



In Brief

Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation & Development Council

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The mission of the Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation & Development Council is to promote conservation and development by demonstrating regional leadership, securing resources and delivering programs and services that build strong, vibrant communities.

Since 1989, the Clinch-Powell RC & D has successfully balanced rural community development with environmental protection for the people in Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins and Union counties. In 2007, the Council continued to expand while addressing key issues like low income housing, economic diversification and conservation with integrity and a commitment to excellence.

Special points of interest:

- Education
- Basic Needs
- Conservation
- Sustainable Economic Development
- Tourism
- Quality Communities
- Infrastructure

Officers & Directors

Grainger

Cherry Acuff, Chair
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Bill Whited

Accomplishments & Highlights for Fiscal Year 2007

Education & Training

Engaged 1,729 students in service-learning
Provided Academic Enrichment for 250 elementary students
Completed 90 student-led community service projects
Utilized 100 volunteers for 350 volunteer hours
Conducted 5 non-profit management and other training for 375 participants.
Created 15 FTE AmeriCorps positions
Held 11 educational luncheons to create community awareness about RC & D
Provided homebuyer education and family counseling services for potential home buyers.
Held educational Envirothon for 75 students.
Held Conservation Camp for 1000 sixth grade students.

Conservation

Entered into easement agreement for 25 acres with one landowner of sensitive lands in order to protect threatened waters and habitat on Clinch River.
Partnered with Nature Conservancy to improve farm income and fish and wildlife habitat in biologically sensitive watersheds
Worked with 8 landowners on "best management practice" projects
Installed 25,430 ft. of livestock exclusion fence
Constructed 22 water tanks for livestock, 20,790 ft. of pipe, 1,500 f t. of farm road, 6 water pumps, 2 heavy use areas and 1 stream crossings
Completed the Middle Clinch River Restoration Plan.
Complete new office for Clinch River Community Project.

Quality Communities

Provided financial support for the Hancock County Recreation Program
Provided financial support for Hawkins County Boys & Girls Club
Supported funding for Second Harvest warehouse expansion and freezer addition, helping feed needy individuals in surrounding counties.

Basic Needs

Assisted First Wheels program in servicing vehicle loans for needy families
Counseled 125 new housing clients
Managed 8 apartment units that serve the mentally and physically disabled population in the region
Worked with 50 families in foreclosure prevention and assisted 20 clients with purchasing new homes
Made 3 low-interest renovation loans to 4 very-low income families in Hancock County
Facilitated administration of grant for Washburn Co. Fire Department through Home Land Security grant
Rehabilitated 3 low-income family homes
Constructed 2 low-income family homes
Assisted 32 existing local businesses and created 2 new businesses through sub-contracting opportunities
Enhanced community stability by constructing affordable, safe, quality homes.

Sustainable Development

Made 1 small business loan
Counseled and supported 33 small businesses
Conducted feasibility study for Heritage Crafts Enterprise project to be called Heart of the Mountains.
Created 246 new jobs in the community



Four new rental cabins and a renovated cottage were completed at River Place on the Clinch.



River Place on the Clinch Market opens in Kyle's Ford on October 1, 2007 closely followed by cabin rentals and a café.



Tourism

Completed renovations and opened River Place on the Clinch Market.
Built 4 new rental cabins and renovated 1 existing cottage at River Place.
Launched Appalachian Quilt Trail marketing resulting in more than \$151,000 in free media.
Co-op marketing for AQT with the TN Dept of Tourism in AAA magazine and Blue Ridge Magazine.
Develop and disseminate 50,000 AQT brochures at TN Welcome Centers.
Held AQT "Run for the Hills" motorcycle ride.
AQT event sponsorship at Heritage Days and Homecoming at Museum of Appalachia.



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Building strong communities. Caring for people. Protecting our environment.

Primary Service Area

- Claiborne
- Grainger
- Hancock
- Hawkins
- Union

RC&D and Related Staffing Resources

Candy Barbee

EC/Heart of the Mountains
Crafts Manager

Kim Belcher

River Place on the
Clinch Manager

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Appalachia CARES /
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Director

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AQT Marketing
Director

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Clinch River Community
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Specialist, TNC/RC&D

Chris Osborn

Technology/Housing
Manager

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RC&D Coordinator
NRCS

Stephanie Wesson

Housing Counselor
15 AmeriCorps FTE
Positions

Clinch-Powell RC&D Council, Inc.

a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization

Program Offices

Clinch-Powell HOME Team/Community Housing Development Organization

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Heart of the Mountains Craft Enterprises

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