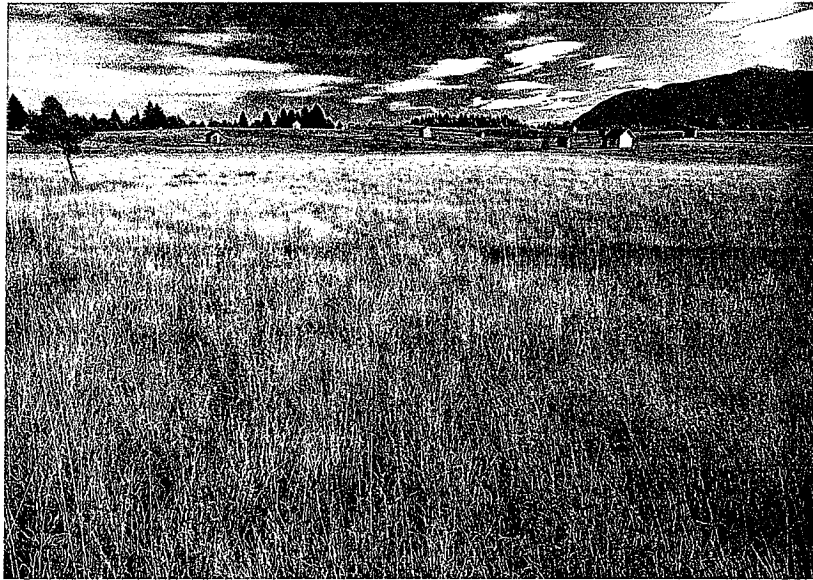


***APPOMATTOX RIVER
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT***



ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010

City of Petersburg

Dinwiddie County

ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

The Appomattox River Soil and Water Conservation District has completed 33 years of service to the City of Petersburg and the County of Dinwiddie. This district is a legal subdivision of the State of Virginia with two elected directors from each of the two political subdivisions represented. Two directors are also appointed by the Division of Soil and Water Conservation. All elected and appointed directors serve four-year terms. The directors are unpaid except for travel expenses.

Directors:

Granville Maitland, Chairman (elected – Dinwiddie)
Dr. Conrad Gilliam, Vice-Chairman (elected – Petersburg)
Maxwell Watkins (elected – Dinwiddie)
Richard B. Taylor (elected – Petersburg)
Dan Rapp (Director-at-Large appointment)
Michael J. Parrish (Extension Agent appointment)
Robert H. Spiers, Associate Director
Dan Lee, Associate Director
Morgan Ingram, Associate Director

Responsibilities:

The Appomattox River SWCD is responsible for developing a program for wise use of our soil and water conservation matters. The District also advises the City of Petersburg and Dinwiddie County on erosion and sediment control when needed. The district meets the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings are open to the public and guests are always welcome.

Personnel:

The district's staff consists of a full-time Conservation Specialist and a full-time Administrative Secretary/Treasurer. The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides a District Conservationist serving Prince George and Dinwiddie Service Offices and a Natural Resources Conservation Technician. The ARSWCD also receives assistance on numerous projects from other government agencies located within the county. These include:

- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Service
- USDA – Farm Service Agency
- Dinwiddie Farm Bureau
- Virginia Department of Games and Inland Fisheries

Lake Tract: The District owns this property within the City of Petersburg. Various improvements have been made to the area over the years. It is a continuing project of the District and provides a means of educating the public on the value of wetland areas. The District would like to thank all of the individuals who have helped on the Lake Tract property over the years.

COST SHARE
July 2009 – June 2010

- 1) Funds allocated = \$159,683.00
Basins = Chowan and Chesapeake Bay
- 2) Signup = 34 participants
- 3) Practices funded:
 - a) Cover Crop – 2,963.3 acres
 - b) Permanent Vegetative Cover – 18 acres
 - c) Grazing Land Protection – 80 acres
 - d) Conservation Reserve Program – 15 acres (Tree planting)
 - e) No-till – 21.4 acres
 - f) Woodland Stabilization 2.7 acres

APPOMATTOX RIVER SWCD
FARM DAY

On October 6th, 2009, the Appomattox River SWCD held its annual Urban Farm Day.

Approximately 1,000 students from the 2nd grade in the Dinwiddie Schools with Dinwiddie and Petersburg Headstart and Homeschooled students as well as their teachers and parents attended the event.

The event highlighted Laurel Farms, the farm of Alvin and Nina Blaha, and the various crops grown there. The Farm Day was educational as well as entertaining. The VA Standards of Learning were presented to the students at each station. The VA Cooperative Extension discussed farm crops such as cotton, soybeans, peanuts and vegetables. Also the Master Gardeners had a talk on plants and vegetables. Volunteers brought their livestock which included goats, sheep, and chickens for the students to see. Aquaculture was presented by the VA State University staff. Conservation Police Officer Jessica Douglas addressed native wildlife. Jimmy Maass from Farm Bureau discussed bike and farm safety with the children.

We would like to thank Nina and Alvin Blaha and their family for inviting us to use their farm for the students to visit. We also want to thank all of our volunteers and those from Dinwiddie, Emporia and Virginia Beach Soil and Water Conservation District offices, Petersburg and Dinwiddie Cooperative Extension, the Dinwiddie High School FFA, VA Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries, and the VA Dept. of Forestry for their outstanding contribution and assistance.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

Heather Dowling

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Pine Planting	15 tracts	921
Pine Release	31 tracts	1241
Site Preparation	7 tracts	403
Cost Share applications	37 applications	1529
Management Plans	44 plans	3647
Commercial Thinning	45 tracts	4662
Fires	6 fires	11.8
Logging job inspections	208 jobs	n/a
Pre-harvest plans	22 plans	n/a
Educational	27 programs	n/a

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Mike Parrish, VCE, ANR

The Dinwiddie County Cooperative Extension Service has worked with and conducted or planned the following programs in which the District has provided support or assistance for 2009/10.

- 2009 Household Hazardous Waste collection was 4000 lbs. collected
- 2009 Agriculture Waste Oil Collection Program – 3000 gallons collected
- 2009 Agriculture Tire Collection and Recycling – over 1700 tires collected
- 2009 Pesticide Container Recycling – close to 9000 containers collected from 30 farmers
- 2009 Farmer's Breakfast (speaker)
- 2009/10 - 1 Grazing Club meetings for the Tri-County area (Din, PG & Sussex)
- 2010 Tri-County Soybean Field Day
- 2009 1 Vegetable Grower's Meeting
- 2009 Field plot work with corn, soy, tobacco, wheat and cotton
- 2010 NRCS Tillage Training (speaker and host)
- 2010 VSU Farm Tour with Petersburg Parks and Recreation – 400 students
- 2010 Production Meeting for corn and soybean
- 2010 Dinwiddie County Fair Exhibit and Tent