

Alternative Energy

- Biofuels/Woody biomass to energy
- Inform the public about funds available for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects
- Educate public about growing warm season grasses for energy production like switch grass
- Try to teach people about use of wind and solar power for creative energy for homes and farms
- Promote small-scale renewable energy systems via education, pilot projects, technical assistance and locating funding sources
- Building Green, educate the general public, local law makers and land owners on the positive aspects of building green
- Initiative of introducing and promoting Green Buildings and housing
- Providing guidance on landscape siting of building with regard to vegetation, aspect, and wind patterns; provide water conservation using ideas including but not limited to retention and use of rainwater; and providing ideas for design related to office and home components of the HVAC system seek to develop demonstration facilities that monitor and measure the efficacy of green housing
- Search for underused natural resources (possible waste) items with Black Diamond RC&D area for inclusion into the green housing. Example: some building are using round wood for structural components such as rafters and joists
- Develop a Master Mind Group to think and develop ideas concepts and projects for green buildings and housing
- Summarize ideas for green buildings and housing into a booklet and/or website
- Help Dominion with reclaimed mine land to grow bio-fuel to co-fire in the power plant.
- Promote growing switch grass and sugarcane for ethanol instead of corn, to put idle fields back into production
- Solar energy and green roofs
- provide information about converting to solar/ wind power to public-as cost to heat and cool homes raise more and more people will be looking for alternative methods
- Research and develop brochures or website for alternative energy sources that could be used in our area
- Alternative energy building solar energy housing
- Education the public on alternative energy and how they can use it
- Provide brochure/website for alternative energy contact list
- Alternative fuels
- Alternative energy
- Alternative Fuels-enhance local opportunities to produce
- Renewable Energy
- renewable Energy
- With a huge focus being placed on energy alternatives and the fact that within the Black Diamond RC&D area we have a rather large surplus of growing stock that

- could used in some form of energy conversion the council should look to work on projects that might create or support the efforts being made
- Solar energy home improvement guide-how to convert house to solar energy including cost and suppliers
 - Guide on how to conserve energy-teach what can do to use less electric and water
 - Host an alternative energy task force
 - Host an alternative energy conference
 - Alternative energy sources and cleaner way to burn coal
 - Promote conservation of energy and alternative energy sources
 - Alternative energy
 - Alternative Energy sources
 - Alternative Energy studies

Beautification/Improvements

- Work with Town of Gate City to seek grants for beautification
- Install more boat ramps along the Clinch and Holston rivers
- Community gardens(vegetables/flowers/shrubs)
- Help establish “scenic” designations on roads and rivers
- Need a reservoir in Buchanan County in case there are ever supply problems with John Flanagan Dam
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Capacity Building

- Big Sandy River Basin Coalition Implementation Plan
- Continue working on Big Sandy River Interstate Agreement
- Big Sand River Basin Coalition Projects
- Interstate project with UTRB similar to the Kentucky one
- Partner with the Upper Tennessee River Roundtable and others to be recognized by and create a partnership with ORSANCO
- pursue possible in-lieu fee arrangement with the Corps of Engineers/Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for compensatory mitigation projects
- RC&D Apprenticeship Program (Students/Teachers/Civil Leaders). In order for the community to better understand the role of the Black Diamond RC&D the community
- (Students/Teachers/Civil Leaders) should shadow an RC&D project from beginning to end. A final report of the projects’ conclusion should be reported to the local board of supervisors and the RC&D Council by the Apprentice.
- Work to fuse the link between Southwest Virginia and Richmond. How much do Southwest Virginia agencies know about what goes on in Richmond? More importantly, how much does Richmond know about Southwest Virginia and the work that is going on here/the challenges we are facing
- supportive of an interstate water agreement between Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina

- Upper Tennessee River Interstate Agreement (Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina). This would be significant given the contention between Tennessee and Virginia on coal mining issues
- Organize Southern Rivers Region
- Help develop Interstate Agreement for Upper Tennessee
- Help facilitate long range plan meetings
- Big Sandy River Basin Coalition Capacity building that would put permanent staff in place
- Somehow foster new entrepreneurs in Southwest Virginia to start new businesses
- Help Honaker with its revitalization plan
- Expanding state and federal lands
- The council could partner with Department of Forestry and other groups in the creation of an ecosystem services market for Virginia
- Assist with Growth Readiness activities

