

2008

# Little Kanawha RC&D

West Virginia

## Annual Plan of Work

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# Little Kanawha RC&D



Vision

*“Leading our communities in partnership development to make things happen.”*

Mission

*“Assist local communities to manage their natural resources in ways that improve the area's economy and environment.”*

## ELEMENT – LAND CONSERVATION

Goal A	Enhance opportunities for land conservation by providing means for the control of erosion and sedimentation.	Target Date	Staff/hours/Budget	Accomplishments
<b>Land Conservation</b>				
<b>Objective and Strategies</b>				
A1	Join with Conservation Partners to promote better stewardship on lands with Best Management Practices that reduce erosion on 5,000 acres.			
	A1a Assist Mountwood Park with management plan on 2,600 acres to reduce erosion from entering recreational facilities and lake.	12/08	Simon/30/\$1,500	
	A1b Assist with sponsorship of State Grazing Conference.	07/08	Council/2/\$1,000	
	A1c Install Best Management Practices during construction of Lake Trail at North Bend State Park.	06/08	CCC/200/\$4,000	
	A1d Assist Conservation Districts with CSP watershed program.	Ongoing	Simon/20/\$1,250	
	A1e Assist NRCS as needed with Farmbill workload	Ongoing	Simon/100/\$6,250	

## ELEMENT – WATER MANAGEMENT

Goal B	Improve water quality by assisting with rural water supplies and flood prevention programs that encourage better water management and utilization.	Target Date	Staff/hours/Budget	Accomplishments	
<b>Water Management</b>					
<b>Objective and Strategies</b>					
B1	Improve water quality through the development of two watershed projects that address flooding and household sewage treatment.				
	B1a	Assist North Bend State Park with utilities and water development for the sewage treatment facility and campgrounds within the park.	08/08	NRCS/80/\$743,000	
	B1b	Research and select one watershed as a pilot project for household sewage treatment systems upgrades in partnership with USDA and local health officials. Intent is to provide cost sharing to upgrade 50% of failing systems within targeted area.	06/08	Simon NRCS/40/\$2,500	
	B1c	Finalize the Williamstown Wetland mitigation project to enhance wildlife biology natural ecosystems within the wetland and reduce flooding.	09/08	Krantz/60/\$5,000	
B2	Improve water quality through community projects that enhance the natural environment.				
	B2a	Design and conduct a volunteer canoeing program that enhances litter pickup and prevention to aid in water quality efforts.	07/08	Simon Allen/20/\$1,500	
	B2b	Assist Pleasants County Commission and city park officials with construction of surface water drainage system in park.	04/08	Simon Janes/10/\$1,000	

## ELEMENT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Goal C	Enhance the development of resource based industries; recreational facilities; rural housing; the provision of adequate health and education facilities; economic development and education by providing deed money and project coordination.	Target Date	Staff/hours/Budget	Accomplishments
<b>Community Development</b>				
<b>Objective and Strategies</b>				
C1	Implement a revolving loan fund program that focuses on assisting small natural resource-based businesses expand and create jobs in the region in partnership with Rural Development. Assist additional resource-based businesses and organizations.			
	C1a	Provide 2 loans to small businesses in the area.	05/08	RLF Comm/20/\$45,000
	C1b	Sell equipment from Wood Resource Co.	02/08	RLF Comm/10/\$10,000
	C1c	Provide funding for the Cabot Recycling Station in Calhoun County for equipment upgrades.	01/08	Stemple/2/\$1,000
C2	Enhance local heritage tourism opportunities that promote historical and natural features within the region.			
	C2a	Provide assistance to local historical building projects through state grant program. Projects include Wetzel County Historical Society Handicap Access, Ravenswood Museum Painting, Kanawha Community Building upgrade, Steeley-Green Community Building upgrade, Mt. Zion Community Park Building upgrade, Paden City City Building upgrade.	07/08	Council/50/\$10,000
	C2b	Assist the cities of Williamstown and Parkersburg with the expansion of the Fenton Park Trail and Little Kanawha Connector Trail.	08/08	Licheillo Ridenour/30/\$2,500

