

Other Services Available

Nutrient Management Planning-

The District now has 2 planners available to write plans for the Peaks of Otter Service area.

Fees:

- \$6.00/ac planned for new plans or revisions of existing plans
- \$12.00/ac planned for fields receiving on-farm generated animal waste during the life of the plan
- There is a minimum charge of \$350.00

Haybuster No-till Sod Drills-



Fees:

- \$11/acre, 0-20 ac.
- \$10/acre, 21-40 ac.
- \$9/acre, 41+ ac.
- \$50 minimum

For FY 10-11, the District rented two no-till drills to 21 Bedford agricultural producers who planted 820 acres.

Directors

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District Board meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Bedford County Administration Building at 6:00pm. Please call 540-587-7645 to confirm that meeting arrangements have not changed. All meetings are open to the general public.

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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Peaks of Otter

Peaks of Otter Soil and Water Conservation District

Annual Report FY 2010-2011



"The Peaks of Otter Soil and Water Conservation District with its partners will provide leadership and education to sustain and utilize Bedford's natural resources in a manner that will enhance soil and water stewardship."

In December, the District relocated to a new office. We are now located beside the Department of Forestry. Note that the District's phone number also changed.

Come by to see us at our new office and get updates on the newest programs!



District Highlights

- During FY 10-11, program participants installed over \$1.2 million in conservation practices overall.



- For installing these practices, the District reimbursed participants

more than \$636,000 in cost-share funds and issued Virginia tax credits totaling over \$50,000. The USDA contributed additional funds to many of these projects.

- 59 individuals participated, 46 of these were first time participants.

Agricultural Cost-Share Program

Highlights include:

- Participants received over \$260,000 in cost-share

- 18 Grazing land protection practices that excluded livestock from 16.4 miles of stream bank.



- Cover crops on 553 acres of cropland
- Four nutrient management plans were implemented on 2,147 acres
- Split fertilizer application on 272 acres of small grain

- Critical area seeding on 3/4 of an acre



- 0.4 miles of stream were excluded with the 10 ft. reduced setback practice

- Streamside buffers were planted on 45 ac.

- Funds to have a nutrient management plan written on 395 acres

Big Otter River Water Quality

Improvement Program

Residential Best Management

Practices

Over \$115,000.00 in cost-share was paid to 27 participants to correct failing residential septic systems.

Highlights included:

- 3 septic system repairs
- 1 public sewer hookup
- installation of 1 alternative septic system
- installation of 7 pump septic systems
- installation of 15 traditional septic systems



Agricultural Best Management

Practices

Over \$261,000 in cost-share assistance was paid to 13 agricultural producers who implemented best management practices on their farms.



This included:

- Protecting 7.9 mi. of stream bank
- Excluding 619 animals from waterways

Conservation Education

Through a combination of workshops, tours and school programs, hundreds of adults and youth have participated in conservation based activities.

Bedford Family Farm Tour-



The District booth was viewed by over 450 participants at Layman Family Farm.

Bedford Co. Young Farmers Farm and Family Safety Day-

Attendees received a lot of good information from the District, FSA and NRCS at the District's booth.



Rain Barrel Workshop- Bedford Area



Master Gardeners and the District assisted 15 participants with rain barrel construction and information on water conservation.

Training- District staff participates in ongoing professional development throughout the year. Training includes: nutrient management, agricultural waste management, BMP installation & program management, conservation planning, wildlife habitat conservation, pesticide use and application, invasive species management and animal mortality disposal.

