**Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation & Development Council**

**Annual Report**

**October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017**

**2016-2020 Five Year Plan: YEAR 2**

**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION**

**Goal A: Generate conservation gains on 200 farms and increase knowledge of 6,000 citizens by 2020.**

* A1: Delivered on-farm conservation planning and treatment for **20** landowners. *FYP Total:* ***37***
  + Completed **16** BMP projects. *FYP Total:* ***33***
  + Provided conservation planning on **48** farms and **5,846** acres. *FYP Total:* ***65 farms; 7,225 acres***
  + Treated **2,345** acres. *FYP Total:* ***3,274***
  + Protected **5.55** miles of streams. *FYP Total:* ***8.75***
  + Protected or recovered **37** fish andfreshwater mussel T&E species.
  + Provided $**311,187** to landowners for land protection. *FYP Total:* ***$506,576***
  + Protected ­­**47** acres through conservation easements. *FYP Total:* ***47***
* A2: Delivered conservation education and training to **421** citizens. *FYP Total:* ***586***
  + Educated **331** landowners and **90** students. *FYP Total:* ***421 landowners; 165 students***
  + Conducted **7** workshops and field days featuring fencing and grazing improvement. *FYP Total:* ***8***
* A3: Improved **15,659** acres of private and public lands and reduced negative environmental impacts of **14,923** individuals through Appalachia CARES partnerships. *FYP Total:* ***19,176 acres; 28,450 individuals***
  + Engaged **8,943** individuals in energy efficiency and conservation education. *FYP Total:* ***14,398***
  + Conserved **50** miles of trails and maintained educational facilities through partnerships with **19** state parks. *FYP Total:* ***209 miles***
  + Provided environmental education and access to experiential education to **5,980** youth. *FYP Total:* ***13,727***
  + Propagated **300** species of native grasses, perennials, trees, and shrubs with **100** of those being restoration species.
  + Improved conservation practices on **166** farms and **15,659** acres through partnerships with **4** Soil Conservation districts. *FYP Total:* ***217 farms; 19,176 acres***
* A4: Completed **0** dam assessments, with **0** dam assessments underway. *FYP Total:* ***46***
  + Assessments complete. No additional subcontracts.

Additional Information:

*Appalachia CARES Data from one soil conservation office not included – waiting on clarification to avoid double counting farms and acreage.*

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Goal B: Provide housing solutions that strengthen 1,200 families and support communities through 2020.**

