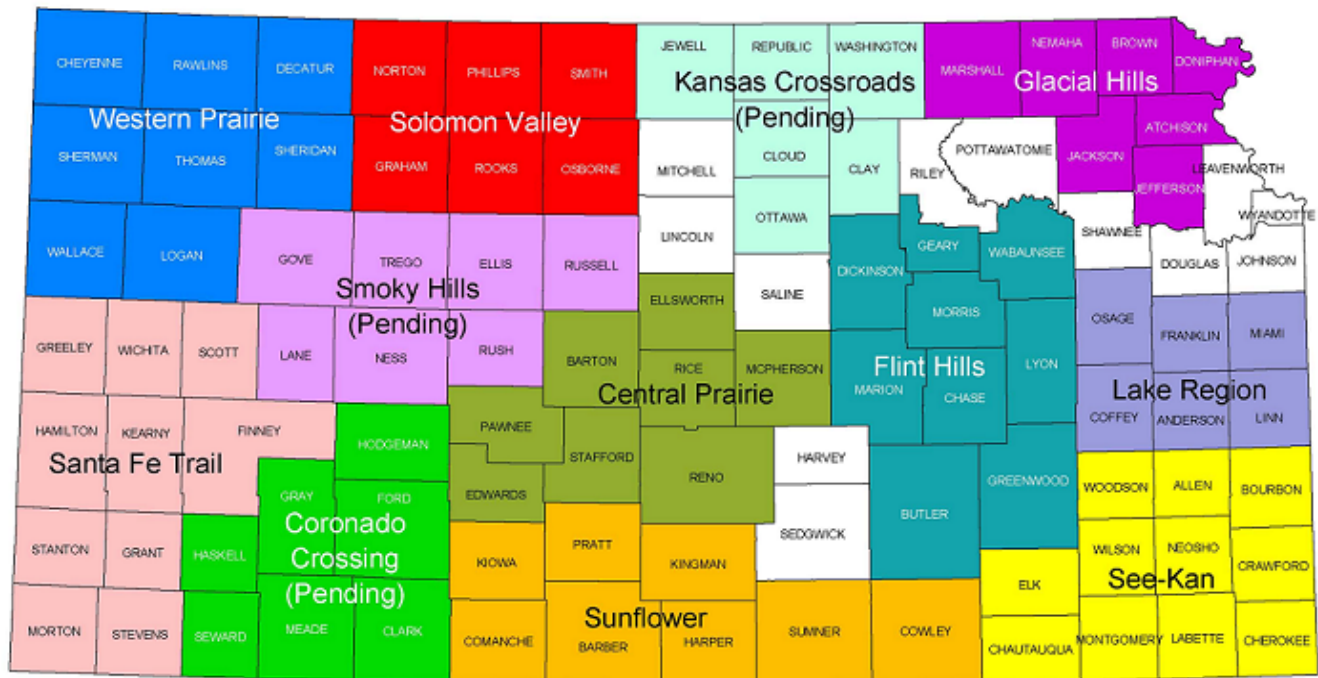


State Association of Kansas Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Councils

All About Local, Regional and Statewide Projects
That “Make Things Happen”
Across the State of Kansas



2008 SUMMARY

**To get to where you are going –
you must know**

First... WHERE you want to go;

Second... PLAN your course

Third... DO IT

To DO IT faster.... Work as a TEAM!

KANSAS
Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)
“Making Things Happen”

All RC&D programs, materials and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs and marital or financial status.

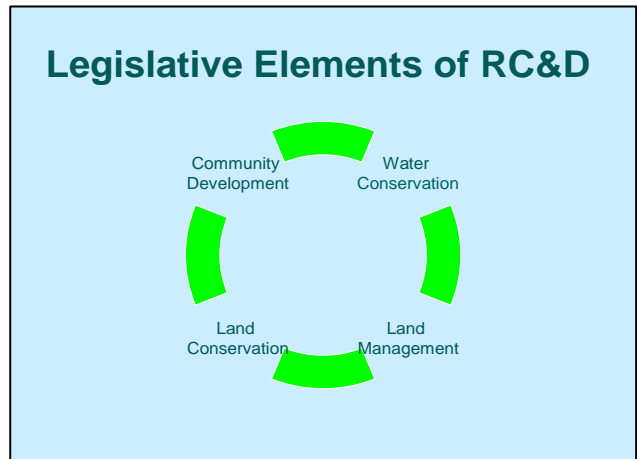
Kansas RCD Areas:

• Central Prairie RC&D (Established)	8 counties
• Coronado Crossing RC&D (Pending)	7 counties
• Flint Hills RC&D (Established)	9 counties
• Glacial Hills RC&D (Established)	7 counties
• Kansas Crossroads RC&D (Pending)	6 counties
• Lake Region RC&D (Established)	6 counties
• Santa Fe Trail RC&D (Established)	10 counties
• See-Kan RC&D (Established)	11 counties
• Smoky Hills RC&D (Pending)	7 counties
• Solomon Valley RC&D (Established)	6 counties
• Sunflower RC&D (Established)	8 counties
• Western Prairie RC&D (Established)	8 counties
93 Kansas Counties - 89% Statewide coverage	

General Information:

The Federal Legislative elements of RC&D are listed in the diagram (right).

