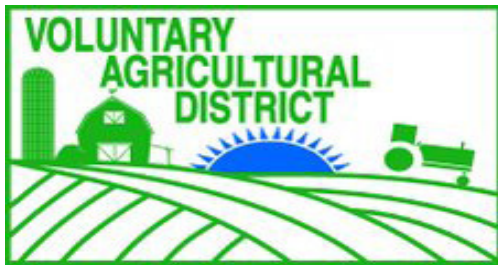


# Voluntary Agricultural Districts:



## Enhancing Agricultural Development

A workshop for county agricultural advisory board members and others involved in administering, developing, or investigating county Voluntary Agricultural Districts and other farmland protection efforts.



**April 28, 2010**

Johnston County Ag Center  
Smithfield, NC

directions: <http://johnston.ces.ncsu.edu>)

**May 5, 2010**

Burke County Ag Center  
Morganton, NC

directions: <http://burke.ces.ncsu.edu>)

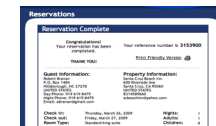
**8:30 am to 2:45 pm**

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North Carolina has experienced tremendous growth in the use of Voluntary Agricultural Districts (VADs) to help protect agricultural communities across the state. In 2002, thirty-three counties had adopted VAD ordinances. Today there are nearly seventy-five. VADs have served as promising tools for protecting farmland, and represent a strong network and infrastructure for helping farmers and landowners - as well as the communities they support and that support them - keep land in agricultural and forest production.

These workshops are designed to bring members of VAD advisory boards and other interested parties together to learn from one another how they might enhance their county's efforts at protecting farmland and helping local agricultural economies develop. The workshops are also for people from counties in the process of passing a VAD ordinance, or otherwise anyone interested in learning more about this farmland protection and agricultural development tool.

**Be sure to bring your VAD member sign for display!**



# WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 8:30 AM Registration Opens
- 9:00 AM Pre-conference workshop for counties who have not yet adopted VAD ordinances
- 10:00 Welcome - Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler
- 10:20 Past and Present Accomplishments Transitioning Into Future Opportunities
- 10:40 Break
- 11:00 Panel on Condemnation & Eminent Domain:  
- State & Federal Considerations  
- Legal and Tax Overview  
- Utilities (Smithfield only)  
- Land Owner Perspective - (Morganton only)  
- Military planning and the VAD program (Smithfield)  
- Lessons learned and Q&A - Panel
- 12:20 PM LUNCH\*
- 12:50 Countywide Farmland Protection Plan Panel
- 1:50 Hot Topics Panel  
- Signage of rights-of-way and private property  
- Record Notice in Register of Deeds  
- MOUs with Municipalities  
- Water and Sewer Abeyance  
- Liability of Agricultural Advisory Board Members
- 2:45 End of Day Q&A  
Adjourn

\*About Lunch: We are pleased to provide pizza, subs and beverages for an on-site networking lunch. To join the feast, please be prepared to pay \$5.00 at registration to help organizers affray costs (that grant funds don't cover). You are also welcome to bring your lunch.

# REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop location:

\_\_\_ West (Morganton)

\_\_\_ East (Johnston Co.)

\_\_\_ Yes, I plan to donate for my part in the pizza feast (\$5.00)

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