

# SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



## 2011 PLAN OF WORK (October 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011)

Southeastern PA RC&D Council

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## **VISION**

***Southeastern PA RC&D Council (SEPA RC&D) is an organization that others value for its ability to effectively bring people and organizations together to get things done.***

## **THE MISSION**

***SEPA RC&D Council is to promote conservation and enhancement of natural and community resources.***

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## Element – Community Development

Green Technology Goal – Provide leadership to increase the use of energy conservation and/or green technology practices in all seven counties by 2013.

Objective No. 1 Provide the agricultural community with education and technical assistance to help implement ten energy conservation practices by 2012.

Project Name	Funded?	Action	Leader
Farm Bioenergy Project	No	Lead efforts to create a mobile unit to convert farm produced crops into alternative fuel for heat and vehicles	Dave Thomas
Public Outreach	No	Participate in four community fairs/events in 2011	TBD

Objective No. 2 Promote at least three alternative energy practices to Council Area residents over the next five years.

Project Name	Funded?	Action	Leader
Public Outreach	No	Participate in PA Renewable Energy & Sustainable Living Festival, Kempton, PA to promote energy conservation and/or green technology in September 2011	Monica Burcik

Objective No. 3 Educate at least 20 government officials and or small businesses on the benefits of green technology by 2011.

Project Name	Funded?	Action	Leader
Green Technology Outreach	No	Conduct five outreach efforts to government and small business associations in 2011 (articles, brochures and booth)	TDB

## Element – Economic Development

Economic Development Goal - Enhance local economic conditions for at least five (5) organizations, small businesses, and individuals in the Council are during the five year period beginning in 2009.

Objective No. 1 Increase the capacity building skills of at least 150 members of local organizations by 2012.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funded?</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Grant Writing Workshop	No	Organize at least two grant writing workshops	TBD
Capacity Building Workshop	No	Sponsor at least two capacity building workshops	TBD

Objective No. 2 Enhance local revitalization efforts in three counties by 2013.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funded?</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Under 21 Business and Entrepreneurship Seminar	No	Sponsor entrepreneurial meeting/workshop for high school students	Art Lukoff
Main & Elm Street Program Promotions	No	Work with local economic development organizations to promote Main Street and Elm Street Programs	Monica Burcik
Regional GeoTrail	No	Create a regional geocaching program for residents and tourists to visit unique and interesting places in the region	Linda Mackey

## Element – Water Management

Goal - Promote the protection and conservation of at least four (4) water resources in the seven county region by 2013.

Objective No.1 Increase the awareness and protection of water resources in the seven county region by 2012.

Project Name	Funded?	Action	Leader
C-Saw Promotion	Yes	Promote availability of services by emails, mailings, website postings to prospective users and process assistance requests for the Consortium of Scientific Assistance to Watersheds (C-SAW)	John Metrick
Eastern Delaware County Council of Governments	Yes \$198,000	Continue work on the East Del. County COG Storm- water Project to demonstrate and promote the benefits of small, old, urban communities working together to address storm water issues.	Karen Holm
Conservation Planting Trailer	No	Purchase and equip trailers with landscaping tools for organizations to borrow for planting community gardens and riparian buffers	Ed Magargee Catherine Rapose
Conservation Stewardship Program Promotion	Yes \$ 20,000	Promote the availability of USDA Conservation Stewardship Program to eligible farmers and landowners	Steve Miller
Dam Removal	No	Assist with dam removals in Northampton and other counties	John Mauser
Conservation Outreach	YES \$98,821	Hire an individual to help small farmers learn about and participate in Federal Ag Programs. Also assist NRCS and Conservation District Staffs in Preparing program Applications	Steve Miller
Park the Plow	Yes	Sponsor meetings and workshops to help farmers interested in trying no-till farming to connect with farmers who do no-till farming	Cathy Skwara
Source Water Workshops	No	Increase awareness of source water resources by at least seven (7) workshops, emails outreach efforts, website postings or news releases in the region in 2011	Catherine Rapose

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Goal - Promote the protection and conservation of at least four (4) water resources in the seven county region by 2013.

Objective No.2 Reduce water usage by expanding the use of water conservation devices and strategies in four counties by 2013.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funded?</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Spring –Ford Middle School Rain Harvesting Project	Yes \$1,000	Assist a Montgomery County middle school with installing a system to collect roof rainwater for reuse irrigating school courtyard plants	Monica Burcik
Wise Water Irrigation	No	Partner with water authorities, government agencies, and other organizations in two counties to sponsor an irrigation/lawn watering program in 2011	Catherine Rapose
Household water Conservation	No	Purchase low-flow shower heads & Faucets aerators for low income and senior citizens in Upper Bucks County	Beth Herwig

## Element – Council Capacity and Administration

Goal – Ensure the Southeastern PA RC&D Council is an effective and accountable organization for the next five years.

Objective No. 1 Develop and maintain a diverse, knowledgeable Board of Directors by 2013.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funded?</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Board Training	No	Host at least one training session each year for Directors to enhance their nonprofit management skills.	Development Committee
Board Diversity	No	Seek candidates to help diversify the Board of Directors.	Development Committee
Council Orientation	No	Provide orientation training and assign a mentor to new Board Members	Development Committee

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Objective No. 2 Advance the Council's standings by achieving two (2) industry certifications by 2012.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funded?</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Circle of Diamonds	No	Maintain status as a member of the National Association of RC&D Councils' Circle of Diamonds	Program Assistant
Standard for Excellence	No	Work on adopting and implementing the policies and procedures required to become certified as a Standards for Excellence Organization by PANO	Program Assistant

Objective No. 4 Ensure stability and growth of the Council by 2013.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funded?</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Council Self Evaluation	No	Complete evaluation of Council and self for 2010	Development Committee
Council Audit	No	By June 2011, complete appropriate level financial audit	Audit Committee
IRS Forms	No	By September , 2011 file all required IRS Forms	Finance Committee
Annual Meeting	No	Organize Southeastern PA RC&D Annual Meeting	Annual Mtg. Committee