Dear Interested Rhode Islanders,

The Rhode Island Resource Conservation and Development Area Council, Inc. (RIRC&D) is seeking your input into the development of our new Area Plan.

Every five years RI RC&D Council prepares an Area Plan that serves as its strategic plan for the RC&D Area. The plan documents the goals the Council wants to accomplish through the RC&D Program for the five-year time period based on well-defined needs and opportunities. The planning process is intended to be a coordinated planning effort with other partners to ensure that the RIRC&D obtains significant input toward development and implementation of the new RI RC&D Area Plan.

We invite you to participate in this process. Your responses…and those of other state conservation leaders…will help the Council focus its program of work. In doing so, you will help allocate federal, state and local resources into important projects and activities in Rhode Island.

As a starting point, we would appreciate it if you would take a few moments to complete the important attached short survey and return it to our office. As an alternative you can complete the short survey electronically by clicking on the attached link which takes a few seconds to open: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ZqgkKz7dWEdXq8K_2bHeF1zg_3d_3d.

This will give us a starting point for the identification of areas that the Council should concentrate during the next five years. The sample size for this study is relatively small, so your help is critical to our success. Please …complete this survey and return it to us as soon as you can.

Thanks again.

Harriet Powell, President