

2011 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:

Date:

Kenneth Bush
President

3-31-2011

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

March 23, 2011

2011 - 2012 Schedule of Finger Lakes RC&D Meetings

May 18, 2011

July 20, 2011

September 21, 2011

November 16, 2011

January 18, 2012

March 21, 2012

2011-2012 Annual Plan

Action Item	Council/Staff/Partners Responsible	Project Partners	Resources Obligated for Action \$	Coordinators Time Hours	Progress & Estimated Completion Date FY11 - FY12	
Element #1: Land Conservation						
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 6 of Chemung River Basin Grazing Project - NYSEPF Round 13	Wildeman, Parker, Winnett, Faucett	Stauben & Chemung SWCD	\$216,910.00	200	14 projects completed as of 3/23/11 Expected completion date 11/15/11
A.01.b	Administer Southern Tier Grazing Project - NYSEPF Round 14	Barter, Wickham, Parker, Winnett, Faucett	Stauben & Chemung SWCD	\$262,395.00	200	13 projects completed as of 3/23/11 Expected completion date 12/31/11
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 16 grazing plans being written and two outreach activities being held	Barter, Glazier, Winnett, Stauben SWCD	Stauben SWCD CCE of Yates Co	\$16,000.00	100	12 plans completed as of 3/23/11 Expected completion date 9/30/11
A.02.b	Grazing advocates/technicians will conduct 45 follow-up visits with existing graziers	Barter, Glazier, Winnett, Stauben SWCD	Stauben, Yates & Ontario SWCDS	\$6,400.00		30 follow ups done as of 3/23/11 Expected completion date 9/30/11
Objective A.03 Promote agricultural sustainability in Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties through 2011						
Strategy						
A.03.a	Assist CCE of Yates Co. with Managing Financial Risks of Organic Dairies	Hanchar, Winnett	Cornell's WNY Team	\$18,282.00	35	Expected completion date 12/31/2011
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 2 water quality improvement projects through NYSEPF, Great Lakes Commission or NFWF	Winnett, District Managers, DCs	Chemung, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben & Yates SWCD	In-Kind	95	As of 1/26/11 submitted 1 proposal On-going
B.01.b	Administer the NFWF grant entitled Natural Stream Design in Chemung, Schuyler & Steuben Counties	Winnett, Parker, Verrigni, Watts	Chemung, Schuyler & Steuben Counties	\$399,995.00	225	5 reaches completed as of 1/25/11 Expected completion date 11/1/11
B.01.c	Complete installation of 11 Ag Herbicide Mixing Facilities within the Cayuga & Seneca Lake Watersheds	Paruzzini, Venacore, Griswold, Winnett	Cayuga & Seneca SWCD	\$228,265.00	200	Expected completion date 12/31/11
B.01.d	Demonstrate effectiveness of porous pavement as a erosion & sediment control practice	Winnett, Emerick	Ontario SWCD & FLCC	\$9,350.00	40	Entered into Cooperative agreement w/ NRCS
B.01.e	Assist Upper Susquehanna Coalition with pursuit of a minimum of 1 grant for purpose of improving water quality in the Upper Susquehanna River Basin	Winnett, Curatolo, Watts, Verrigni, Parker	Upper Susquehanna Coalition	\$150,000.00	25	Expected completion date 12/31/2011
B.01.f	Provide assistance to the Regional Stormwater Coalition (Chemung, Schuyler & Steuben)	District Managers, Winnett	So Tier Central Regional Planning	In-Kind	15	Attended 2 meetings Expected completion date 4/30/12
B.01.g	Administer Cooperative Agreement with NRCS to provide technical assistance to the Steuben Field Office	Winnett, Faucett, Mortensen	Steuben SWCD	\$28,000.00	85	Began on 8/10/10 Expected completion date 8/30/11
B.01.h	Assist Chemung Co. with Stream Bank stabilization on Newtown Creek	Watts, Carl, Winnett	Chemung SWCD & DPW	\$60,500.00	35	Expected completion date of 8/30/12
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 2012						
Strategy						
C.01.a	Assist Dry Hydrant Projects for Rural Fire Protection in Chemung, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben & Yates Counties as requested	District Managers, Winnett	SWCD's & Emergency Services Offices	In-Kind	15	12/31/2011

Element #4: Land Management (cont'd)	Action Item	Council/Staff/Partners Responsible	Project Partners	Resources Obligated for Action \$	Coordinators Time Hours	Progress & Estimated Completion Date FY11 - FY12
Objective E.02 <i>Inform and educate local and regional economic development agencies & public on the importance of forest resources to the regions economy</i>						
Strategy						
E.02.a Cooperate with NYSDEC Region 8 Utilization/Marketing Foresters & Finger Lakes National Forest (USFS) regarding Forest Industry activities		Winnett, Crawford	NYSDEC	In-Kind	10	On-going
Goal F. Farm Land Preservation						
Objective F.01 <i>Promote an understanding of the need for Farmland Protection</i>						
Strategy						
F.01.a Share information pertaining to USDA's Farmland Protection activities with local County Planning & CCE offices		Winnett, Dlugos, Chedzov, Pavelesky, Landre	Six Counties Planning Offices	In-Kind	10	On-going
Goal G. Enhancing Fish & Wildlife Opportunities						
Objective G.01 <i>Create additional as well as improve existing Fish & Wildlife habitat</i>						
Strategies						
G.01.a Assist NRCS field offices with promoting the Wetland Reserve Program and the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Programs		RC&D Grazing Advocates	NRCS in 6 Member Counties	In-Kind	5	Expected completion date 4/10/2011
G.01.b Incorporate published informational material on how to enhance Grassland Nesting Bird Habitat into future grazing plans		RC&D Grazing Advocates	6 Member Counties	In-Kind	15	Expected completion date 12/31/2012
Goal H. Equal Opportunity & Civil Rights						
Objective H.01 <i>Provide assistance regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, marital status or familial status</i>						
Strategies						
H.01.a Utilize mailing lists of minorities & various religious beliefs, etc. to notify of program opportunities		Winnett, Bush, Faucett	6 Member Counties	In-Kind	5	On-going
H.01.b Recruit minorities, handicapped, etc. to fill vacancies on Council's ongoing Board of Directors		Winnett, Bush, Faucett	6 SWCD & 6 Legislatures	In-Kind	10	On-going
H.01.c Review Civil Rights Policy annually		Winnett, Bush, Faucett	NRCS	In-Kind	1	Expected completion date 4/10/2012
Goal I. Other Activities						
1 Hold Annual Meeting		Bush, Winnett, Faucett	Seneca Co SWCD	In-Kind		Expected completion date 5/31/2011
2 Publish and Distribute Annual Newsletter		Winnett, Faucett		\$600.00		Expected completion date 5/31/2012
3 Maintain Council's Website		Winnett, Dawesko, Faucett	CCE of Steuben	\$500.00		Expected completion date 4/1/2012
4 Conduct Annual Audit		Fitzpatrick, Hefner, Shaw	EPF & Rottenberg	\$3,700.00		Expected completion date 5/31/2012
5 Submit IRS 990 & 1099's		Fitzpatrick, Hefner	Wheat & Fitzpatrick	\$400.00		Expected completion date 8/15/2012
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