

Greater Adirondack Resource Conservation and Development Council 2010 Annual Plan of Work

Our Mission: To promote wise use of natural resources and to enhance economic vitality in the Greater Adirondack region.

2010 - 2014 Area Plan Goal	2010 - 2014 Area Plan Objective	2010-2014 Area Plan Strategy/2010 Annual Plan Action	Council/Staff Responsible for Project Action	Project Partners	Resources Obligated for Action	Coordinator Time Obligation for Action (hours)	3-month Status	6-month Status	9-month Status	Year-end Status and Evaluation
A. Community Development										
Create or improve resource based industries, improve recreation facilities, promote food security, economic development, education and increase council capacity so as to be able to effectively carry out all its goals.										
Goal: A.1 - Enhance the environmental and economic value of forests in the Greater Adirondack RC&D (GARC&D) area by educating landowners about forest stewardship and assisting at least 25 wood product businesses through 2014.	Objective: A.1.1 Encourage increased forest stewardship on public and private lands by providing access to informational materials throughout the GARC&D area through 2014.	Strategies/Actions: 1. Complete distribution of 25,000 forestry educational placemats in 2010.	Forestry Committee; Council; Coordinator	International Paper; Black River St. Lawrence RC&D	Yes	4	90% complete			
		2. Work with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) at the International Woodworking Atlanta trade show in 2010 and 2012	Council; Coordinator	DEC	Yes	2				
		3. Develop a strategy to educate communities about biomass and renewable energy opportunities in 2010.	Forestry Committee; Ag Committee; Coordinator	N/A	N/A	8				
	Objective: A.1.2 Retain and strengthen the region's wood products industry by providing support to 25 businesses through 2014.	4. Update the Portable Sawmill Directory in 2010 and every two years thereafter, post on the council website and distribute the directory to the seven Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and area Chambers of Commerce.	Coordinator	Portable sawmill operators	N/A	3				
Goal: A.2 - Enhance the health and vitality of local communities in the RC&D area by providing technical or financial assistance for new projects related to recreation, tourism, or watershed protection in five communities through 2014.		Objective: A.2.1 Provide communities in Essex, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties - with technical or financial assistance for completing projects related to recreation, tourism, or watershed protection through 2014.	Strategies/Actions: 1. Develop plans for the Stony Creek Trail System in 2010 in conjunction with the Town of Stony Creek.	Sponsors; Coordinator	Saratoga County and SWCD; Town of Stony Creek	Yes	2			
	2. Obtain permits and build the Lake Algonquin Fishing Site in 2010.		Sponsors; Coordinator	Hamilton County and SWCD	Yes	1				
	3. Complete the Rock City Falls project in 2010.		Sponsors; Coordinator	Saratoga County and SWCD	Yes	1				
	4. Locate funding to build the Stony Creek Trail System and Ephratah Pond projects in 2010.		Sponsors; Coordinator	Hamilton County and SWCD; Fulton County and SWCD	Yes	4				
	5. Assist one community per year with efforts to up-grade their wastewater treatment facilities.		Coordinator	Area communities	N/A	8				
	Objective: A.2.3 - Expand opportunities for persons of all incomes and abilities to benefit and enjoy the region's abundant natural resources through 2014.	Strategies/Actions: 1. Complete the handicapped-accessible Lake Algonquin Fishing Site in 2010.	Sponsors; Coordinator	Hamilton County and SWCD	Yes	4				
		2. Construct the handicapped-access improvements to the Rock City Falls Park in 2010.	Sponsors; Coordinator	Saratoga County and SWCD	Yes	4				
Goal: A.3 - Expand opportunities to learn about conservation and natural resource management and activities in the Adirondack region through 2014.	Objective: A.3.1 - Provide educational opportunities for 2500 youth in the area through 2014.	3. Maximize awareness about the venison donation to the needy by distributing a press release about the program to at least 10 newspapers, four television stations, six radio stations and media sources each fall.	Coordinator	Area media	N/A	4				
		Strategies/Actions : 1. Prepare testing materials for each county's Envirothon by March each year.	Coordinator	Envirothon Committees	N/A	3				
		2. Award two or more scholarships to NY Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Ecology Camp by February each year.	Council	DEC	Yes	0				
		3. Assist with one or more Conservation Field Days in 2010.	Coordinator		N/A	8				

