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RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, INC.
ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK
2010 and 2011***



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Land Conservation

Goal 1: – Inform and educate the public and forest owners and managers in all 7 counties about forest resource management by 2013.

Objective 1.1 Work with partners to provide educational programming and opportunities for 1000 people- including loggers, landowners and foresters- to help them improve natural resource management by 2013.

Work with partners to provide one best management practice workshop for foresters and/or loggers. Ensure that the course contains continuing education credits when possible.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Information, Outreach, Event Planning	\$1000	NRCS-40 hours Forestry-48 hours (L. Denis, B. LaPoint, S. VanderMark, W. Allen)	
Work with community partners to develop and implement a local tree planting and trails program with youth.	Dec 2011	Planning, Technical Assistance	--	NRCS-12 hours Forestry-4 hours Recreation- 12 hours (B. Diehl, Jeff Co.)	
Work with partners to provide annual forest management concepts workshops for landowners in at least one county per year 2010-2013.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Technical Assistance, Outreach	\$1200	NRCS-12 hours Forestry-24 hours	
Work with partners to provide at least two chainsaw use and safety workshops per year 2009-2013.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Technical Assistance, Funding, Outreach	\$1500	NRCS-12 hours Forestry-24 hours (B. Keller, W. Allen, B. LaPoint)	

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Assist DEC with Forestry Needs Assessment 2010-2013.	Dec 2011	Technical Assistance, Outreach	\$1000	NRCS-8 hours Forestry-48 hours (B. Keller, C. Golas)	
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Land Conservation

Goal 2: Provide educational programming to assist in reducing erosion due to agriculture and improving agricultural efficiency in at least 3 counties by 2013.

Objective 2.1 Work with partners to provide information and education about agricultural best management practices to 250 citizens, professionals and local government officials by 2013.

Promote education about grazing best management practices by assisting partners with 1 pasture walk or grazing workshop each year 2009-2013. Participate in NYFVI grazing technical assistance grant 2010.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Technical Assistance, Funding	\$17,000	NRCS-40 hours Agriculture-100 hours (C. Miller, T.Decosse, B. Wohnsiedler)	
Provide support for grazing infrastructure installation by assisting at least one partner with securing funding by 2011.	Dec 2011	Technical Assistance, Outreach	\$10000	NRCS-24 hours Agriculture-16 hours (C. Miller, T.Decosse, B. Wohnsiedler)	
Attend at least one statewide grasslands utilization team meeting per year to assist with planning and assessments 2009-2013. Attend Annual Green-up Grazing Conference 2010. Attend similar conference 2011.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Technical Assistance	\$1500	NRCS-8 hours Agriculture-16 hours	

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Water Management

Goal 3: Assist at least 4 partners with plans to improve water quality in their communities by 2013.

Objective 3.1 Provide assistance to 4 communities for developing and implementing comprehensive watershed management plans by 2013.

Assist at least two partners with completing comprehensive watershed plans by 2013. Continue to work with Black River Watershed Group	Dec 2011	Technical Assistance, Outreach	\$1600	NRCS- 32 hours Renewable Energy - 80 hours (N. Billhardt)	
Assist at least two partners with completing comprehensive watershed plans by 2013. Assist St. Lawrence County with assessment of implementation possibilities for WQS.	Dec 2011	Technical Assistance	\$2000	NRCS-12 hours Renewable Energy -48 hours (D. Howard)	
Assist at least two partners with securing funding to implement at least one project listed in their updated County watershed plan by 2013. Assist Franklin County with assessment of implementation possibilities for WQS. Continue to work on St. Lawrence River Watershed group formation.	Dec 2011	Technical Assistance	\$2000	NRCS-40 hours Renewable Energy -48 hours (C. Miller)	

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Water Management

Goal 4: Work with partners to provide assistance and education to 250 citizens to enhance and protect groundwater quality in areas served by wells by 2013.

Objective 4.1 Promote well head protection practices, drinking water testing and education in at least 3 communities by 2013.
No action scheduled 2010-2011

Water Management

Goal 5: Assist at least one partner with plans to improve native fish habitat by 2013.

Objective 5.1 Work with NRCS and Sea Grant to identify opportunities for improving native fish habitat by 2013.
No action scheduled 2010-2011

Community Development

Goal 6: Strengthen regional recreation and tourism opportunities in all 7 counties by 2013.

Objective 6.1 Work to strengthen partnerships among at least 6 groups to support regional recreation and tourism programs by 2013.

Develop a network and listing of local recreation and tourism contacts by 2010- to be updated annually.	Dec 2010	Technical Assistance	\$1000	NRCS-16 hours Recreation-32 hours (B. Diehl)	
Work with partners to develop a Black River- St. Lawrence recreational resources brochure by 2011.	Dec 2011	Technical Assistance	\$2500	NRCS-16 hours Recreation-16 hours (B. Diehl)	

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Assist at least one community group with the development of a multi-use trail system by 2013. Continue work towards acquisition of rail section from GVT for Rails to Trails.	Dec 2011	Technical Assistance	\$1,300,000	NRCS-40 hours Recreation-80 hours (B. Diehl)	
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Community Development

Goal 7: Provide local capacity building opportunities for members from all 7 counties by 2013.