Although, some elements look similar to other programs offered through government agencies, **RC&D's are uniquely structured as 501(c) 3, public non-profit charities**, which allows them to pull multiple sources of assistance together for regional and/or local projects.



On an average, because of one (\$1) federal dollar spent on the program, nationwide Councils are able to generate five dollars and forty cents (\$5.40) to support projects through collaboration and networking of local, regional, and state resources; thus, utilizing federal funds more productively and wisely.

RC&D's are the tool by which financial support is multiplied and diversified at a local and regional level by facilitating NEEDED projects within each geographical area represented.

RC&D's

- Provides local leadership to complete projects
- Responds to Natural, Economic and Social Resource Issues
- Pool resources to work more effectively & efficiently
- Creates strong collaboration (locally & regionally)
- Enhances programs and projects (*not duplicate*)
- Provides momentum for the future through ideas, direction, vision and action!!!

Kansas Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils KANSAS RC&D 2008 Scoreboard!

Kansas RC&Ds, with over 209 projects completed Making Things Happen in...

Land Management

- Over **\$100,000** available to Kansas landowners to increase **wildlife habitat and conservation buffers!**
- Improved or created wildlife habitat on **25,174 acres**.
- Assisted with **57,003 acres** of conservation tillage and grass land enrolled in the **Carbon Credit Trading Program** reducing 34,201 tons of greenhouse gases.
- Assisted **Kansas Black Farmers Association (KBFA)** to obtain **\$119,300** through NRCS-**Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG)** to encourage the growth and use of Teff in market based crop rotations.
- Assisted weed management areas with **public education workshops** about invasive and noxious species regarding chemical, biological, and mechanical control.

Community Development

- **41 new businesses** were **created** with assistance from Kansas RC&D Councils
- **67 businesses** were **expanded or retained** by RC&D Councils.
- **181 jobs** were **created or retained**.
- Helped nearly **24,093 people** improve or develop **new skills**.
- Leveraged over **\$493,822** to help start and expand local businesses.
- RC&D projects have **helped** nearly **84,008 economic or socially disadvantaged people** statewide.
- Obtained **\$6,982,552** for implementation of projects; averaging approximately \$775,800 per authorized Council.
- **Over 3,000** old bicycles collected and over **1600 repaired and distributed** to less fortunate youth!
- Over **220,000 meals** of ground deer meat (from approx. 1,000 deer) have been provided to hungry Kansans through the Kansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry (KHFH) Program with assistance from over 35 processing facilities and 115 community food banks statewide.
- Continued to assist with completion of **Master Fire Plans** to help rural communities better assess their emergency preparedness needs.
- Conducted over **77 workshops, tours and seminars** on agriculture, aquaculture, forestry and wildlife.
- Organized over **107 training sessions** on leadership development, grant writing, business development, non-profit management and environmental education.
- Provided workshops and tours on **agri-tourism and wind energy** which resulted in new business start ups and job creation.
- Created/assisted with **55 school curriculums and programs**.
- Assisted Local and Regional Recycle Programs with collection, processing and marketing of more than **1886 tons** of recyclables kept out of Kansas landfills.
- Assisted with Strategic Planning and facilitation with community projects.

Community Development - cont'd

- **8,874 students and teachers** were educated through 4 **Farm Safety Day** Projects, Conservation Field Days, Earth Days and similar project activities.
- Assisted with planning, developing and resources for **nature trails** and **wellness paths**.
- Created over 10,875 **information/media products**
- Distributed 469,340 **informational** and **educational materials**.
- Assisted with improvement or creation of 8 tourism attractions, 7 recreation facilities, 2 historic site and 2 museum.
- RC&D projects benefited **275,066 citizens** through community facilities and public services provided.
- Assisted KS Scenic Byway regions with installation of Information Kiosks for Travelers/Explorers.

Land Conservation

- Through range management schools, water quality festivals and conservation field days Kansas RC&Ds continued to **educate and inform** Kansans about natural resource conservation!
- Councils helped treat **92,265 acres** of cropland, **3,084 acres** of forest land and **12,792 acres** of grazing land to control erosion and improve soil condition.

Water Management

- **65 Watershed Conservation Plans** developed for **14,314,676 acres**.
- Assisted with water quality festivals, stream team monitoring and Non-Point Source pollution education efforts for students and adults in KS watershed project areas.

