

MOUNTAIN VALLEYS

Resource Conservation and Development Council



Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established in 1974 to develop, improve, and conserve natural resources and to provide employment and other economic opportunities to the people of an eight-county area in Western North Carolina.



Energy



Water



Forests

We address the conservation of local resources through hands-on-projects, such as: energy efficiency and renewable energy grants, stormwater and agricultural best management practices, straight pipe elimination, and forest fire prevention.

ONGOING PROJECTS

AgEnergy Cost-share Grants
Rural Energy Initiative
Solar Rebates and Tax Incentives



Ivy River Partners - Watershed Group
Stormwater Management
Stream Buffer Improvements
Septic System Repairs
River Clean-ups
Livestock Exclusion
Kids in the Creek Education



Wildfire Resilience Resources
Appalachian RC&D Fire Adapted
Communities Coalition
McDowell Community Wildfire
Network



PROJECT SUMMARIES



Energy



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA energy cost-share assistance program

For farmers and rural small businesses in our region, we offer free guidance, professional connections, and application assistance for programs that provide cost-share funding for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Since 2008, we have helped 100+ WNC farmers secure grant funding for their energy projects.



Water



For Ivy River Partners, clean water is the goal and cooperation is the strategy. Our partnerships between federal, state, and local agencies as well as private and non-profit entities, serve to strengthen our impact. We strive to develop: a sound understanding of the health of our watershed, positive relationships with landowners along rivers and creeks, water quality education that will have a lasting impact on stewardship, and long-term solutions to water quality problems that are a win-win for everyone!



Forests

We assist homeowners and communities to become more wildfire resilient by helping identify their wildfire risk and taking action to mitigate their risk. These actions include: reducing hazardous fuels around homes, creating defensible space, and emergency planning. We work with interested communities and the NC Forest Service to develop site-specific community assessments, action plans, and best practices for forest management.

