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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS

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National Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils Announces Award to Shenandoah RC&D Council

The National Association of Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Councils is very pleased to announce that Shenandoah RC&D Council of Verona, Virginia has been reauthorized as a member of the national Circle of Diamonds program.

As a standing member of the Circle of Diamonds, Shenandoah RC&D Council has already demonstrated its positive impact on the quality of life within its local area and its accountability to the community it serves through its organizational structure, the processes it uses, and the outcomes it attains.

In earning reauthorization of its Circle of Diamonds membership, Shenandoah RC&D Council promises to continue to maintain the specific benchmarks set forth in the program guidelines. This mark of excellence shows its honesty, integrity, and strong commitment to the RC&D mission.

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RC&D Councils lead community action to sustain and improve the quality of natural resources and community life in their council areas. Councils are composed of volunteers who serve their communities in all 50 states and US territories. The Circle of Diamonds program acknowledges that RC&D Councils are fulfilling the requirements laid out for the RC&D program and adhering to good management guidelines.

More information is available on the National Association of RC&D Councils' website at <http://www.rcdnet.org>