

**Coordinator's Report**  
**March 9, 2009**

**Project Activity**

**Sustainable Agriculture:**

- Met with Robin Sullenberger/Joan Hollen, Shenandoah Valley Partnership about regional ag director position/cost estimate, 2/2/09;
- Local Foods Steering Committee meeting 1/14/09, Rockingham NW District Extension office;
- No-till Alliance meeting/workshop 2/4/09;
- Follow-up meeting regarding Hudson Valley approach with local BOS members 2/12/09; follow-up phone calls 2/20/09 regarding participation;
- RC&D booth at local food festival for Friendly City Food Coop, Lucy Simms Center 2/20/09;
- 2/24/09 Buy Fresh Buy Local summit in Charlottesville;
- 3/3/09 Presentation on Oregon Natural Beef in Mt. Crawford;

**Natural Resources:**

- 2/3/09 presentation at Greenhouse Growers Association on Pilot Energy Audit program and RD energy efficiency grants; 3/6/09 met with John Ignosh for same thing coming to Roanoke 3/13;
- Follow-up on audit applications, receipts for On-Farm Energy Savings Workshop 1/09, 2/09, 3/09;
- Pilot audit program state outreach, teleconference to expand model: 2/12/09;
- WSF Land Management subcommittee teleconference, 2/5/09;
- 2/6/09 Market Maker Advisory Committee teleconference;
- Fencing documentation meeting, 2/12/09;
- 2/25 WSF steering committee meeting;

**Community Development:**

- 1/15/09 Met with Eastern Bioplastics to discuss feather to ag plastics project;

**Forestry:**

- 2/23/09 Forestry Committee meeting;

**Executive Committee:**

- 2/19/09 Met in New Market to discuss variety of issues;
- 3/2/09 discussed stimulus package ideas;

**Grants/Funding**

- Met with River Network to follow up on Council fundraising plan 1/16/09;
- VEE quarterly report sent off 2/2/09;
- Discussions 2/09 with JMU/CBF about CIG and stimulus packages;
- Letter of support to VCE for RMA grant;

**NRCS Activities**

- RC&D Coordinators teleconference: 1/13/09, 3/4/09;
- Farm Bill teleconference 1/23/09;
- Interviews and work on Rapid Watershed Assessment 1/09 and 2/09;
- 2/23/09 teleconference on RWA;
- OGE 450 Form to NRCS 1/09;
- AgLearn Security Basics required course 1/09;
- 1/30/09 and 2/09 worked with District Conservationists and Extension Specialists on Farm Bill outreach/press releases/meeting planning; team meeting 2/5/09 in Augusta County;
- 2/10 and 2/11 Retirement Seminar;
- Worked on stimulus ideas spreadsheets to Ray 3/09;

**Other**

- 1/21/09 VARCDC Forestry Committee teleconference;
- Prepared Council materials for 3/9/09 meeting;
- Presentation 2/18/09 Page County FB;
- Interview with Chris Graham about BFBL program for New Dominion Magazine;