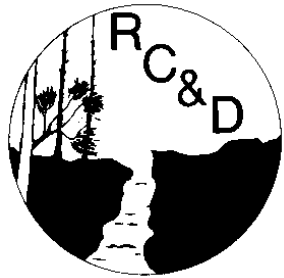


**Fiscal Year 2008**  
**(JULY 1, 2007-JUNE 30, 2008)**



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**Resource Conservation and Development**

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**Annual Report**

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# Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc.

PCC was established in 1967, authorized by Congress in October of 1968, incorporated in 1986, and received 501(c)(3) status in March of 1987. PCC is a not for profit organization that addresses natural resource conservation and development issues. Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc. serves Rockingham, Caswell, Guilford, Alamance, Orange, Durham, Randolph, and Chatham Counties of North Carolina. Piedmont Conservation Council Inc. seeks to promote equity, access, and inclusiveness to all persons for all programs and services; without regard to race, gender, age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, marital status, or disability.

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## —MISSION—

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The purpose of Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc. is to promote environmental quality and conservation while working to ensure sustained economic development. This will be achieved by ***“Leveraging people and resources for innovative community and conservation projects throughout the Piedmont Region”***. ***Mission: “We will protect and preserve our natural environment while enriching the quality of community life***

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## — BOARD OF DIRECTORS —

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Rudy Langley ..... Chairman  
Hazel Puckett..... Vice-Chairman  
Frank Green .....Secretary  
Vacant ..... Treasurer  
Bill Alston ..... Director  
Talmage Layton ..... Director

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## — COUNCIL MEMBERS —

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<u>Rockingham County</u>	<u>Guilford County</u>	<u>Durham County</u>	<u>Randolph County</u>
Hazel Puckett Frank Green Larry Baker	Alex Ashton Anne Hershey Herb Hendrickson	Talmage Layton Wendy Jacobs Eddie Culberson	Bill Alston
<u>Caswell County</u>	<u>Alamance County</u>	<u>Orange County</u>	<u>Chatham County</u>
Forrest Whitaker	Dr. Janet McFall Rudy Langley	none	Brenda Williams

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Julie Elmore..... RC&D Coordinator

- **Area Plan Goals**

**LAND CONSERVATION ELEMENT**

*Sub-element: Farmland Preservation*

**GOAL 1:** Engage Soil and Water District Staff and County Planning Staff in the development of Farmland Preservation Plans

**GOAL 2:** Assist in the preservation of at least two farms in PCC's Area by 2012

**WATER MANAGEMENT ELEMENT**

*Sub-Element: Urban Water Quality*

**GOAL 3:** Improve water quality in the Jordan Lake Watershed by reducing non-point sources of water pollution

*Sub-Element: Rural Water Quality*

**GOAL 4:** Improve water quality in 5 Sub-Watersheds (Drainage Areas less than 200 square miles) by identifying non-point sources of water pollution by 2012.

**GOAL 5:** Improve Cooperation amongst Water Resource Groups in the Dan River Basin by 2012

**LAND MANAGEMENT ELEMENT**

*Sub-Element: Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy Production*

**GOAL 6:** Facilitate Advanced Energy Opportunities to reduce dependence on foreign oil and help North Carolina become a leader in providing renewable energy to consumers

- **Projects Completed**



*Kings Mill Dairy*

Project # 571 Kings Mill Dairy Methane Gas Digester Feasibility Study —This project supports the Land Management Element, sub-element “Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy Production”. Kings Mill Dairy milks over 1400 cows, has 5 waste storage lagoons and one waste storage tank. Owners were curious to see if they had enough waste to fuel a methane gas digester. Engineers were brought in from Cavanaugh and Associates to assess the dairy operation and make a determination. Initial results indicated that there was sufficient waste and a steady waste stream to fuel a digester. The landowner is currently researching and traveling the upper mid-west to determine which digester to install. It is presumed that PCC will assist Kings Mill Dairy with a USDA 9006 grant this winter to bring in federal dollars for the first project of its kind on a dairy farm in North Carolina.

