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Southeast RCAP Board of
Directors Meeting

Progress in North Carolina

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Statistics in North Carolina

Technitrain
8 projects
5 Board Trainings

EPA Wastewater
3 projects
1 workshop

EPA Safe Drinking Water
3 projects
1 workshop

OCS
3 projects
1 Board Training

Project Highlights in North Carolina

NCRCAP Receives Recent Funding Awards

This summer, NCRCAP leveraged four USDA Rural Development 504 loan/grant combinations for households currently enrolled in our Safe Housing Initiative program, which addresses severe housing needs in rural Chatham and Randolph counties. The combined total award amount of \$36,000 will be used to offset project costs for septic system installations, well drilling, roof replacements, and other needed housing repairs.

NCRCAP also received funding for the SHI project from the USDA's Housing Preservation Grant program on August 7th. The grant award amount of \$89,069.90 will be used to eliminate the health and safety hazards posed by substandard housing for families enrolled in the 2006-2007 program year.

AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer Joins NCRCAP as new Latino Outreach Coordinator

In July, Marica Perritt joined NCRCAP to administer the Healthy Homes for All/Hogar Sano para Todo program. As an AmeriCorps Vista Volunteer through SERCAP, Marcia will work for the next year to address well water protection, septic system maintenance, lead poisoning prevention, chemical hazard reduction, and indoor air quality concerns in the homes of native Spanish speaking residents in rural Chatham County. The program's educational material is mobile and versatile in order to be presented during outreach programs, festivals, and in-house counseling. In the next program year, NCRCAP anticipates enrolling 20 local Latino families into the program. Welcome Marcia!

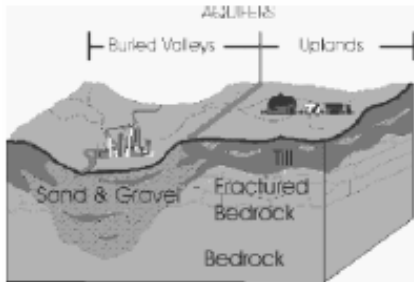
NCRCAP Completes Project Tasks for Ridgedale Community

During the 2005-2006 program year, the Ridgedale Home Owners Association (HOA) made great progress in establishing a viable water supply system for their community, a mobile home park located in the North Carolina mountains. Last winter, the Ridgedale HOA purchased the well lot and gained control of the community well used to supply water to the residents. NCRCAP TAP Rich Holder and the HOA members then met with the NC Public Water Supply Section (PWSS) engineer and conducted a complete water system evaluation. The HOA improved their capacity to correctly manage their water system by hiring a certified operator and participating in a Small Water System Board Member Training to strengthen their technical, managerial, and financial skills. The water system now disinfects and monitors the water according to state PWSS rules. The HOA has also voted to purchase equipment to treat the water for excess

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Naturally Occurring Contaminants and Water Resource Planning

A workshop to discuss what we know about naturally occurring contaminants in groundwater



Presented by:

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A partner to rural communities on public health and environmental quality issues.

Naturally Occurring Contaminants and Water Resource Planning

The North Carolina Rural Communities Assistance Project, Stanly County & Golder Associates will host a workshop to discuss strategies on water resource planning in rural areas susceptible to Arsenic, Radionuclides and other naturally occurring mineral contaminants in groundwater.

**Tuesday
September 12, 2006
8:30am-4:30pm**

**Stanly County
Agri-Civic Center
Albemarle, NC**

Who should come?

- Community leaders and residents
- Elected officials
- Engineers
- Planners
- Public utilities
- Water treatment operators

Workshop topics:

- Integrated approaches to plan for safe drinking water supplies.
- Treatment and filtration options for naturally occurring contaminants
- Highlight of a program to test for Arsenic in private wells
- Health effects of contaminants
- Regulations on contaminants
- Prevalence of Arsenic and Radionuclides in North Carolina
- Overview of North Carolina hydrogeology

Presentations from:

- Golder Associates
- NC DENR Aquifer Protection Section and Public Water Supply
- NC DHHS
- EQI @ UNCA

**Registration Fee: \$20.00
(includes lunch)**

Registration closes Friday, September 8

Visit www.ncrcap.org or call 919-542-7227 to register

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iron and improve the distribution system by installing blow off valves to flush the system.

During the 4th quarter of this program year, the NCRCAP TAP completed the 2005 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the Ridgedale HOA and negotiated with the state PWSS to produce a single Public Notice to be included with the CCR. This Public Notice was delivered to all residents of the community by hand and will suffice to cover all the violations from the previous years.

As a result of the last year of technical assistance, the Ridgedale Water System has become a self-sufficient and viable water system that meets Public Water Supply standards and is managed competently by the Home Owners Association Board. The final tasks to be completed, hooking up the PO4 pump to treat for the excess iron in the water and installing blow offs in the distribution system, will be preformed by the system operator. As NCRCAP does not anticipate additional requests for assistance, the project will now be closed.