

# Mountain Castles Soil & Water Conservation District

## Annual District Awards and Recognition Banquet

Local conservation partners gathered to recognize the 2007 Conservation Awards recipients on November 29th. at the Fincastle Fire Station Meeting Room. Representatives from the Farm Service Agency, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Department of Forestry, Botetourt County, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Western Virginia Land Trust, Valley Conservation Council, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service attended the Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District's annual awards dinner. This year there were two awards in Forestry Management presented by forester, Bob Boeren.



### Forestry Awards

Bob Boeren, forester with the Virginia Department of Forestry, presented the 2007 Forestry Award to Mr. Harold Sandusky. Mr. Sandusky owns 480 acres of forestland near Eagle Rock in Botetourt County. Mr. Sandusky planted pine on over 280 acres and has controlled soil erosion on over 100,000 feet of logging roads. Boeren also presented the 2007 Urban Forestry award to the Town of Buchanan. The Town of Buchanan met the four standards to become a Tree City USA. The National Arbor Day Foundation runs the Tree City USA program. The four standards are adopting a public tree ordinance, forming a tree board, spending \$2 per capita on tree care, and having an Arbor Day and proclamation. Mayor Tom Middlecamp and Harry Gleason, Downtown Revitalization Program Manager, accepted the award on behalf of the Town of Buchanan.

For additional information you may contact the:

**Virginia Department of Forestry**  
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### Virginia Department of Forestry

The local forestry office is located in the Town Hall in Buchanan which serves Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke Counties. Two employees work out of this office, Robert (Bob) Boeren and Jon Willoughby. Forestry assistance is available in several areas that include forest management, reforestation, logging, wildland fire, education, and limited cost-share. A forest management or stewardship plan is written based on the landowners objectives. The mailing address and telephone number for the local Virginia Forestry office is: **P. O. Box 1126, Buchanan, Virginia 24066; Telephone (540) 254-2831.**

### 2007 Forestry Award



(L to R) Bob Boeren and Harold Sandusky



### 2007 Urban Forestry Award



(L to R) Harry Gleason, Bob Boeren and Mayor Tom Middlecamp

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The Commonwealth of Virginia supports the Mountain Castles Soil & Water Conservation District through financial and administrative assistance provided by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The District also received local support provided by Botetourt and Craig Counties. All programs and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.