

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS**

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to coordinate RC&D activities throughout the state and actively speak for the RC&D Program in Virginia and on a national level. Through these efforts the Association shall assist in accelerating the Program in all RC&D Areas.

ARTICLE II – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Virginia Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (VARCDC).

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I – MEMBERS

The members of this Association will represent the authorized RC&D Councils in Virginia.

- “Members” are defined as RC&D Councils
- “General Membership” is defined as the regular Council Members of an RC&D Council that are “Members”
- “Delegates” are defined as appointed voting persons representing a “Member” Council at the Association Board Meeting

RC&D Applicant Areas will be admitted to VARCDC after they are officially designated by the US Secretary of Agriculture. Once a new Council receives official designation they will have up to 12 months following the date of their designation to pay dues to the VARCDC.

During this 12-month period they will enjoy the full privileges and rights of the veteran councils and will be able to send three voting delegates to VARCDC business meetings.

SECTION II – MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Membership and voting rights are authorized by payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS

These Articles may be amended by the general membership by mailed ballot. Notification of proposed amendments must be distributed to each member a minimum of thirty days prior to the vote. For passage an amendment must pass by a 2/3-majority. The amendment(s) shall become effective upon the date as specified within the amendment or immediately if no date is specified.

ARTICLE V – FINANCIAL RESOURCES

No financial resources or net earning of the Association shall be used to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, or officers except the VARCDC shall be authorized and empowered to pay a reasonable compensation for travel and expenses rendered.

An audit or internal review shall be conducted annually or upon the change of personnel in the office of Treasurer if it occurs other than at the bi-annual election of officers.

ARTICLE VI – DISSOLUTION

An affirmative, 2/3-majority vote of VARCDC’s general membership will be required to dissolve the VARCDC. The organization shall be dissolved within sixty (60) days of the affirmative vote. A special ballot for this purpose shall be prepared and mailed to members. Should the VARCDC dissolve, its assets would be equally distributed among its Council Members.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify the adoption of this Constitution by a 2/3 majority vote of VARCDC general membership in a mailed ballot.

_____ Date _____
Chairperson

_____ Date _____
Secretary/Treasurer

_____ Date _____
Witness

Constitution adopted 10/4/84
Constitution revised 4/17/99
Constitution amended 9/8/03