Civil Rights

- Promote Civil Rights Outreach activities
- With so many new cultures moving into the area perhaps some type of meeting or workshop focusing on culture diversity
- Help area minority groups in the area to be reached. That is something that no one else in the area is doing. Boards need to focus on being diversity looking for individuals from each group

Economic

- Promoting and supporting Entrepreneurship and the creation of living wage jobs is a continual process
- Teen Shop (locally produced items sold in shops managed by socially disadvantaged teens)
- Ginseng Production by seniors
- Cost of community services studies
- Find Alternative Ag cash crop for coalfield counties (local coop market)
- I think it would be great if we could find someone who wanted to take the seconds from Appalachian Harvest and make an organic salsa etc.
- Preserving your own food-help people understand the old ways of canning
- Continue Agribusiness promotion
- Overall Image of region
- Enhancing farm sustainability-locally grown initiative
- Support organic, hormone-free, grass-fed livestock efforts
- Look into mitigation funds – some organization needs to administer funds
- Mitigation

Education

- Design and produce educational materials for watershed groups
- Have education conference on Environmental Education

- Help Daniel Boone Soil and Water Conservation District Outreach/Education Position Permanent
- Be clearing house for “meaning watershed experience”
- Back Yard Composting
- continue environmental education where other organizations are unable to provide it
- Provide information about how to grow organic crops
- Help farmers find alternative crops to tobacco and educate them on how to grow crops
- Become more involved with educating the public on environmental issues not just litter. Your focus on litter is great but our area faces more issues than just litter.
- A large focus needs to be on education here in Russell County; do you even offer environmental education programs
- Environmental Education on energy conservation
- Informational Workshop for: a) Cost-share programs; b) youth loans; c) commodity and livestock assistance programs
- To promote local school “Wild School sites”
- Dissemination information about the effects of mercury on humans in local newspaper
- Environmental Education
- Promoting Education and pushing the education product delivery closer to our rural people, making it more accessible and economical and user friendly is the biggest economic development agenda we can have
- Partner with Tennessee Valley Authority and SEWF to educate local leaders
- Become more involved with educating the public on environmental issues not just litter.
- Networking with other localities to bring educational programs to this area
- Continue to work with schools on environmental education (teachers and students)
- Work more with adult education on environmental issues
- Outdoor Classroom for Russell County schools
- Develop education curriculum-Conservation/Agric
- Sustainable funding for Environmental Educators in the Black Diamond RC&D area
- Continue to help with regional environmental education
- How do we get young people into farming again? (Some kind of mentor program with older farmer who are not able to fully work their farms might work. More education in the schools I think many people forget that farmer are the original ecologist.
- Outdoor classroom or green houses
- Encourage schools to develop outdoor classrooms, plant school gardens and create hands-on activities for children
- Include special needs classes in environmental education programs and projects
- More Save our Stream projects, Kids in the Creek and other water quality education projects

- Develop more educational activities/hold more events for school age kids
- public awareness of programs
- Make public more aware of what Black Diamond RC&D does; what resources are available
- Environmental Education programs for schools
- Work with schools on water monitoring and outdoor classroom
- More school input to programs
- Natural Resources Conservation Service flyers that explain its purpose should be placed into circulation in schools and community
- More class room educate per month
- Youth sustainability-encourage the educated, productive ones to stay as future leaders
- Outreach- inform and educate public of available services and programs Natural Resources Conservation Service has to offer
- Merge environmental Education Task Force and Litter Task Force to begin a region wide school recycling program
- Clinch River Interpretive Center – focus on biodiversity
- Alternative crops to tobacco-Example: grapes

Farmers Market

- Help Scott County develop and promote a farmers market
- work on a farmer market in Wise
- promote and encourage buying from local farmers; help Russell County Farmers Market develop a location setup similar to one in Abingdon
- continue farmers market
- Support development of vibrant farmer's market throughout region

Forestry

- Conversion of marginal pastureland to forest
- Markets for Low-Value forest products: Develop an outreach / demonstration project that dovetails on the emerging markets for low-value forest products
- Promoting sustainable forest management as a long-term investment: Gather and present economic information on the benefits of sustainable forest management to forest landowners, including information on forestry taxes, timber theft, absentee landownership
- Adding value to forest products: Gather and present information on the culture of specialty forest products, including charcoal, ginseng, shiitake mushrooms, cohosh, goldenseal, honey, and others. Establish demonstration areas. Work to strengthen private property rights from herb poaching.
- Support the local food and fibre movement: Assist with the development of local farmer's markets, community gardens, and the marketing of forest products produced on a small scale.
- Facilitate a project to utilize wood waste for energy
- environment wood waste project
- reforestation education

