

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: October 19, 2016

SUBJECT: Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation & Development
(RC&D) Update

PRESENTER: Jessica Hocz, Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Jessica Hocz, Executive Director of Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation and Development will present an update on current projects.

The RC&D Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit, action-oriented organization which provides help in obtaining the resources needed to plan and/or implement projects that support natural resource conservation and/or economic development. After a measure is adopted by the Council, the Council may seek private or public grants, and may also secure technical assistance from private or public sources for its implementation. Most of the RC&D goals are achieved through the combination of cooperative efforts from private citizens, groups, businesses and local, state, and federal units of government or agencies.

The original four county RC&D area, comprised of Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, and Transylvania Counties, was authorized for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance by the Secretary of Agriculture in 1976. An additional four counties, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, and Cleveland, were included in an expansion plan approved by the leadership of the local sponsors and USDA in 1997. The local sponsors are the Boards of County Commissioners and Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the eight counties plus the Land of Sky Regional Council and Isothermal Regional Council of Governments.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No action is necessary, for informational purposes only.

Suggested Motion:

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