

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Virginia Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Virginia Resource Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

73580

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 12/19/2023 12/19/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? 8b. Specific Termination Authority 8c. Actual Term Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? 10b. Legislation Pending?

Continue Not Applicable Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority 13. Effective Date 14. Committee Type 14c. Presidential?

SRS and Community
Self-Determination Act as
reauthorized in PL 110-343,
PL 112-141 and as amended
Agricultural Improvement Act
of 2018 PL. 115-334.

10/03/2008 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 17b. Closed 17c. Partially Closed 17d. Total

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is to improve collaborative relations and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service

officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee generally will meet two times per year as needed to perform its duties.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Resource Advisory Committee is mandated by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in Public Law 110-343 and Public Law 112-141.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The VA RAC met on March 14, 2023 for a meeting to elect a new chairperson and plan the project proposal timeline. The VA RAC met on July 11, 2023 to review and recommend projects for SRS Title II funding.

Designated Federal Officer

Gwendolyn Mason Public Affairs Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bourgeios, Al	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Brooks, Richard	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Burns, Thomas	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Burns Auto Repair	Representative Member
Danahy, Stephanie	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Retired	Representative Member
Gulley, Tauna	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Area School Officials or Teachers	Representative Member
Lawrence, Kyle	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition	Representative Member
Petry, Yvonne	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Government Relations Specialist; Boeing	Representative Member
Quigley, Lisa	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Virginia Creeper Trail Conservancy	Representative Member
Richardson, Thomas	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Preservation Bath	Representative Member
Rush, Michael	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	County or Local-Elected Office	Representative Member
Simmons, Keith	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Procurement Forester	Representative Member
Stoots, Eugene	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Virginia Department of Forestry	Representative Member
Thacker, Charles	03/25/2021	03/25/2025	Retired	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. Provide and sustain benefits to the American people.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not applicable.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Not applicable.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

52

Number of Recommendations Comments

Previous years recommendations =50. The committee recommended 2 projects in 2023.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

61%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

32 recommended projects have been completed.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

21%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

11 recommended projects are in progress.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official regularly reports to the committee on whether recommended projects proposals are or are not approved by the FS. The DFO also reports on actions taken to implement approved projects. This may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

Not applicable.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 0

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 0

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$0

Grant Review Comments

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

Not applicable.