- forest management
- Timber Management- Impact of pests (i.e./ wooly adelgid, drought) on quality and long term productivity and improving sustainability and water quality through management
- Forestry Projects
- Forestry- major % of the area land use and cover-since we have an Resource Conservation and Development Forester and also are entering an agreement with Virginia Department of Forestry for David R. to coordinate a state initiative on forestry including utilization of EQIP or other Farm Bill programs this should be captured in the Area Plan as you develop it.
- Work toward mandatory Best Management Practices for logging in Southwest Virginia
- Assist ASD in spreading word about sustainable woods program

Health

- Development of health fitness facility for the county and this would improve economic development in our area
- Need Recreation area/center for children/adult Including programs focusing on health and fitness and how to eat healthy
- good accessible healthcare, and working to enhance a solid workforce of healthcare providers
- convening/hosting a recreational summit in the area
- Recreation/Wellness Center is needed for Russell County

Legislation

- Complete Project #26 Sinkhole legislation
- Lobby for stronger regulations for logging industry
- Lobby for stronger regulations for gas development
- Sinkhole legislation

Litter/Recycling

- Continue working on cleaning up illegal dumpsites
- Become more involved with educating the public on environmental issues not just litter. Your focus on litter is great but our area faces more issues than just litter.
- Continue working on litter control. Look at ways to increase recycling opportunities. (Education, advantages, etc.)
- Litter education
- Assist the LENOWISCO PDC in creating and hiring a regional litter prevention and recycling coordinator
- Conduct a study of the viability of a regional recycling facility
- Continue to assist with the foundation and future sustainability of the Virginia Litter Association
- Continue work on litter
- Litter Control Association for Virginia

- Regional Solid Waste Recycling Facility
- Regional approach to litter for Lee, Scott and Wise (Tri-County)
- County wide compost facility (Scott)
- Help Scott County get more manned dumpsters
- Litter Control
- Recycling
- Continue your war on litter and educating the public about protecting our environment and landscape
- Maintain working relationships with litter control department
- Partner with KSVB to petition elected officials (local and State) for the creation (official) position for an Assign-A-Highway Coordinator.
- Get involved with showing the public how illegal dump sites are leaking pollutants into streams and what the dangers are.
- junk vehicles that are abandoned in yards leaking out toxins could be addressed
- Educate people on how plastics and other debris in streams can harm wildlife and what can be done to certain trash items before they are thrown in garbage before they enter a dump incase it gets in the streams
- Now that the litter control association is off on the right track it is now time to work on making recycling easier in Southwest Virginia
- Getting a county to fund an amnesty day for people with chemicals, old gas, etc. that they need to get rid of would be great.
- Opportunity to unload tires that are lying around the house.
- Regional recycling facility-better market for materials
- Assist in getting businesses to recycle/litter control
- Electronic recycling event held at several locations
- Lobby for tax on plastic beverage containers(refund given to individuals who recycle)
- Support efforts for a regional recycling facility
- Know you have been doing a lot about highway clean up however more education to the public is needed in order to change the mind set
- Continue working with and on litter issues
- Seek assistance for counties to clean up more dumpsites
- Continue work on litter and recycling
- Regional war on litter
- Continue to work on combating litter in Southwest Virginia
- Continuing litter control efforts but shift to stream clean-up and litter along rivers and streams with encouraged usage by fisherman and boaters of all types could be valuable result
- Continue to assist with litter control enforcement association as needed
- Help get laws and ordinances passed where fences are used to block junk piles and/or auto salvage from public site to Keep Virginia Beautiful
- Litter Control and maintain existing trials
- Dumpsite clean up

- continue focus on litter agenda; focusing attention on tire recycling and illegal dumpsites
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- dump clean ups in each county we work with
- getting rid of junk cars
- snuff out cigarette litter
- Electrical appliance collection and disposal large and small
- Clean up dumpsites
- Dumpsite cleanup
- recycle tires
- legal dumpsite
- cleanup of illegal dumpsite
- illegal dump clean up
- trash pick up along creeks, parks, and trails
- glass recycling, at the moment none accessible in Lebanon
- Dumpsite cleanup
- Illegal dumpsite clean up to continue
- Litter control of streams in Buchanan County
- Dump clean ups in each county we work with
- Getting rid of junk cars
- Cigarette litter prevention programs
- Litter
- Work with “fast food” industry to reduce the litter from their customers
- Work to promote positive impacts of litter control programs in the media and to local governments
- Continue to work on litter issues
- Cleaning out sinkholes dumps
- Continue doing a good job with litter
- Work on regional recycling program and to find markets for paper and plastic
- More need for dumpsite cleanup
- Continue to identify litter educational programs
- Litter Control