Project #569 Alamance County Wood Recycling Project  
Project #570 Chatham County Wood Recycling Project

PCC completed its wood waste recycling program in October 2007. This program was started in March of 1992. It was the only wood waste recycling program of its kind in North Carolina for over a decade and has inspired similar programs across the country. The program generated income in excess of \$1.4 million dollars and recycled over 130,000 tons of wood waste over the 16 year lifespan of the program. The program was turned over to Alamance County and Chatham County to run and they are handling it beautifully.

**Note:** In terms of projects, Piedmont Conservation Council, Inc. started anew in November 2007. Some projects can take as long as three or four years to complete. PCC currently has 3 active projects with over 20 potential projects in the pipeline. In addition to projects, PCC spent months developing a 5-year business plan and a one year working plan. PCC is working on Board development, fundraising, outreach, and council capacity.

● **New Projects Adopted in FY08**

571	<b>Kings Mill Dairy Methane Gas Digester Feasibility Study</b>
572	<b>Deep River Rails to Trails Ramseur to Franklinville</b>
573	<b>Formation of Dan River Coalition</b>
574	<b>Randolph County Dry Stacks (Grant Writing)</b>

● **FY Summary**

- Projects Adopted—4
- Projects completed—2
- Grants Prepared—5
- Active Projects—3
- Potential Projects analyzed – 26
- Anticipated Projects for FY09 - 12

● **Meetings**

PCC held one full Council Meetings in FY 08 on April 29, 2008 where the mission and vision were redesigned as were the council priorities.

In addition, Board of Director's meetings were held on October 23, 2007; November 26, 2007; January 10, 2008; February 26, 2008; March 13, 2008; June 12, 2008;

The kickoff meeting for the Dan River Coalition was held on May 29, 2008. Attendees came from 8 counties, four different state agencies (both NC and VA), six local governments, and two federal agencies.

- **Outreach**

PCC provided information on NRCS/RC&D to "George Washington Carver Community Center" and established an informal working relationship with the group. I also participated in one of their play rehearsals (off hours) when they needed a stand in. This group provides performing arts opportunities/education to at-risk youth in the Asheboro area. We also donated a computer and a printer to the cause.

Technical assistance was offered to the following entities: Town of Sparta, Piedmont Triad COG, Orange County SWCD, George Washington Carver Community Center Board of Directors, NC Zoo, US Fish and Wildlife, US Forest Service, NC DENR Forest Service, Guilford County SWCD, Guilford County Open Space Committee, Alamance County SWCD, Chatham County SWCD, Town of Franklinville, County of Rockingham, Rockingham SWCD, Rockingham Solid Waste/Landfill Gas Task Force Team, Dan River Basin Association, NC Ecosystem Enhancement Program, Town of Pilot Mountain, Town of Elkin, Surry SWCD, Upper Neuse River Basin Association, Durham SWCD, Kings Mill Dairy Farms LLC, Duke University, Caswell NRCS, American Farmland Trust, NC Division of Soil and Water, NC Soil and Water Society, Town of Burlington, Town of Graham, Carolina Dairyman's Cooperative, Randolph SWCD, Town of Ramseur, Town of Franklinville, Alamance Community College, Asheboro Trees, Elon University, Haw River Assembly, Guilford County Open Space Committee, Guilford County Agricultural Extension, Chatham County Community Partnership, and Wake County SWCD.

• **Budget '07-'08**

**INCOME:**

<b>Project Income</b>	<b>\$110,000.00</b>
<b>County Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 3,700.00</b>

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$113,700.00</b>
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**EXPENSES:**

<b>Project Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 71,700.00</b>
<b>Unrestricted Capital Fund</b>	<b>\$ 16,000.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$ 3,400.00</b>
<b>Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 9,800.00</b>
<b>Travel Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>Professional Fees</b>	<b>\$ 3,600.00</b>
<b>Dues &amp; Subscriptions</b>	<b>\$ 1,100.00</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$ 520.00</b>
<b>Internet Service</b>	<b>\$ 1,080.00</b>
<b>Office Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Postage</b>	<b><u>\$ 200.00</u></b>

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$113,700.00</b>
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