Objective 7.1 Promote internal capacity building by 2013

Revise Council By-laws	Dec 2010	Technical Assistance	\$1000	NRCS-40 hours Executive- 40 hours (B. Keller)	
Work with Council for Community Services and National RC&D Association to provide board training by 2010.	Dec 2010	Technical Assistance	\$2000	NRCS-16 hours Council-50 hours	11/09
Develop and implement Council policies and create Council policy handbook by 2011.	2011	Technical Assistance	\$2000	NRCS-40 hours Executive-40 hours (B. Keller)	
Reassess program successes and needs and evaluate new opportunities- annually.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Technical Assistance		NRCS-40 hours Executive-160 hours	

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Objective 7.2 Promote relationship building with local partners in all 7 counties by 2013.

Develop a comprehensive list of media contacts by 2010.	Dec 2010	Technical Assistance		NRCS-16 hours Executive-4 hours	
Build and sustain strong community and industry support for RC&D by meeting with at least two local partners per year.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Outreach		NRCS-80 hours Council-80 hours	

Objective 7.3 Ensure Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights compliance with members in all counties by 2013.

Utilize mailing lists and other media to ensure that all members of local communities are notified of program opportunities- ongoing.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Technical Assistance		NRCS-16 hours Council-40 hours	
Offer equal opportunities to minorities and people with disabilities to participate on the Council as well as take advantage of Council programs- ongoing.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Technical Assistance		NRCS-8hours Council-4 hours	
Provide NRCS Civil Rights training	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Technical Assistance		NRCS-2 hours Council-20 hours	

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Goal 8: Support community economic development and job creation in all 7 counties by 2013.

Objective 8.1 Provide assistance to at least 4 partner groups to enhance local food and local product utilization opportunities by 2013.

Establish working relationships with at least two community food partnerships such as GardenShare and Adirondack Harvest by 2010.	Dec 2011	Outreach		NRCS-40 hours Agriculture-40 hours (B. Wohnsiedler)	
Provide at least \$500 in support to the Venison Donation Coalition annually 2009-2013. Keep informed of VDC activities.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Outreach	\$1000	NRCS-16 hours Council-16 hours	

Objective 8.2 Assist partners in promoting safety in communities in all 7 counties by 2013.

Support farm and home safety day camps in all counties.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Technical Assistance, Outreach	\$2000	NRCS-32 hours Council-40 hours	
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Community Development

Goal 9: Support efforts to inform and educate the public and partners about natural resource management in all 7 counties by 2013.

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Objective 9.1 Support conservation opportunities for 2500 youth in the area by 2013.

Support at least one local Envirothon.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Technical Assistance, Outreach	\$2000	NRCS-32 hours Council-40 hours	
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Objective 9.2 Update and maintain a minimum of five forms of outreach by 2013.

Distribute 500 Annual Reports by March of each year 2009-2013.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Outreach	\$500	NRCS-40 hours Executive-8 hours	
Create and distribute a newsletter to 500 partners by September of each year 2009-2013.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Outreach	\$500	NRCS-40 hours Executive-8 hours	
Update the Council's website at least 4 times annually 2009-2013.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Outreach	\$1000	NRCS-40 hours Executive-20 hours	
Create a new Council informational display by 2010.	Dec 2010	Outreach	\$1000	NRCS-40 hours Executive-20 hours	
Participate in at least one local trade or industry show per year. Participate in Woodsmen's Field Days-Boonville	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Outreach	\$200	NRCS-24 hours Forestry-16 hours (L. Gibbs)	

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Participate in at least one local trade or industry show per year. Participate in Northern NY Maple School.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Outreach		NRCS-16 hours Forestry-16 hours (B. LaPoint)	

Land Management

Goal 10: Facilitate Energy Conservation Opportunities in all 7 counties by 2013.

Objective 10.1 Assist 4 partners with development of renewable energy opportunities by 2013.

Work with DEC and other partners to collect information about biomass utilization for renewable energy production by 2010.	Dec 2010	Outreach		NRCS 40 hours Renewable Energy -40 hours	
Conduct a workshop to provide information about biomass and renewable energy opportunities for farm and home use by 2010.	Dec 2010	Technical Assistance, Outreach, Funding	\$2500	NRCS-20hours Renewable Energy - 40 hours (K. Maloney)	

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Participate in at least one North Country or statewide forum per year to develop and promote ideas and collaborations for sustainable development 2009-2013 such as the North Country Symposium.	Dec 2010 Dec 2011	Outreach		NRCS-20 hours Renewable Energy -16 hours (L. Gibbs)	
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Objective 10.2 Assist at least 3 RC&D member counties with enhanced opportunities for recycling by 2013.

Work with Cornell University and local partners on the Recycling Agricultural Plastics Pilot Project 2009-2010.	Dec 2010	Technical Assistance	\$10,000	NRCS-40 hours Agriculture-40 hours (D. Howard, B. Putman, B. Wohnsiedler, C. Miller, N. Billhardt)	
Secure an agricultural plastics baler for use in the RC&D area by 2010.	Dec 2010	Technical Assistance	\$40,000	NRCS-40 hours Agriculture-40 hours (D. Howard, B. Putman, B. Wohnsiedler, C. Miller, N. Billhardt)	

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