



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 2006, 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

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Accomplishments & Highlights for Fiscal Year 2006

Education & Training

Engaged 3,015 students in service-learning
Provided Academic Enrichment for 500 elementary students

Completed 136 student-led community service projects

Promoted 68 out-of-class and 92 in-class enrichment activities for students

Involved 166 community-based organizations in service-learning projects
Utilized 272 volunteers for 1089 volunteer hours

Conducted 2 non-profit management classes and provided training at State and National RC & D meetings

Created 20 FTE AmeriCorps positions

Held 10 educational luncheons to create community awareness about RC & D

Provided homebuyer education and family counseling services for potential home buyers

Conservation

Held educational Envirothon for 75 students

Restored and developed Kyle's Ford Education Center

Entered into easement agreements with owners of sensitive lands in order to protect threatened waters and habitat on Clinch & Powell rivers

Partnered with Nature Conservancy to improve farm income and fish and wildlife habitat in biologically sensitive watersheds

Assisted with 4 landowner "best management practice" projects

Installed 6,300 ft. of livestock exclusion fence

Constructed 4 water tanks for livestock, 4 heavy use areas and 2 stream crossings

Infrastructure

Maintained and upgraded 5 Clinch-Powell Network Centers

Held 16 videoconferences to aid with training needs of local businesses

Quality Communities

Facilitated quarterly distributions of United Way contributions for fire protection in Grainger

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

Provided funding for Hancock Literacy Center and Hancock Recreation Center

Basic Needs

Assisted First Wheels program in placing 140 vehicles to needy families

Provided leadership and team-building training to Grainger Co. E911 staff

Counseled 128 new housing clients

Managed 8 apartment units that serve the mentally and physically disabled population in the region

Prevented 16 residential foreclosures and assisted 20 clients with purchasing new homes

Made 6 low-interest renovation loans to 4 very-low income families in Hancock County

Facilitated purchase of new fire truck for Washburn Co. Fire Department through Home Land Security grant

Provided 25 sets of Turn Out Gear to Union & Claiborne Volunteer Fire Departments

Constructed 6 affordable single family homes

Rehabilitated 3 low-income family homes

Provided successful vocational training for 8 individuals

Assisted 29 existing local businesses and created 2 new businesses through subcontracting opportunities

Increased capacity for housing counseling by 225 percent.

Enhanced community stability by constructing affordable, safe, quality homes.

Sustainable Development

Made 3 small business loans

Counseled 15 small businesses

Held 3 business training classes

Secured funding for Heritage Crafts Enterprise project

Provided EC loan to Grainger Industrial Board for spec building

Aided with financial package for Keifer Built in Hancock County

Created 67 new jobs in the community



Congressman Zach Wamp and Cherry Acuff, Clinch-Powell RC & D Board Chair, hang the last of the Appalachian Quilt Squares in Grainger County.

Tourism

Completed 20 new quilt blocks for a total of 90 across 5 county service area

Worked closely with ETF and multi-state Trails

Secured funding for major marketing and promos on Trail

Hired marketing manager to facilitate the development of the Appalachian Quilt Trail.

Generated marketing plan for continued development of Appalachian Quilt Trail

Began renovation and development of Kyle's Ford properties