

SUMMER 2006

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

SUMMERTIME GREETINGS FROM YOUR SOUTHERN MD RC&D COUNCIL. Usually summer is a time that we tend to slow down and relax and not start new projects, but this has not been the case with Southern Maryland RC&D.

Jeremy West, our new Coordinator, who came to us last November, has been very busy completing old projects, monitoring ongoing projects, writing grants and starting new projects. The last six months have been very busy. We are now operating at full capacity and Jeremy has been a blessing to us. He is energetic, knowledgeable, and everything we were looking for in a coordinator.

I am pleased to announce that we received full funding of our budget request from Anne Arundel and St. Mary's counties. Thank you, county officials for your funding. We will be able to implement the changes in our program since we were fully funded.

We had a group from the Council attend and make presentations at the National RC&D Convention. I was not able to attend this year's convention, but have been told it was excellent and our group brought back a lot of ideas for our council to use.

In closing I would like to thank all the council members for their hard work and the energy they bring to the council as volunteers. Again I would be remiss to not thank Denitra and Joan for the tremendous job they continue to do.

Ron Black

COMMENTS FROM THE COORDINATOR

Over the last few months I have begun to better understand my role as coordinator, and better appreciate your involvement as Board Members and partners. You are the key to a successful program in Southern Maryland. I look to you to help us define our Vision and continue to develop our Mission. Southern Maryland is dynamic, changing at a rapid pace. Working together we can ensure that this change is positive. There is so much we can accomplish together.

I will receive my first NRCS training during August, RC&D Concepts. I hope to receive training in Area Planning next year. I very much look forward to working with each of you in developing and implementing our new Area Plan. Southern Maryland RC&D will continue to be a strong partner to our citizens, local governments and local and regional organizations. Our Area Plan will ensure that our efforts are collaborative and our vision shared. I encourage you to stop by the Southern Maryland RC&D office to share your thoughts and project ideas with me. My door is always open.

Jeremy West

New Southern Maryland RC&D Executive Board

The Southern Maryland RC&D Board has selected a new Executive Board. New Members are:

Chair—Ronald Black

Vice Chair—Patricia Pinnell

Secretary/Treasurer—Olga Walter

Anne Arundel Member—James Bardsley

Calvert Member—Bill Clark

Charles Member—Jennifer David

St. Mary's Member—Bruce Young

Recognition

Coastal America Award—On May 5th the RC&D Board received a 2005 Coastal America Partnership Award for shoreline repair and stabilization work at the Gate Four area of Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

Annual Award Dinner

At our Award Dinner held in April the following members were recognized: Member of the Year—Olga Walter; Certificate of Appreciation— Student Members Mary Howard and Tony Newman.

Stephen McHenry, Executive Director for the Rural Maryland Council spoke about the Rural Maryland Council and gave a brief 2006 Maryland General Assembly Legislative update. Jeremy gave a presentation on RC&D projects. Dick Myers, Special Assistant to Senator Barbara Mikulski, Delegates Sue Kullen, Murray Levy and Sally Jameson were in attendance as well as Charles County Commissioners Robert Fuller and Edith Patterson.



Olga Walter & Mary Howard

Welcome New Board Member

The Board would like to welcome Naomi Wright to the Southern Maryland RC&D Board as a St. Mary's County Student Representative. Naomi is a home school student.



Naomi Wright & Jeremy West

Annual Report

The 2004-2005 Southern Maryland RC&D Annual Report is complete. If you would like a copy please call or e-mail the RC&D office. The Annual Report can also be downloaded from our website.

Upcoming Events

Agritourism Conference
Exact Date and
Location to be Decided
Charles County
Contact: 301-932-4638



Anne Arundel County Fair—September 13-17, 2006

Charles County Fair—September 14-17, 2006

St. Mary's County Fair—September 21-24, 2006

Calvert County Fair—September 28-October 2, 2006

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—Lexi Forster -“Killer Topsoil”

2nd Place Junior Division—Annalise Kenney-
“Macroinvertebrate Sampling”

1st Place Senior Division—Emily Brownlee-“A Tale of
two Oysters”

2nd Place Senior Division—Marina Ybana-“See Me,
Clean Me, Heal Me-The Bay”

Charles County

1st Place Junior Division—Matthew Lateulere-“Water
Quality at the NSWC-Indian Head, MD”

2nd Place Junior Division—Sean Ward-“Algae:Killer of
the Bay”

1st Place Senior Division—Karen Fletcher-“Are Rain
Barrels Worthwhile?”

2nd Place Senior Division—Emily Gore-“Efficient Algae
Control-Is it Possible?”

Board Positions—Student Member

A Board position is available for a Charles County Student Representative. 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. A successful applicant will be starting school as a junior this fall and will have project ideas to bring before the Board.



St. Mary's County

1st Place Junior Division—

Johnny Houser-“Power of
pH”



2nd Place Junior Division—Victoria Zitaglio-“Keeping
Bees Healthy”

1st Place Senior Division—
Kimberly Shupe & Jacqu-
line Marriott-“Chlorophyll
a and Fish Population”



2nd Place Senior Division—Matthew Tilghman-“Effects
of Sound on Plants”

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