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B. Water Management										
Improve water quality and conservation in the region.										
Goal B.1 - Assist 25 organizations and communities with locally-directed efforts to enhance water quality through 2014.	Objective: B.1.1 Through 2014, support all seven counties' water quality coordinating committees with their strategic initiatives.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Establish a Greater Adirondack RC&D Council Water Committee in 2010 to review and evaluate issues and present activities appropriate for the Council to address water resources.	Council	N/A	N/A	0				
		2. Help one county water quality coordinating committee revise its strategic plan each year.	Coordinator	Area WQCCs	N/A	8				
		3. Organize and conduct the annual Adirondack Waterfest in a different community each summer and expand the number of vendors by two each year.	Sponsors; Coordinator	Area communities	Yes	20				
		4. In 2010, assess a possible Council role to help SWCDs address Ag Environmental Management needs.	Water Committee; Coordinator	Area SWCDs	N/A	4				
	Objective: B.1.2 - Encourage 16 organizations to address connectivity issues in aquatic ecosystems through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Address fish passage needs with one river association, two SWCDs and 3 highway departments in 2010.	Water Committee; Coordinator	River associations; SWCDs; highway departments; TU	Funds Needed	8				
		2. Work with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, (USF&WS), Trout Unlimited, and the State University of New York at Plattsburgh to develop a strategy for prioritizing and publicizing barriers to fish passage in 2010.	Coordinator	USFWS; TU; SUNY	N/A	4				
	Objective: B.1.3 - Work with three Adirondack communities to enhance stream corridors and/or riparian buffers through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Implement improvements along the Kayaderoseras Creek in Rock City Falls in 2010.	Sponsors; Coordinator	Saratoga County and SWCD	Yes	4				
		2. Work with the SWCD, Hamilton County, and USF&WS to improve aquatic conditions in Elbow Creek in 2010.	Sponsors; Coordinator	Hamilton SWCD and County; USFWS	Funds Needed	2				
		3. Assist the Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of NY (CWICNY) with annual applications for funding to reduce streambank and roadside erosion.	Coordinator	CWICNY	N/A	4				
	Objective: B.1.4. - Work with DEC, USF&WS and other interested parties to inventory and prioritize dams on waterways within the GARC&D area for removal or remediation with priority on dams on streams classified as trout streams by DEC.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Develop partnership relations with potential donors and landowners interested in dam removal.	Water Committee	Area donors and landowners	N/A	0				
2. Encourage the formation of a state dam removal task force in 2010 through executive action.		Council	TU; watershed groups	N/A	0					

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B. Water Management (continued)										
Improve water quality and conservation in the region.										
Goal: B.2 - Improve management of public water sources by helping 25 local entities through 2014.	Objective: B.2.1 Support efforts to protect five local drinking water supplies through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Work with one county water quality coordinating committee each year to identify drinking water concerns.	Water Committee; Coordinator	Area WQCCs	N/A	15				
		2. Direct all concerned communities to appropriate sources of funding for drinking water supply protection.	Coordinator	Area communities	N/A	1				
	Objective: B.2.2 - Expand year-round access to water for fighting fires in 40 rural communities through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Complete the Adirondack Fire Protection project by the end of 2010.	Council; Coordinator	Area SWCDs; fire departments	Yes	5				
		2. Supply dry hydrant materials for installations in two additional communities each year.	Council; Coordinator	Area communities	Yes	2				
		3. Maintain a supply of replacement parts for dry hydrants.	Council; Coordinator	N/A	Yes	2				
Goal: B.3 - Improve water quality by supporting watershed-based water quality initiatives	Objective: B.3.1 - Help strengthen the operational capabilities of six watershed associations and coalitions through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Provide CWICNY with year-round office space and technical support for its annual water quality tour and stormwater trade show.	Council	CWICNY	Yes	0				
		2. Meet with representatives of two or more watershed groups annually to discuss mutual needs and opportunities.	Water Committee; Coordinator	Area watershed groups	N/A					
	Objective: B.3.2 - Provide grant writing support and assistance with grant administration to six organizations through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Provide assistance bi-annually to CWICNY with writing and reporting on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) targeted watershed grants.	Coordinator	CWICNY	N/A	4				
2. Help one additional watershed association with a grant application each year.		Coordinator	Area watershed groups	N/A	8					
Goal: B.4 - Maintain groundwater resources for local and private use in the seven county GARC&D area by identifying threats to springs and aquifers	Objective: B.4.1 - Identify RC&D area aquifers and assess status of aquifer recharge and develop report through 2014.	Strategies/Actions: 1. Work with the seven SWCD offices, DEC and one college or university to collect well log data.	Water Committee; Coordinator	SWCD; DEC; area colleges	N/A	4				
Goal: B. 5. Monitor and evaluate the status of invasive plant and aquatic species within the GARC&D area	Objective: B. 5. 1. - Develop relationships with appropriate DEC and non-governmental organizations to identify and develop control procedures for invasive species through 2014.	Strategies/Actions: 1. Work with lake associations to develop education programs for personal watercraft and boats to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.	Water Committee; Coordinator	Area lake associations; DEC; APIPP						

