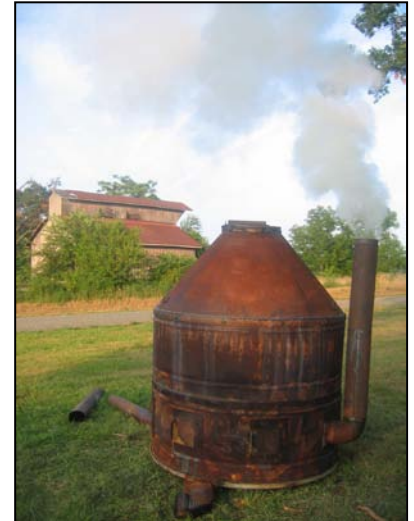


## 2008 Program Highlights

# Northern District Forestry & Natural Resources Program

### Madison Area Highlights

- Objective: To improve the sustainability of private forests, large & small
- Methods & Impacts:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Piedmont Landowners' Association – for forestland owners in Madison, Orange, Culpeper, Rappahannock and Greene Counties.
  - ✓ Regular participation of 20-30 individual landowners through monthly meetings on a variety of natural resource topics.
  - Charcoal Making Demonstration
  - ✓ Wood waste utilization, renewable resource/bio-energy and niche markets... natural hardwood charcoal opportunity awareness.
  - Business Opportunities with Small Acre Woodlots, 90 participants
  - ✓ A new service sector made up of entrepreneurs from the forest and green industry are beginning to recognize the business opportunities on small acreage properties and add to their skill set to meet this need.
  - Old Rag Master Naturalist Volunteers (50 “graduate” Naturalists)
  - ✓ Hoover Ridge Woodlot Inventory, Interpretation & Youth Engagement.
  - ✓ Virginia Natural Heritage for the Next Generation. OLMN were primary partners in the State’s inaugural Natural Heritage Day for Youth program initiated at Graves Mountain in which over 500 youth participated in hands-on natural resources/heritage activities such as wildlife discovery and agricultural awareness.
  - Raising the Bar for Uncertified Tree Workers
  - ✓ Over 150 participants in 4 Annual field-days. Seven participants successfully completed first-aid, CPR and Aerial Rescue Certification. Highlight = 7 individuals earned Certified Tree Worker/Climber Specialist Certification from International Society of Arboriculture.



Charcoal Making Demo at Madison Co. Farmers Market



Certified Tree Worker Skills Test

### Mission Statement:

To enable people to make the best decisions regarding the forests & natural resources, within their realm of influence, resulting in environmentally sustainable management, growth, and quality of life for that person and that community.

### Publishing/media Synopsis

- 19 educational articles developed & published through local and regional newspapers & educational newsletters
- Professional papers = 3, Publications = 2
- RFD-TV programs = 2

# Data Summary

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## Northern District Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Program

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January 1, 2008 – December 9, 2008

Contacts	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	External Funding
11,271	192	744	\$164,285

### Key Partners:

Virginia Department of Forestry • Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries • Natural Resources Conservation Service • Soil & Water Conservation Districts • Trees Virginia (Virginia Urban Forestry Council) • Private Arborists • Private Consulting Foresters • Virginia Forestry Association • Virginia Loggers Association • VT College of Natural Resources • Municipal Officials • County/City Urban Foresters • Local Conservation Organizations • Northern District County Extension Offices • University of Maryland Extension

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