

2009 SHORT TERM PLAN

FINGER LAKES RC&D COUNCIL, INC.

This plan will guide the actions of the Finger Lakes RC&D Council, Inc. over the next two (2) years. The plan will be reviewed, updated regularly, and revised annually adding a new year.

The prime objectives of the Finger Lakes RC&D Council, Inc. over the next two (2) years will be to continue to promote RC&D activities, as well as encourage the wise utilization and management of resources within the project area. This will be done by continuing to develop team work and cooperation between the people of RC&D area and public agencies. Such a joint effort is necessary to identify and solve resource related problems. Resource committees will evaluate project objectives, establish action goals, and plan actions based on current resource problems and needs.

The Council will assure orderly progress towards implementation of the RC&D measures by establishing realistic priorities for specific measures on a project-wide basis and coordinating activities between the Council, local sponsors, and cooperating agencies to assure that these priorities are met.

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The Finger Lakes RC&D Council, Inc. hereby adopts this Annual Plan of Work and agrees to use effectively the assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to realize objectives and goals outline herein.

Finger Lakes RC&D Council, Inc.

By: *Kenneth Bush*

Date:

March 18, 2009

President

This action authorized at an official meeting of the Finger Lakes RC&D Council, Inc. on March 18, 2009

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service

The State Conservationist hereby acknowledges that this Annual Plan of Work of the Finger Lakes RC&D Council, Inc. as meeting the requirements under the Public Law 107-171, U.S.C. Sections 1528-1537 to receive assistance from USDA.

Acknowledged by:

Date:

State Conservationist

2009 - 2010 Schedule of Finger Lakes RC&D Meetings

May 20, 2009

July 15, 2009

September 16, 2009

November 18, 2009

January 20, 2010

March 17, 2010

2009-2010 Annual Plan

Element #1: Land Conservation	Action Item	Estimated Completion Date FY 09 - FY 10	Cost of Action \$	Resource Person
Goal A. Assist six county RC&D Area in improving agricultural efficiency, sustainability and diversification by 2013				
Objective A. 01 Promote the establishment and/or expansion of prescribed grazing systems on 150 livestock operations by 2012				
Strategies				
A.01.a	Administer Phase 4 of Chemung River Basin Grazing Project - NYSEPF Round 11	12/09	\$207,040.00	Wickham, Wildeman, Parker, Winnett, Faucett
A.01.b	Administer Phase 5 of Chemung River Basin Grazing Project - NYSEPF Round 12	12/09	\$194,625.00	Wickham, Wildeman, Parker, Winnett, Faucett
A.01.c	Administer Finger Lakes Grazing Project - NYSEPF Round 12	12/09	\$192,300.00	Peruzzini, Griswold, Winnett, Faucett
A.01.d	Administer Phase 6 of Chemung River Basin Grazing Project - NYSEPF Round 13	12/10	\$216,910.00	Wickham, Wildeman, Parker, Winnett, Faucett
A.01.e	Administer Southern Tier Grazing Project - NYSEPF Round 14	12/11	\$262,395.00	Barter, Wickham, Parker, Winnett, Faucett
A.01.f	Install 33 prescribed grazing systems within the Upper Susquehanna River Basin under the NFWF grant entitled "Cost Effective Nutrient Reduction"	9/1/10	\$248,000.00	Winnett, Curatolo
Objective A. 02 Assist RC&D partners with grazing outreach activities within the six county RC&D Area by 2013				
Strategies				
A.02.a	Meet contract obligations associated with GLCI contract resulting in 17 grazing plans being written and two outreach activities being held	9/30/09	\$17,000.00	Wildeman, Glazier, Winnett
A.02.b	Grazing advocates/technicians will conduct 50 follow-up visits with existing graziers	9/30/09	\$5,000.00	Wildeman, Glazier, Winnett
Objective A.03 Promote agricultural sustainability in Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties through 2011				
Strategy				
A.03.a	Assist CCE of Yates Co. with Finger Lakes Sustainable Farming Center Project	5/10	\$90,000.00	Landre, Bossard, Glazier, Pavelsky, Winnett
Element #2: Water Management				
Goal B. Assist Council's six Soil & Water Conservation Districts with conserving the region's natural resources through 2013				
Objective B. 01 Promote water quality improvement in the Council's six county region through 2013				
Strategies				
B.01.a	Assist six member counties with seeking funding for at least 3 water quality improvement projects through NYSEPF, Great Lakes Commission or NFWF	On-going	In-Kind	Winnett, District Managers, DCs
B.01.b	Complete restoration/construction of 3 miles of riparian buffers in the Upper Susquehanna River Basin	7/10	\$50,000.00	Winnett, Yearick, Curatolo
B.01.c	Complete installation of 12 Ag Herbicide Mixing Facilities within the Cayuga & Seneca Lake Watersheds	12/11	\$228,265.00	Peruzzini, Vanacore, Griswold, Winnett
B.01.d	Prepare and submit one small watershed grant application to the NFWF or other federal sources	6/10	In-Kind	Winnett, Curatolo
B.01.e	Assist Upper Susquehanna Coalition with pursuit of a minimum of 2 grants for purpose of improving water quality in the Upper Susquehanna River Basin	12/11	\$150,000.00	Winnett, Curatolo, Watts, Verrigni, Parker
B.01.f	Assist Council's SWCD's with pursuit of one critical area treatment grant	3/10	In-Kind	District Managers, Winnett
Element #3: Community Development				
Goal C. Provide assistance to the RC&D Council's six member counties, in Improving Community Services and Rural Economic Development through 2013				
Objective C. 01 Assist local fire districts with improving Rural Fire Protection by 2011				
Strategy				
C.01.a	Assist Dry Hydrant Projects for Rural Fire Protection in Chemung, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben & Yates Counties as requested	5/10	In-Kind	District Managers, Winnett
Objective C. 02 Assist New York's Venison Donation Program by providing 250,000 meals to individuals in need				
Strategies				
C.02.a	Continue to assist in the administration of the Venison Donation Program in Western NY, Lower Hudson, Long Island & Tug Hill Plateau Regions	4/11	In-Kind	Heffner, L. Wickham, Winnett, Faucett
C.02.b	Pursue long range funding for Venison Donation Program on a State-Wide basis	9/10	\$250,000.00	Farm Bureau, Venison Donation Coalition, NY Assoc. of Food Banks
C.02.c	Continue to pursue other funding sources for Venison Donation Program i.e.; United Way & NYSDEC	9/10	\$100,000.00	Fuerst, Bush, Heffner, Wickham
C.02.d	Assist Venison Donation Coalition with administering the Venison Donation Program on a State-Wide basis	4/10	In-Kind	Heffner, Fuerst, L. Wickham, Winnett, Faucett

