

# CLINCH-POWELL RC&D ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## FISCAL YEAR 2004

SERVING CLAIBORNE, GRAINGER, HANCOCK, HAWKINS AND UNION COUNTIES IN TENNESSEE

### EDUCATION AND ARTS

- ◆ 2015 Students engaged in hands-on learning that connects the classroom to the outside world
- ◆ 94 Student-driven service projects completed
- ◆ 142 Students provided with academic tutoring
- ◆ 27 Teachers trained in Service-Learning model
- ◆ 44 School-Community partnerships formed
- ◆ 225 Volunteers served over 409 hours
- ◆ 19 Educational awards earned for college (valued at over \$43,000)
- ◆ 1,050 students involved in environmental education
- ◆ 1 Non-profit management workshop conducted assisting 22 other non-profit organizations
- ◆ Provided evaluation services to 2 other non-profits
- ◆ Created news column for publication in local papers educating the public about programs and activities of the RC&D



A Hancock County service-learning student visits Hancock Manor Nursing Home



Learning about earth-worms at Conservation Camp

### BASIC NEEDS

- ◆ Two affordable homes constructed with another one underway
- ◆ Provided over 150 hours of Homebuyer Education counseling to 65 clients with 6 clients purchasing a home
- ◆ Processed 152 no down payment, no interest used car loans placed statewide through First Wheels program
- ◆ Assisted 5 Volunteer Fire Departments apply for FEMA grants for fire gear (\$970,132 total funded)



The first home completed in the Persia Woods development in Hawkins County

### CONSERVATION

- ◆ 7 Landowner "best management practices" projects
- ◆ 15,840 feet of fencing installed to keep at least 500 head of cattle from stream banks
- ◆ 3 Water systems for livestock
- ◆ 90 acres along Clinch River protected by Clinch-Powell and Nature Conservancy easement agreements
- ◆ Working to create 871 acre nature preserve along Clinch River



Example of "Best Management Practices" project, collaboration between Clinch River Community Project and landowner

### SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ 3 Small business loans awarded
- ◆ Conducted research regarding feasibility of Arts Incubator
- ◆ Assisted in directing Leadership Grainger (9 participants)
- ◆ Assisted and advised Youth Leadership Grainger (19 participants)

Youth Leadership participants in Grainger County



### TOURISM

- ◆ Secured funding for "Clothesline of Quilts in Appalachia"
- ◆ 19 Quilt murals hung on barns and other buildings in Grainger and Hawkins counties beginning the East Tennessee portion of a driving trail



Four Square quilt mural at Joppa Mountain Pottery

### QUALITY COMMUNITIES

- ◆ Clinch-Powell Enterprise Community award \$75,000 to Hancock and Hawkins counties for creation of Boys and Girls Clubs

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- ◆ Converted 5 videoconference units to IP
- ◆ Held 3 videoconferences
- ◆ Built GIS capacity for community development