Properly Equip Response Teams

- Purchase and stocking the response trailers for local fire departments
- Haz-Mat clean-up response equipment

Protection of Natural Resources

- Work with industries to care for natural resources before they are damaged
- Promoting conservation easements
- Educate local citizens and governmental officials on the importance of the area's natural resources

- perhaps help sponsor regular public meetings around the region on how people can conserve their local resources
- To include the extraction of limestone in the Natural Resources group. They can get below the water table and drain a stream
- Urban conservation programs-storm water, homeowners' info on NPS pollution, etc.
- People have questions about the coal fire power plants. Could this be addressed some how so people will understand the impact on environments and what the plants are doing to help keep it safer?
- Urban and rural planning initiatives. One massive hurdle we have in attaining environmental and economic sustainability is the lack of long term and even short term planning among municipalities and county development.
- A voice. One of the most important rolls of Black Diamond is creating continuity and cohesiveness in the common goals of those in Southwest Virginia who are concerned with the mismanagement and loss of our natural resources
- Promote conservation of natural resources (water, energy, on-demand water heaters) and recycling (glass, plastic)
- Coalfield Stream Initiative : to access loss of capacity and habitat from past mining
- Region is losing water due to gas development
- Help sponsor or help write a watershed plan for a mining impacted area
- Help facilitate dialog with the extractive industries to improve environmental quality
- Work with gas drilling companies to improve swcd practices during site perpetration and drilling work
- Reintroduction of natural predators such as wolves, bears, and/or mountain lions
- Changing weather/changing environment
- Coping with changing weather patterns
- Preventing small sinkhole's from becoming big ones

Reclaimed Mine Land

- I would like to see a public golf course on reclaimed mine land that was managed sustainable not heavy on inorganic fertilizers but used compost and legumes and was operated by the job corp to give them real life work experiences.
- Winegrape rootstock trial on reclaimed mine land and also a winegrape variety trial on reclaimed mine land.
- More wetland for acid mine drainage.
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Tourism

- Strengthen wildlife, recreation, and the tourism industry by protecting the resource base, creating an awareness of history and tourism, and developing basic facilities.

- Our area is rich in history find a way to promote our area. Mountain traditions, Native American culture, pioneer traditions still alive and well in our area and should be showcased before they die away.
- Actively promote a green transportation infrastructure, not only for enhanced tourism but to give alternatives to single-driver vehicular traffic.
- Establish an Appalachian History Center-Like a living history so that people can see what mountain culture is really like.
- Tourism opportunities for Russell County
- Promote Natural areas like the Pinnacles-hiking, walking, fishing people would enjoy these areas if they knew they existed
- Natural assets of the region are also the premier tourism assets
- Support of natural asset based tourism, geo-tourism, eco-tourism development, etc. in the region may be of interest.
- multiple canoe accesses
- Numerous public access areas along the Powell that had parking, educational kiosks which contain info. About improving water quality, rare species in the Powell, etc. These sites would be about a half to full days float trip apart.
- River Access Points for the general public on the Powell River (similar to those on the Clinch)
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- Explore tourism opportunities, such as trails
- Eco-tourism initiatives
- More tourism developed for Southwest Virginia
- Dominion should be of assistance in developing a interpretive site detailing the history of coal mining in the area Development and promotion of not only agri-tourism but a wide range of tourism attractions is needed to jump start tourism in the area
- Help develop a recreation plan related to “adventure tourism”
- Southwest Virginia also is primed for more agro-tourism, and bed & breakfasts on the farm
- Someone needs to start a rafting and slow tubing park in St Paul down the Clinch.
- Wise-Dickenson Co farm bureau would like to put together a history book of farming in Wise Co with focus on the apple growing of the past.
- There are several folks working on a riding tour to visit old coal mines as a heritage.
- We need a state park other than the Breaks that has on staff environmentalist to help explain how complex our ecology is and how important the earth is. This would be like Bays Mountain. Also the geology of Southwest Virginia has a wonderful history and is very exciting and dramatic where do we tell other about this.