Element #3: Community Development	Action Item	Estimated Completion Date FY 09 - FY 10	Estimated Annual Cost \$	Responsible Person
Goal D. Promote energy conservation throughout the Council's six county area by reducing energy dependency on foreign oil				
Objective D. 01 Demonstrate effectiveness of lowering on farm operating costs through solar & wind power				
Strategies				
D.01.a Administer NRCS-CIGS grant which is demonstrating Solar Powered Livestock Watering Systems	12/10	\$48,000.00	Winnett, Faucett, Butler	
D.01.b Administer NRCS-CIGS grant which is demonstrating Wind Powered Livestock Watering Systems	12/11	\$72,000.00	Winnett, Faucett, Butler	
Objective D. 02 Observe Public debate surrounding Wind Farm Development				
Strategies				
D.02.a Participate in public forums regarding wind energy as requested	9/09	In-Kind	Albers, Grace, Ochterski, Winnett	
D.02.b Stay informed on wind prospecting activities within the Finger Lakes RC&D region	On Going	In-Kind	Winnett	
Objective D. 03 Assist RC&D member Counties with the development of biomass opportunities				
Strategies				
D.03.a Pursue grass based Technologies as potential alternative energy	On Going	In-Kind	Salon, Barter, Winnett	
D.03.b Maintain awareness of cellulosic ethanol and ethanol production	On Going	In-Kind	Sinicropi, Winnett, Tomsa	
Objective D. 04 Participate in public review process of natural gas exploration				
Strategy				
D.04.a Participate in generic Environmental Impact Statement review process concerning Marcellus Shale Exploration	8/31/09	In-Kind	Dalrymple, Winnett	
Element #4: Land Management				
Goal E. Create Economic Development through improved utilization of region's forest resources and products				
Objective E. 01 Marketing of wood products from the Allegheny Highland region of New York				
Strategy				
E.01.a Promote the use of hardwood species indigenous to the Finger Lakes RC&D Region	On Going	In-Kind	Winnett, NYSDEC, USFS	
Objective E. 02 Inform and educate local and regional economic development agencies & public on the importance of forest resources to the regions economy				
Strategy				
E.02.a Cooperate with NYSDEC Region 8 Utilization/Marketing Foresters & Finger Lakes National Forest (USFS) regarding Forest Industry activities	On Going	In-Kind	Winnett, Crawford	
Goal F. Farm Land Preservation				
Objective F. 01 Promote an understanding of the need for Farmland Protection				
Strategy				
F.01.a Share information pertaining to USDA's Farmland Protection activities with local County Planning & CCE offices	On Going	In-Kind	Winnett, Heffner, Bossard, Pavelsky, Landre	
Goal G. Enhancing Fish & Wildlife Opportunities				
Objective G. 01 Create additional as well as improve existing Fish & Wildlife habitat				
Strategies				
G.01.a Assist NRCS field offices with promoting the Wetland Reserve Program and the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Programs	12/09	In-Kind	RC&D Grazing Advocates	
G.01.b Incorporate recently published informational material on how to enhance Grassland Nesting Bird Habitat into future grazing plans	12/09	In-Kind	RC&D Grazing Advocates	
Goal H. Equal Opportunity & Civil Rights				
Objective H. 01 Provide assistance regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, marital status or familial status				
Strategies				
H.01.a Utilize mailing lists of minorities & various religious beliefs, etc. to notify of program opportunities	On Going	In-Kind	Winnett, Bush, Faucett	
H.01.b Recruit minorities, handicapped, etc. to fill vacancies on Council's ongoing Board of Directors	On Going	In-Kind	Winnett, Bush, Faucett	
H.01.c Review Civil Rights Policy annually	3/09	In-Kind	Winnett, Bush, Faucett	
Goal I. Other Activities				
1 Hold Annual Meeting	5/31/09	In-Kind	Bush, Winnett, Faucett	
2 Publish and Distribute Annual Newsletter	3/31/10	\$600.00	Winnett, Faucett	
3 Maintain Council's Website	6/10	\$500.00	Winnett, Dawejko, Faucett	
4 Conduct Annual Audit	6/09	\$3,000.00	Fitzpatrick, Heffner, Shaw	
5 Submit IRS 990 & 1099's	8/09	\$400.00	Fitzpatrick, Heffner	
6 Attend New York Federation of RC&D Council's Annual Meeting	12/09	\$100.00	Bush, Winnett	

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