Kansas RC&D Councils & Coordinators Contact Information

Central Prairie RC&D

Office Located in Great Bend, Kansas
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Coordinator - Dan Curtis
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Coronado Crossing RC&D

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Flint Hills RC&D

Office Located in Emporia, Kansas
Council President - Colleen Anderson
Coordinator -- Bruce Wells
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Glacial Hills RC&D

Office Located in Valley Falls, Kansas
Council President - Carol Hughes
Acting Coordinator - Rick Porter
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Kansas Crossroads RC&D

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Lake Region RC&D

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Santa Fe Trail RC&D

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See-Kan RC&D

Office Located in Chanute, Kansas
Council President - Ronnie Brown
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Smoky Hills RC&D

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Solomon Valley RC&D Council

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Sunflower RC&D

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Western Prairie RC&D

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Working together to "Make Things Happen"

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COUNCILS
FY 2010 APPROPRIATIONS FACT SHEET**

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils are the leadership entity associated with RC&D areas. The Councils help plan and carry out activities that increase conservation of natural resources, support economic development and enhance the environment and standard of living in local communities.

RC&D Council members are volunteers and include local, civic, appointed, and elected officials. RC&D Councils are non-profit entities that work in partnership with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service through a federal coordinator. Because RC&D areas are locally organized, sponsored, and led, the program provides an ideal way for residents to join together to decide what is best for their community. RC&D Councils identify and address unmet needs in local communities. Currently, 375 RC&D Councils serve 180 million people in 2,693 counties in all 50 states, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Basin.

A few of the many RC&D accomplishments in FY08:

- 802 new businesses were created with RC&D Council assistance.
- 4,977 businesses were expanded or retained by RC&D Councils.
- 465 businesses were financially assisted with funds totaling \$13.6 million.
- 10,940 jobs were created or retained.
- Councils helped improve 2,428,301 acres of wildlife habitat, 1,327,308 acres of lakes, and 19,298 miles of streams.
- Councils helped 931,824 people learn new skills.
- RC&D projects have helped nearly 2,395,854 economic or socially disadvantaged people nationwide.
- Formed 112 cooperatives
- Obtained \$270.1 million for projects
- Assisted 1,283 farm or ranch operations with agri-tourism activities
- Assisted 874 farms or ranches with direct marketing from the field to the consumer via Community Supported Agriculture groups (CSAs), restaurants, commercial stores, or public access farmers markets
- Assisted with 1,736 instances of Tribal Nations being served
- Preserved or protected over 610,800 acres of agricultural land.
- Assisted over 2,750 animal agricultural operations with water quality projects
- Assisted with the construction or rehabilitation of 36 flood control structures
- Conducted over 5,800 workshops, tours and seminars nationwide on agriculture, aquaculture, forestry and wildlife
- Organized over 5,400 training sessions on leadership development, grant writing, business development, non-profit management and environmental education.
- Created more than 750 natural resource related school curriculum and programs

One hundred and forty-three (143) RC&D Councils in 24 States implemented renewable energy projects. Projects addressed producing biofuels from soybeans, ethanol production from corn, and energy production from other biomass, solar, water and wind sources.

Funds provided to RC&D through appropriations provide technical assistance and support for one federal coordinator per council. In turn, council members seek outside funding to address local needs identified in council area plans for conservation and economic development. RC&D Councils have successfully brought a return of \$5.40 for every dollar the federal government provides. In recent years, as the program absorbed inflation and cost of living adjustments, technical assistance to local Councils has declined and as a result, council services provided to local communities have also declined. Councils no longer have full time coordinators and program assistants have been eliminated.

Full support of the 375 existing Councils and the additional 38 applications pending at USDA would require an allocation of \$90 million to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's RC&D appropriation in FY 2010. USDA has indicated that on average it takes \$173,100 to fully support an RC&D Council with a full time coordinator. The program is currently funded at \$50.7 million in FY09 and the President's Budget request for FY10 was 0. Our long term goal is \$64.2 million to move the existing Councils toward full funding and to provide funding to designate new areas.

The National Association of RC&D Councils requests that the following action be taken in the FY2010 Agriculture Appropriations Bill:

Restore funding to USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D) at a minimum of \$50.7 million.

The RC&D Program Needs Your Continued Support!

Since 1969, **12** RC&D areas have grown to include **93** Kansas counties!
20 counties in **3** RC&D areas **await authorization!**

*The State Association of Kansas RC&D Councils
supports and recommends
100 percent program funding for authorized RC&D areas
and
recommends authorization and full funding support
for pending RC&D areas!*

Help RC&D Councils maintain our KANSAS "Quality of Life!"

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