- A full camp ground for RV's near a rails to trails or other hiking routes. (tourism is the key it is our best economic possibility)
- A building to hold all the Genealogy for Wise County; a building and a website to help direct these people and to inform them of all the other things Southwest Virginia had to offer.
- The music of coal from LPOY has been a big hit getting a yearly festival surrounding the music of coal from the CD and with other new local music of coal folks would be huge, especially with the crooked road.
- It would be good to work with the local TV channels to have programs on Southwest Virginia from the music of Southwest Virginia to coal heritage, to ecology to geology.
- promote water activities in Clinch
- Increase awareness of recreational activities available in surrounding areas
- Provide recreational activities fishing sites and boating
- Open more area's for camping and picnic
- SAGA work with SRRA
- Ag-Tourism- Example Rental cabins
- Eco-tourism Example Rental Tree houses
- Help promote tourism to keep Norton's hotels full

Trails

- Blue Way
- ATV Trail
- Continue to work with SAGA
- Greenways to include "universal sections" for handicapped
- Continue to work with Greenway alliance
- Continue to participate in the Spearhead Steering Committee, provide input, help explain the project and support the project
- Develop some more walking trails that can serve as an economic stimulus in more of our counties
- Coordinate the construction of more nature trails in the far southwest corners of Virginia.
- I'm all for greenways, rails to trails initiatives and developing green infrastructure in the communities in the RC&D area
- Work with the newly created Trail Authority
- Develop ATV trails
- Develop hiking trails
- More trails developed especially in Wise County
- Work with Senator Bill Wampler to complete the walking trail from Bristol to Hiltons.
- Creating trails for hiking and riding, getting back to nature is big. More of that will not hurt.
- ATV and Motorcycle Trail development to allow more people access to the outdoors
- Work with trails building and upkeep

- Make more bike trails and hiking trails
- develop more horse riding trails
- Develop walking and running trails that are safe to use for late afternoon and evening
- County trails and recreations areas
- Cranesnest River Trail development
- Recreational and ATV trails, etc.
- Bike trails/hiking trail
- Bike and ATV trails
- Leadership / guidance in development of an environmental education trail system within the Channels State Forest which lies mostly in Washington County – but some in Russell County – and would connect Department of Game & Inland Fisheries Properties.
- Trails and green/blue ways
- Become a resource for grants and economic and environmental informational packets for organizations that are trying to construct greenways.
- Support efforts of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority to create an ATV trail system
- Extend horse trail from Dungannon to High Knob
- Support new Southwest Regional Recreation Authority
- Assist localities in planning and development of greenways/trails

Training

- Sponsor facilitator training in the various workshops for our area
- Grant writing training-for teachers VISTAs, watershed groups, etc.
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Water Quality

- Have Groundwater management conference again
- Address straight pipe issues
- Work with local governments and groups to reduce flooding, stop water pollution, reduce soil erosion, and improve water quality
- Help create an interstate agreement between VA, TN and NC, with the TVA as a sponsor, to bring resources into the region for improving water quality and quantity
- Straight pipes in our town/county is bad can this be a focus
- Look at ways to eliminate "straight pipes" in our area. Alternate sewer treatment methods for rural areas.
- Straight pipes, TMDL and other water quality issues
- Expand straight pipe task force to include failing septic systems info-residential bacteria sources

- Monitoring the water in the Clinch River and other sources of drinking water in the area for mercury before and after the Dominion Power plant goes into operation
- Promote cleanup of mercury in the North fork Holston
- Address straight pipes in Scott County
- Straight Pipes
- Water Quality Improvement
- Straight pipes in the Big Sandy river Basin Coalition
- Improve the quality of our water supplies; particularly by helping to eliminate the practice of straightpiping wastewater directly into our streams
- Continue working on illegal sewer systems and washers and drains that may empty out into streams.
- pursue better enforcement of laws regarding straight pipe discharges into local waterways
- Actively promote awareness and integrate consistent financial and planning support in Black Diamond counties for water quality initiatives, best management practices and watershed organizations
- Educate local decision-makers about the benefits to the region of improving water quality
- At a state level, advance an Upper Tennessee Basin Interstate agreement that brings states together to plan and allocate dollars to spend on regional water quality initiatives, including actual implementation of TMDL IPs
- Educate and work with local and regional planning commissions, building commissions and other decision-makers to understand the effects of urbanization on water quality specifically and quality of life generally
- Create or revise ordinances on a community-wide or county-wide level that promote low impact development techniques for changing rural, suburban and urban areas.
- Streambanks could have demonstration stabilization techniques to prevent erosion
- Continue promoting environmental stewardship to protect water quality
- TMDL support: educate public regarding the need for participation, input and their role and responsibilities for their watershed. (Why they should care, why they should participate, and why their voice is important.)
- TMDL implementation plans: assist with educating the citizens of watersheds that they are the ones responsible for degradation and for restoration
- Assist groups: how to obtain grants for watershed improvement and/or monitoring activities what activities are needed and how they can provide information to assist watershed improvement.
- Groundwater Management Area: NRCS and Districts are installing a large number of wells for agriculture as well as public installation of wells without adequate evaluation on the effects of the regions groundwater resources.
- Host a Water Supply Task Force for the 3 PDCs in “far” southwest Virginia bringing local governments, agencies and conservation groups to the table to talk about future water supply issues.
- Seek assistance for counties to correct straight piping