* B1: Expanded access to affordable housing finance through Clinch-Powell, providing $**1,571,463** in loans. *FYP Total:* ***$2.87 million***
  + Maintained required licensure and certifications necessary for successful housing programs. New certifications obtained: ***n/a***
  + Packaged (and closed) **12** affordable mortgage loans. *FYP Total:* ***22***
  + Packaged **16** Home Repair Loans. *FYP Total:* ***31***
* B2: Provided counseling services to **209** families that will both promote and sustain quality housing in the communities we serve and beyond. *FYP Total:* ***479***
  + Provided Foreclosure counseling to **32** clients. *FYP Total:* ***70***
  + Provided Pre-Purchase counseling to **66** clients (including eHome). *FYP Total:* ***106***
  + Provided High-Cost Mortgage counseling to **66** clients. *FYP Total:* ***129***
  + Provided Household Budgeting and Credit Repair counseling to **6** clients. *FYP Total:* ***11***
  + Provided rental counseling to **38** families. *FYP Total:* ***162***
* B3: Conducted education and training workshops, reaching **149** people. *FYP Total:* ***434***
  + Organized Homebuyer Education Classes for **2** individuals. *FYP Total:* ***2***
  + Provided Financial Literacy Education to **88** students. *FYP Total:* ***270***
  + Provided Student Loan Debt Education to **55** students. *FYP Total:* ***155***
* B4: Expanded and maintained a rental property portfolio in good repair and in compliance with funder guidelines with a positive cash flow and vacancy rate of **7.7**%. *FYP Average:* ***10.3%***
  + Maintained **39** rental property units. *FYP Total:* ***39***
  + Maintained occupancy rate of **91**%. *FYP Average:* ***92%***
  + Conducted **86** property inspections. *FYP Total:* ***192***
  + Provided Transitional Housing program with **0** units to serve extremely- to very-low income persons and families and/or those with emergency needs. *FYP Total:* ***0***
* B5: Increased production of new and renovated quality housing units by **7**. *FYP Total:* ***12***
  + Built **1** new Energy Star homeownership units. *FYP Total:* ***4***
  + Renovated and upgraded **6** units for resale and/or rental. *FYP Total:* ***8***
* B6: Established and deepened **7** community partnerships through outreach efforts. *FYP Total:* ***15***
  + Initiated **0** commercial and industrial contacts for employee services. *FYP Total:* ***0***
  + Developed relationships that resulted in **0** banking partners annual support grants. *FYP Total:* ***0***
  + Broadened connections and deepened participation with **7** related agencies / groups/networks. *FYP Total:* ***15***
* B7: Improved housing conditions for **3,564** citizens through partner organizations and Appalachia CARES AmeriCorps program. *FYP Total:* ***5,975***
  + Placed **13** members with affordable housing organizations. *FYP Total:* ***13***
  + Engaged **3,564** individuals in housing services (resource support, assessment, education, identification of appropriate housing, and home repairs). *FYP Total:* ***5,975***

Additional Information:

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Goal C: Strengthen 30 Middle and East Tennessee Counties through 32 Community Based Organizations (CBO’s) by expanding their capacity to provide Conservation and Housing services by 2020.**

* C1: Expanded the capacity of **11 new** CBO's by providing AmeriCorps placements. *FYP Total:* ***42***
  + Created **52**MSYs from **8/1/16** (program year start date) to **12/31/17.** *FYP Total:* ***88***
  + Recruited **4,178** volunteers to serve **16,269** hours, increasing outreach and education in the community. *FYP Total:* ***5,586 volunteers; 29,211 hours***

**Goal D: Sustainable Economic Development Grows by $5 million by 2020**

* D1: Facilitated access to affordable capital through a small business revolving loan fund with **0** existing loans and **0** new loans. *FYP Total:* ***0***
* D2: Promoted and operated River Place on the Clinch, a model sustainable ecotourism enterprise.
  + Supplied **24** staff positions.
  + Expanded net profits by **150**% since last FY. *FYP Total:* ***427%***
  + Increased rentals of Outfitter, Cabin and Retreat by **7**% since last FY. *FYP Total:* ***18%***
  + Developed **0** new trails/attractions/access. *FYP Total:* ***2***
  + Hosted **46** music events featuring local and regional musicians. *FYP Total:* ***94***
  + Hosted **1** special events. *FYP Total:* ***3***
  + Hosted **168** group reservations/parties. *FYP Total:* ***211***
* D3: Coordinated Appalachian Quilt Trail for more than **850** venues.
  + Maintained dynamic [www.vacationAQT.com](http://www.vacationAQT.com) website.
  + **90** AQT rack cards in circulation at Welcome Centers. *FYP Total:* ***30,000***
  + Distributed **0** rack cards directly to tourism partners in 28 counties with assistance from East Tennessee Foundation. *FYP Total:* ***8,000***
* D4: Stimulated the local economy by supporting **390** vendors through purchases of $**1.32 million**. *FYP Total: $****2.82 million***
  + Supported **303** local businesses through vendor purchases of $**895,346**. *FYP Total:* ***$2.46 million***
  + Actively supported local business through **37** subcontracts of $**129,467**. *FYP Total:* ***$741,358***
  + Supported **0** minority owned businesses and **5** women owned businesses (MBE/WBE). *FYP Total:* ***6***

Additional Information: