



## **ALA-TOM Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc. Survey for Input on Five Year Plan Revision**

The ALA-TOM RC&D Council is in the process of revising its Area Plan. This plan is to provide guidance to the RC&D Council in the use of its resources in addressing problems, needs and opportunities in our nine-county region in Southwest Alabama. We are soliciting your input as to what you feel is the direction the Council should take over the next five years.

The mission of the ALA-TOM RC&D Council is to conserve and develop all resources to enhance the quality of life in the area. To learn more of how the ALA-TOM RC&D Council works, click on the “About RC&D” tab on the Council’s Home Page at [www.ala-tomrcd.org](http://www.ala-tomrcd.org). There you can see the goals, objectives and strategies in our current Area Plan.

Over the past five years (2003-2007), the Council has completed 105 projects. To see these projects, go to ALA-TOM web site and click on [www.ala-tomrcd.org](http://www.ala-tomrcd.org). These projects fall into the following categories:

1. Environmental and Agricultural Related Education (17 projects)
2. General Education (16 projects)
3. Small Farmer/ Alternative Agriculture (16 projects)
4. Community and Economic Development/ Improvement (23 projects)
5. Tourism Promotion for Economic Development (12 projects)
6. Recreational Facilities (21 projects)

In order to comply with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service Resource Conservation and Development Program, the Council must work within one or more of the following areas:

1. Land Conservation – controlling erosion and sedimentation
2. Water Management – water conservation, use, water quality, flooding, reservoirs
3. Community Development – Improving, developing, and protecting all aspects of a community, including the economy
4. Land Management – conserving and developing energy, protecting agricultural lands, and protecting fish and wildlife habitat

## SURVEY

Please complete the following survey as completely as possible. Your input will be kept confidential.

**Date Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I reside in the following county:**

- Choctaw
- Clarke
- Conecuh
- Dallas
- Marengo
- Monroe
- Perry
- Washington
- Wilcox

**My age is:**

- Less than 18 yrs.
- 18- 25
- 26- 40
- 41- 64
- 65+

**I am a:**

- Elected Official
- Community Organization Leader
- Community Volunteer
- Private Citizen
- Business Owner/Operator
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I live the following area:**

- Rural
- Incorporated City or Town

**I am:**

- Male
- Female

**I am interested in becoming a volunteer with ALA-TOM RC&D:**

Contact me at (email address or phone) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional)

**I believe the greatest problem or need of my community/county/ region is:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**The ALA-TOM RC&D Council should spend the following amount of time and energy on the following types of projects:**

- More *Environmental/Agricultural Education*
- About the Same
- Less

- More *General Education*
- About the Same
- Less

More *Small Farmer/Alternative Agriculture*  
 About the Same  
 Less

More *Community and Economic Development*  
 About the Same  
 Less

More *Tourism Promotion for Economic Development*  
 About the Same  
 Less

More *Recreational Facilities*  
 About the Same  
 Less

**I believe the ALA-TOM RC&D Council should look into these projects in the USDA/NRCS categories:**

*Land Conservation* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Water Management* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Community Development* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Land Management* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please use the following space (and any additional pages needed) to record any comment, concern, or suggestion for the ALA-TOM RC&D Council to consider in its future plans:**