- Survey/map onsite systems (or lack thereof) to determine where they are, how old they are and their functional status
- Continue to encourage/seek funding for community wastewater systems to serve communities to far from public sewer systems
- Given the continue drought conditions and the subsequent water shortage it would seem side to work with municipalities to develop water saving plans for new construction and to retrofit public buildings with water saving devices
- Pursue grants, etc to fund septic system repair maintenance and installation systems
- Public river accesses to the Powell River, in order to build awareness and to help educate the public on water quality issues concerning the Powell River
- Continue to work with the Interstate workgroup to implement the agreement i.e. water quality monitoring, TMDL development, sharing of resources for the interstate waters
- Construction of wetlands as an alterative to straight pipes and leach field systems.
- Stream bank restoration
- Removal of straight pipe from waterway
- Stream bank restoration
- promote river clean ups
- help get funding for straight pipes
- Search for ways to improve water quality and educate the public and local governments on how to protect their water resources
- Lake Cleanups (Pound, Wise Reservoir)
- River cleanups (Pound -GRG)
- Clean Streams-bank restoration removal of fallen debris, removal of straight pipes
- Community septic such as McClure
- Community septic treatment facilities
- The use of biosolids on land applications to conserve and prevent landfill dumping of biosolids
- Water quality-clean rivers
- Work on water quality with SWCDs and PDCs
- Stream bank clean up
- Straight pipes
- Sewage management
- Straight Pipes
- Straight pipes
- Better enforcement of sediment control on construction projects
- Use crep to purchase wetlands and floodplains for protection
- Construct BMPs and retroactive measures to restore stream channels
- Straight line pipes
- Continued legislative support and funding for Southern Rivers sewage projects addressed within the Southwest Virginia regional sewage study
- Sewage survey conducted within each county and the sites mapped which would show approved systems, failing systems and straight pipes

- Maybe a regional onsite sewage maintenance service provider something like a regional PSA to maintain larger proposed decentralized systems
- Several counties within the state have developed a mandatory Septic Tank pumpout ordinance. Effective July 1, 2009 onsite sewage systems which require secondary treatment will require a maintenance contract to assure the system functions properly. Legislators did fall short of assuring that all onsite sewage disposal systems are maintained properly, however, several counties did realize the need to assure even the standard septic tank drainfield system needs to be serviced (pumped out) every 3-5 years to function properly. We see more failures due to poor maintenance than any other reason.
- Advocate for additional wastewater sewage improvement funds
- Partner with New River Highlands RC&D to administer U. S. Army Corps of Engineers “in-lieu” funds for streambank restoration projects
- Work on water quality efforts
- Water Quality Improvement Project-Reduction of Straight Pipes through Education
- Kyles Ford Stations up the Clinch and Powell
- Increase pressure on the Department of Health to enforce straight pipe laws, they will take legal action when requested and if a landowner refuses help to remove straight pipes or hook to sewer lines they should be prosecuted
- Remove straight pipes that feed into the Powell and Guest rivers
- Total Maximum Daily Load
- Eliminating straight pipes
- Regional Straight pipe inventory
- Harvesting rain water
- Straight pipe-seek help from health department
- Seek more help from law agencies increase fines
- Work more with adjoining states
- greater participation in cleaning up streams and rivers
- straight pipes still a very large problem
- Develop educational opportunities for counties that focus on the need to develop county wide sewer agreements with localities that would encourage utility extensions
- Straight pipe from the Powell River
- Straight Pipe Issues- incorporating the 3 PDC partnerships in this task is a great idea. Program plans should include local surveys for straight pipes in appropriate areas in order to plan more effectively.
- Ideal of local PSA maintaining individual treatment units and charging a sewer bill for the service

