

SANDHILLS RC&D

PLAN OF WORK

2006



**Sandhills RC&D Council
2006 Annual Plan of Work**

Goal #1 – Protect and Enhance the Quality and Quantity of all Natural Resources.

1. Assist with the SRM Nebraska Range Youth Camp held annually at the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey.

This project is ongoing with a review date - 08/2006

Contact: Mary Reece

2. Provide assistance with the Middle Loup River Lake Project in the planning of a reservoir near Mullen on the Middle Loup River.

Planned 11/2004

Contact: Dan Deibler

3. Assist Sergeant Irrigation District with Milburn Irrigation Diversion River Bank Stabilization Project

Contact: Tom Knutson

4. Assist new weed management area with establishment in Partnership with North Central RC&D and Loup Basin RC&D.

Contact: Mick Goodrich

Goal #2 – Revitalize the Rural Economy with Economic Development Activities.

1. Provide technical assistance as needed to the Thedford Development Corp.

Contact: Steve Brown

2. Partner with Loup Basin RC&D to assist the eight county region and beyond in searching and obtaining funding resources through Grant Writing course planned of March, April, & May 2006.

Contact: Leroy Jons

3. Provide technical assistance to McPherson County Federal Credit Union to develop and expand new banking services in Tryon.

Contact: Dale Pettit

4. Continue to support and assist the Sandhills EDGE coalition to hold an annual EDGE training class for business development.

Contact: Stacey Nollette

Goal #3 – Improve Infrastructure and Community Resources.

1. Continue to provide technical assist to the Sandhills Development Corp in obtaining new equipment at the Medical Clinic needed to replace old out dated equipment so higher quality health care can be provided.

Planned: 10/2004

Contact: Dave Sullivan

2. Investigate the need for a Dry Hydrant Program and educate the eight county region about the alternative water sources for community and rural fire protection.

Contact: Cliff Welsh

3. Continue Rehab Housing Program to additional communities in the Sandhills RC&D area. Contact: Leigh Alexander

4. Provide technical assistance to Thedford Volunteer Fire Department to construct a new fire hall / ambulance garage in Thedford.

Contact: Matt Miles

5. Assist Community of Thedford to complete a pilot project to be one of the first communities in Nebraska perform Resource Team Community Assessment.

Contact: Steve Brown

6. Assist Lincoln County Convention and Visitors Bureau to continue to provide Western Nebraska with public access to the Foundation Center's FC Search database in the North Platte Public Library.

Contact: Merriel Clark

Goal #4 – Increase and Improve Tourism, Eco-tourism and Recreational Development.

1. Provide technical assistance with the Sandhills Scenic Byway as needed.

Contact: Terri Licking

2. Assist in the establishment of bird watching opportunities and events in the Sandhills.

Contact: Tom Kennedy

Other Activities:

- Annual Council Elections – January of each year
- Attend State Association Annual Meeting
- Hold an annual meeting – January of each year
- Area Plan of Work – due in 2006 (then every 5 years)
- Annual Plan of Work
- Investigate partnering opportunities that support the Sandhills RC&D mission.

The Sandhills RC&D Council hereby adopts this Plan of Work and agrees to effectively use the assistance provided by the NRCS-USDA to achieve the goals outlined.

Ed Sowders, President
Sandhills RC&D Council

Date

Steve Chick, State Conservationist
USDA, NRCS, Nebraska

Date

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