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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Richland County Council Proclaims Richland County Farm-City Week

Richland County, SC – November 15, 2011 Richland County Councilwoman Valerie Hutchinson proclaimed November 18-24, 2011, as Farm-City Week in Richland County at the November 15, 2011 Council Meeting. Begun in 1955, Farm-City Week is an annual national celebration of the importance of agriculture and the interdependence between urban and rural communities. In Richland County, Farm-City Week activities are sponsored by the Farm-City Committee and the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD).

Following the proclamation, Horrell Hill Elementary fifth graders Joseph Norric and Timothy Outing, II, made a special presentation to members of Richland County Council. As a part of the Farm-City Week observance at their school, these students and their classmates created a “Fresh from Our Backyard” cookbook featuring recipes using Richland County produce. This cookbook earned a Farm-City Week Merit Award, and copies were given to each member of County Council.

Horrell Hill Elementary, located in Councilman Norman Jackson’s District, distinguished itself in this year’s Farm-City Week competitions. In addition to the Merit Award, students and teachers at Horrell Hill earned six other awards, including the School Coordinator of the Year Award, which was presented to Mary Jade Haney.

A complete list of Farm-City Week competition winners is available at www.rcgov.us/rswcd. For more information about this story, contact the RSWCD at (803) 576-2080.

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Joseph Norric (left) and Timothy Outing, II (right) presented Richland County Council Members with recipe booklets they and their classmates created for Farm-City Week.



Councilwoman Valerie Hutchinson and Councilman Norman Jackson recognized the students for their accomplishments and proclaimed November 18-24, 2011, Farm-City Week in Richland County.



Left to right: Ernestine Wardlaw (teacher, Horrell Hill Elementary), Chanda Cooper (Education Program Coordinator, RSWCD), Monica Owens-Carter (teacher, Horrell Hill Elementary), Councilman Norman Jackson, Timothy Outing, II, Joseph Norric, Councilwoman Valerie Hutchinson, Mary Jade Haney (Farm-City Week School Coordinator of the Year, Horrell Hill Elementary)