



# Conservation On The Ground

## Three Rivers Soil and Water Conservation District

January - March 2007

### Cost Share Reminders & Dates

Cover Crop must be killed using mechanical or chemical means or by grazing no earlier than March 15 and no later than May 15. The cover crop residue may be left on the field for conservation purposes; or the cover crop and/or its residue may be tilled under. The practice will be considered complete once the cover crop has served its purpose and been killed. Harvesting for hay, haylage, silage, grain, or seed is not permitted. Pasturing consistent with sound agronomic management is permitted as long as 60% cover is maintained through March 14. **Please contact our office at (804)443-2327, ext 101 once you have destroyed the cover crop.**

#### Special points of interest:

- *Sign-up now to rent no-till drills*
- *Scholarship deadline March 1*
- *Cover Crop kill dates March 15 - May 15*
- *July 1 cost-share sign-up for new program year*

### New Conservation Technician

Meaghann Terrien currently resides in Williamsburg, VA after having spent the last two years working for the U.S. Coast Guard Research & Development Center in Groton, CT. Meaghann loves being outdoors and her favorite hobbies are hiking, camping and bike riding. Conserving and protecting the environment is her passion and therefore she is excitedly looking forward to working with the District staff and the area farmers to expand Best Management Practices.

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### Sign Up Now For No-Till Drill Rentals

Three Rivers District has available two no-till drills for rent. A Great Plains 12' no-till drill which requires an 85 horsepower tractor and a Great Plains 7' no-till drill which requires a 50 horsepower tractor. The rental rate is \$70.00 for less than ten acres. Over ten acres \$7.00 per acre. If you are renovating pasture, planting wildlife field borders or are interesting in trying a no-till drill on your agricultural crops please give us a call to reserve either drill at (804)443-2327, ext. 101.



# Applications Currently Being Accepted

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## Holiday Lake Forestry Camp June 18-23, 2007

For students ages 13-16 with an interest in learning more about conservation, natural resources management, and careers in natural resources. Learn by doing fun subjects like wildlife and habitat management, tree identification, timber harvesting, reforestation and environmental protection. Also experience exciting field trips, exploratory classes, outdoor recreation and a Lumberjack field day.

Campers are selected from nominations made by teachers, natural resource professionals, Three Rivers

SWCD, 4-H and scout leaders. The student selected to participate is awarded a \$200 scholarship and pays only \$60 registration fee to attend camp. Criteria for nomination include: an interest in forestry, wildlife or related conservation activity, potential for benefiting from the camp, age 13-16, good academic standing, has not attended camp previously. If you are interested in attending camp please contact us at (804) 443-2327 ext. 101. **Nomination forms due by April 16, 2007.**

## Youth Conservation Camp July 8-14, 2007

Each year two students are selected from applications submitted to the Three Rivers SWCD to attend an all expenses paid week at Virginia Tech Youth Conservation Camp in Blacksburg, VA. The camp will be held during the dates of July 8 –14, 2007. The students will study lake ecology, soils, storm water management, urban pollution issues, rainfall simulator and water lab, stream monitoring, and agricultural best management practices such as: rotational grazing, watering systems, and nutrient management.

Students will also have an opportunity to tour the Vet School, College of Natural Resources, and hike to the Cascades.

Participants must be students in grades 9-12. No graduate from high school may attend. Previous youth campers are ineligible to attend. If you would like an application, please contact Three Rivers SWC at 804-443-2327 ext. 101. **The deadline for applying is April 30, 2007.**

## ALIVE by the James

(Adventures in Leadership through Investigation and Visitation in the Environment)

Applications are currently being accepted to this week long camp at James River State Park in Buckingham, VA from July 30 - August 4, 2007.

Campers will learn about watersheds, biological and chemical sampling, forestry and soils. As a group, the campers will conduct a streambank restoration project. Youth (Grades 9-12) will be immersed in studies of environmental education related to the

James Rivers Watershed as part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Additionally, campers will learn more about Virginia's State Parks in hopes that they will develop an enjoyment, appreciation and better understanding of Virginia's great outdoors. A deposit of \$50 is required. If you are interested in this camp, please contact us for an application. **The deadline for applying is July 2, 2007.**

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## Scholarships Available To Students

The Three Rivers SWCD is involved in four \$1,000 scholarship programs offered now to high school and college students in Essex, King and Queen and King William Counties. The scholarships available are:

- **Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts Educational Foundation, Inc.** provides financial support to students majoring in or showing a strong desire to major in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies. Individual applicants must be graduating high school seniors. Applicants shall document a class ranking in the top 20% of his or her graduating class or a 3.0 or greater Grade Point Average or appropriate equivalent of individual scholastic achievement. **Deadline March 1, 2007.**
- **John F. Townsend, Sr. Memorial Scholarship** provides financial support to students having an agricultural background or majoring or showing a strong desire to major in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies. Individual applicants must be full-time student from King William County. Applicants shall document a class ranking in the top 20% of his/her graduating class or a 3.0 or greater Grade Point Average or appropriate equivalent of

individual scholastic achievement. **Deadline March 1, 2007.**

- **Anna K. Longest Memorial Scholarship** provides financial support to students majoring or showing a strong desire to major in a course curriculum related to natural resource conservation and/or environmental studies. Individual applications must be full-time student from King & Queen County enrolled in a college undergraduate or graduate level curriculum. **Deadline March 1, 2005.**
- **T. Larkin Hundley Memorial Scholarship** provides financial support for higher education which will enable deserving students to grow, prosper, and contribute to their communities. Individual applicants must be a resident of Essex County with agricultural background or pursuing agriculture, forestry or environmental science degree. **Deadline March 1, 2007.**

All scholarship selections will be based on scholastic ability, leadership qualities, financial need and educational goals. Individual recipients of scholarships need to reapply for scholarship consideration each year. If you would like a scholarship application call (804) 443-2327, ext. 101.

## Wildlife Food Plot Contest



Enter Your Wildlife  
Food Plot!

Three Rivers SWCD sponsors an annual wildlife food plot competition through Essex, King & Queen and King William Counties. The competition fosters a stewardship in our local school students in grades 9-12 for our natural resources. The food plots are judged on seed production, variety of seeds used, location of the plot, size,

and bonus points are given for evidence of wildlife using their plots. The District awards first place with a check for \$50.00 and second place with a check for \$25.00. If you are interested in participating in the wildlife food plot competition this year, contact your High School Guidance Department, FFA Advisor or call our office for an application at (804) 443-2327, ext. 101. **Applications must be submitted by September 30, 2007 for judging.**

