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COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

It appears to me that there is a lot going on that will affect Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Council in the near future.

As you are aware the elections in November brought major changes in the political scene on the National, State and local levels. In the four counties that Southern Maryland serves three new county commissioners and county executive were elected – I would like to thank the outgoing county officials for their support and look forward to working with the newly elected officials. I have been impressed by the quality and interest of the incoming officials and feel that we will continue to receive the same support.

I want to make you aware of two areas of concern we have on the national level. The President's FY 2008 budget proposal is recommending a 14.6 million dollar cut in the RC&D Program. The budget proposal allows for only one coordinator in each state. This would be totally unacceptable making it impossible to manage the many activities going on in each state.

The second area of concern is the 2007 Farm Bill. We are requesting changes that would protect the RC&D Program. The changes are proposing that each Council continue to have a fulltime coordinator and reemphasizing that RC&D is a locally led USDA Program. At the present time, funding is made each year and we have to go "begging" for funds. It is a known fact that RC&D councils have successfully leveraged the federal investment, bringing a return of \$7.50 for each dollar the Federal Government provides.

Since I last communicated with you, our staff has been extremely busy with on-going projects, training, Requests for Assistance and upgrading our website. I invite you to visit our new website. Also, several of our members attended a legislative workshop in DC in February.

In closing I would like to thank the community and our council for their continued support. As you know the council is an all volunteer group who are dedicated to making Southern Maryland a better place to live.

Ron Black

Annual Award Dinner

The Southern Maryland RC&D Board will be holding their Annual Awards Dinner on April 20, 2007 (FRIDAY) from 6:00pm—9:00pm at Moose Lodge No. 296 at 1890 Crownsville Road, Annapolis. The Council will recognize outstanding individuals for their service to the Southern Maryland RC&D Board. Registration is \$20.00. If you would like to attend please fill out the form below and return it with payment to the RC&D office by April 10th.

NEW WEBSITE

The Southern Maryland RC&D launched a new website in January. Check it out at www.somdrdc.org. Visit it often for updates.



----- REGISTRATION FORM -----

RETURN BY: FRIDAY APRIL 10, 2007
(NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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NAME(S): _____

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PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

NO. ATTENDING _____ X \$20.00 = _____
(Southern Maryland RC&D Board Members are Free)

Menu: PLEASE CHOOSE: _____ BAKED CHICKEN _____ ROAST BEEF

Includes: String beans, potatoes, caesar salad, roll, dessert and soda, tea, coffee or water.

RC&D prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status.

Welcome New Board Member

The Board would like to welcome Edward Sinnes to the Southern Maryland RC&D Board as a Charles County Student Representative and Betsy Dudley as an Anne Arundel Student Representative. Edward attends La Plata High School. Betsy attends Annapolis High School.

Annual Report

Our 2006-2007 Annual Report will be completed soon. If you would like a copy please e-mail or call the office. Once completed it will be added to the website for download.

Upcoming Events

Southern Maryland Annual Awards Dinner Meeting

April 20, 2007
Contact: 301-932-4638

2007 Mid-Atlantic RC&D Conference

Hershey, Pennsylvania
September 16-19, 2007

Board Positions

Board positions are available for Calvert County Forest Conservancy & County of Anne Arundel. If you, or someone you know, would like to serve on our Board please contact the RC&D office at 301-932-4638 or 301-870-7138.

Please help keep our mailing list current. Contact us with any changes or if you wish to be removed from the mailing list.

Phone: 301-932-4638 or 301-870-7138
Fax: 301-932-4647

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Website: www.somdracd.org

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Science Fair—RC&D Board Winners

(Awards consist of RC&D T-Shirt, Certificates for all and \$50 for First Place and \$25 for Second Place Winners)

Calvert County

1st Place Junior Division—Megan Bethge—“Phytoplankton”



2nd Place Junior Division —Courtney Sanders— “Creek Matter Affecting SAV”

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Karli Hawxhurst—“Hydroponics vs. Soil”

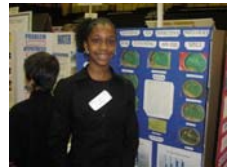


1st Place Senior Division—“What is the effect of pH on plant growth?”

Charles County

1st Place Junior Division—Kristina Milman— “Chesapeake Bay Water Quality”

2nd Place Junior Division—Trinity Story—“Devising which method will clean an oil spill”



1st Place Senior Division—Brittany Libert—“Swimming with Bacteria”

2nd Place Senior Division—Christina Rasmussen— “Bringing the greenhouse effect down to earth”

St. Mary’s County

1st Place Junior Division—Mairead Slaughter— “Some like it Hot”

2nd Place Junior Division—Nikita Raley— “Growing with Fertilizer”



1st Place Senior Division—Travis Mattingly— “Survivor: Smith Island”

2nd Place Senior Division—Stephanie Ligon— Determination of Drought-Tolerant Beans”



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