C3	Initiate at least five new recreational opportunities in the region with projects that promote outdoor education and fitness opportunities.				
	C3a	Finalize construction of campgrounds at North Bend Park	03/08	NRCS/2,000/ \$1,300,000	Near Completion
	C3b	Construct 1,000 feet boardwalk around Williamstown wetland	09/08	CCC/1,400/\$50,000	
	C3c	Finalize 1,000 feet of trail, interpretive signage and outdoor classroom through the Edison Middle School arboretum.	02/08	WVU/200/\$5,000	Trail construction near completion
	C3d	Assist Mountwood Park with efforts to provide a connector trail from the park to the North Bend Rail Trail.	10/08	CCC/800/\$10,000	
	C3e	Contract with Mountwood Park to finalize plans for a 9 mile perimeter trail around the parks boundary.	02/08	CCC \$2,500 Simon/50/\$1,000	
	C3f	Finish 20 mile Lake Trail at North Bend State Park with assistance from Citizen conservation Corp.	Ongoing	CCC/2,000/\$50,500	10 miles completed
C4	Provide opportunities for rural communities to learn more about philanthropy by conducting workshops on grant writing and fundraising. Assist communities with facility upgrades to host events and training opportunities.				
	C4a	Assist with the development of the North Bend State Park Foundation.	04/08	Hodge Simon/20/\$1,000	
	C4b	Assist at least 50 organizations and schools with Project Sharing food and supply distribution.	Ongoing	Council Simon/200/\$600,000	
	C4c	Assist Valley Grange and the Tyler County Fair Board with facility upgrades.	07/08	Ash/10/\$3,000	
C5	Enhance the development of youth programs in the region to promote citizenship and job training opportunities for the regions youth.				
	C5a	Support the Mid-Ohio Valley Work Camp through coordination and financial assistance to paint 40+ homes for needy utilizing 600 volunteers.	07/08	Campers Simon/24,000/\$140,000	
	C5b	Assist local counties with upgrades of youth facilities at local parks and 4-H camps. Projects include the Little	Ongoing	Council/30/\$5500	

		Sandy Playground, Ritchie County 4-H Camp, Wirt County Primary Center Playground, Camp Barbe 4-H Camp, Tyler County 4-H Camp, and West Fork Community Playground			
C6	Improve the capacity of the RC&D Council				
	C6a	Through attrition diversify the Council membership to meet future needs of the organization.	Ongoing	Simon/20/0	
	C6b	Fill all current vacancies on RC&D Council.	03/08	Council/10/0	
	C6c	Provide orientation to new Council members.	04/08	Simon Allen/10/\$1,000	
C7	Ensure financial stability of organization by generating new, and manage existing programs, investments, and other policies.				
	C7a	Conduct annual audit and internal review.	02/08	Audit Committee/20/\$2,000	
	C7b	Explore alternative revenue streams for internal operations.	02/08	Council/20/\$2,000	
	C7c	Apply to local foundation for administrative support.	01/08	Council/20/\$10,000	
C8	Operate and Maintain a not-for-profit organization that meets local, state and federal requirements.				
	C8a	Review current policies and governing documents.	03/08	Simon Council/30/\$2,500	
	C8b	Publish quarterly newsletter and annual report.	Ongoing	Allen Simon/80/\$2,000	
	C8c	Plan and hold annual summer picnic/tour of projects and Christmas meeting.	12/08	Allen Simon/10/\$500	
C9	Maintain RC&D network at state, regional and national levels.				
	C9a	Support and assist state and regional RC&D associations through meeting attendance and dues support.	Ongoing	Simon Cumberledge/100/\$2,000	
	C9b	Send at least one representative al regional meeting and national leadership forum.	02/08	Council/50/\$2,500	

## ELEMENT – LAND MANAGEMENT

Goal D	Promote Conservation that includes the production of energy crops; livestock; the protection of agricultural land as appropriate from conversion to other uses; farmland protection; and the protection of fish and wildlife habitats and rural fire protection.		Target Date	Staff/hours/Budget	Accomplishments
<b>Land Management</b>					
<b>Objective and Strategies</b>					
D1	Reduce potential hazards through the promotion of alternative energy sources or businesses from waste products that can be recycled to improve land management.				
	D1a	Work with DP Metals in Wirt County to continue its aluminum recycling business efforts.	Ongoing	Simon Council/25/\$25,000	
	D1b	Assist with the development of at least one dry fire hydrant to help protect from loss of life and property.	07/08	Sweeney Simon/10/\$2,000	
D2	Showcase alternatives for locally raised produce, plants, and livestock products through the development of regional markets.				
	D2a	Host the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Lawn, Garden and Forestry Exposition	04/08	Committee/500/\$25,000	
	D2b	Install 3,000 feet of fence at North Bend State Park along Lake Trail to separate livestock and recreational users.	03/08	CCC/40/\$2,500	
	D2c	Construct 1 full service equestrian trailhead at NBSP.	06/08	CCC/200/\$50,000	

### 2008 meeting dates

Grant Review Committee	March 5, 2008
Spring Council Meeting	March 26, 2008
Summer Picnic and Tour	June 25, 2008
Fall Council Meeting	September 24, 2008
Winter Council Meeting/Christmas Party	December 10, 2008