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(l-r) Larry Nix, Dennis Brown, Edsel Nix,
Jeanette Jamieson, Lewis Canup and
Jim Dobson (deceased)

Our Mission is to assist individuals and communities in utilizing and protecting our natural resources while improving the economy, environment and quality of life.

The Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation and Development Council was first organized in 1968 with four counties (Habersham, Hall, Lumpkin and White). By 1976, the council area had increased to thirteen counties. The Council filed with the state to become a non-profit Georgia corporation in 1986 and received its nonprofit 501(c) 3 status. This locally-led organization promotes conservation, development and utilization of natural resources to improve the general level of economic activity and to enhance the environment and standard of living in our local communities.

All programs and assistance of the RC & D Council are available without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

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2010 Annual Report

*In Memory of James (Jim) W. Dobson, Jr.
1924-2010*



2010

Mud Creek and Little Mud Creek 319(h)

This watershed is located in Habersham, Hall and Banks counties. Mud Creek is on the 303d list of impaired streams for fecal coli form bacteria and sediment. The Council closed out the initial phase of this project by hosting an on-the-farm field day to celebrate the BMPs installed. As a result of this project, 5,097 tons of sediment, 9,571 lbs of phosphorus and 15,803 lbs of nitrogen will be removed from the watershed PER YEAR.

Additionally, the Council was approved by GAEPD to initiate a Phase 2 project that will invest more than \$607,000 over the next two years to help de-list the stream from the state's impaired list.

NE GA Tree Planting Initiative (ARRA Funded)

The Council is working with two other RC&D Councils, the GA Forestry Commission and 35 communities across NE Georgia to plant more than 500 trees on public property by employing private labor and nurseries to provide the labor and materials. Four sites were completed in spring of 2010 with fall/winter plantings underway.



US Fish & Wildlife

This \$100,000 grant was awarded to facilitate the restoration, enhancement and management of stream corridors and rare habitats in the Coosa Basin of Georgia. This year saw the completion of the Shaw Park Streambank Demonstration site in Cobb County. This public and private partnership will serve as an educational site for the public to learn about stabilization techniques that can be achieved on a small scale.



Energy Efficiency Projects (CIG and REAP Projects)

The US broiler industry is a major consumer of energy, and has vast potential for improvements that would increase the energy efficiency of production facilities. The Council has partnered on several projects with other RC&D Councils around the State, the University of Georgia, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and USDA-Rural Development to conduct energy audits, install energy efficient practices, and monitor energy consumption and energy savings. 34 broiler farms have invested over \$2.1 million to achieve an average energy savings of 38% creating an average 2-3 year return on investment.



Projects...

Community Outreach

In recognition of National RC&D week, the Council, in partnership with the USDA—Feds, Farmers, and Friends Feed Families Food Drive, provided over 3,600 pounds of food to the local food banks and pantries that serve our thirteen-county area.



Farm Bill Outreach

The Council was recently awarded a \$25,000 Targeted Outreach agreement from NRCS to provide workshops and training to educate small, beginning, traditionally underserved, limited resource producers and the general public on the conservation programs offered by the 2008 Farm Bill. Two workshops have been held in 2010, serving 165 citizens.

Envirothon

The Council continues to support this unique environmental education program designed to enhance high school students' problem-solving and critical thinking skills. The 2010 North Region winner was Stephens County High School.



Wheels to Work Program

Since its inception, more than 150 clients throughout the Council area have been placed in dependable, used cars. This program continues to provide transportation and the self-sufficiency needed to maintain employment by adding two new clients this year.



Rain Barrel Program

This program provides various sized barrels to the public at a nominal cost. Collaborative efforts have resulted in public awareness regarding the need for water conservation. While approximately 230 barrels have been sold to date, more than 130 have been donated for educational purposes.

Other Community Events / Field Days / Trainings

The Council members, staff and partners hosted 21 Community Events that provided needed information and/or training to more than 5,540 citizens. These events included youth focused soils, trees and water quality, as well as local grown / farmers market promotion field days and E&SC Certification trainings. Collectively, the Council has helped to create and/or retain 52 jobs and 46 businesses while improving over 127,000 acres through conservation measures throughout our Council Area. Thank You!