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C. Land Conservation										
To conserve water and soil resources by controlling erosion and sedimentation.										
Goal: C.1 - Assist the area's agricultural community with the sustainable use of its natural resources by providing access to financial, information and innovation sources.	Objective: C.1.1 - Increase grassland in the RC&D area by providing access to management methods and support innovations that promote grassland resources through 2014.	Strategies/Actions: 1. Provide outreach assistance for annual NRCS Grazing Land Conservation Initiative (GLCI) workshops.	Coordinator	NRCS GLCI	N/A	4				
		2. Assist local efforts to develop grass pelletizers.	Coordinator	Lower Hudson Long Island RC&D	Funds Needed	8				
	Objective: C.1.2 - By 2013, provide assistance to five farmers and/or agricultural organizations to manage nutrients and waste more effectively.	Strategies/Actions: 1. Provide funding/cost share sources to five SWCDs and farmers for improved manure management.	Coordinator	Area SWCDs	N/A	2				
		2. Assist with annual SWCD and Champlain Watershed farm tours highlighting nutrient management practices.	NRCS: Coordinator	Area SWCDs	N/A	8				
		3. Promote Clinton County's agricultural plastics recycling program on the GARC&D website with downloadable brochure.	Coordinator	Clinton County	N/A	8				

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D. Land Management										
To promote wise land management through energy conservation, including the production of energy crops; the protection of agricultural land as appropriate from conversion to other uses; and the protection of fish and wildlife habitats.										
Goal: D.1 - Strengthen the agricultural viability within the region by helping at least 100 farmers lower production costs through energy efficiency, protect farmland, successfully use direct marketing, and overcome livestock processing and marketing challenges through 2014.	Objective: D.1.1 - Explore efficient methods of conserving and developing on-farm energy sources in Fulton, Saratoga, Washington, Essex and Clinton counties through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Provide soil and water conservation districts with the latest information on renewable energy through the council listserv and links on the webpage.	Coordinator	Area SWCDs	N/A	2				
	Objective: D.1.2 - Help strengthen local programs and efforts to protect farmland in Fulton, Saratoga, Washington, Essex and Clinton counties through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Make NRCS' Farmland Protection Program materials available through the council listserv and webpage.	Coordinator	N/A	N/A	2				
		2. Promote NYS farmland protection programs within two weeks of their announcement by distributing information on the council listserv and website.	Ag Committee; Coordinator	NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets	N/A	2				
Goal: D.2 - Improve the economic viability of area farms by creating and expanding agricultural marketing opportunities and by providing information on transitioning to alternative operations.	Objective: D.2.1 - Assist Adirondack Harvest to promote local agriculture through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Assist the Adirondack Harvest Farm Committee each year with planning and projects.	Ag Committee; Coordinator	Adirondack Harvest	N/A	8				
		2. Help the Adirondack Harvest Southern Chapter secure funding in 2010 by assisting with at least one grant application.	Coordinator	Adirondack Harvest	N/A	8				
	Objective: D.2.2 - Support grassroots efforts to increase access to processing and marketing outlets for livestock farmers for 10 operators through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Update local groups and producers with information about the latest services available from the Northeast Livestock Processing Service Company, USDA processors, the Adirondack North Country Association, Adirondack Harvest and others on an annual basis.	Ag Committee; Coordinator	NLPSC; ANCA; Adirondack Harvest	N/A	8				
		2. In 2010, develop an assessment report on opportunities for expanded processing facilities with other RC&D Councils and agricultural groups.	Ag Committee; Coordinator	Hudson Mohawk and Lower Hudson Long Island RC&Ds	N/A	8				

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E. Partnership Development and Outreach										
Expand partnerships and outreach to comprehensively address regional issues affecting the GARC&D area.										
Goal: E. 1. Strengthen and enhance the cooperation and development of programs and outreach with appropriate RC&D councils in the Northeastern U.S. and other organizations that share natural resources and economic conditions with GARC&D.	Objective: E.1.1 - Host a joint meeting with at least one Vermont RC&D council by 2010.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Contact Vermont RC&D coordinators and arrange a meeting in 2010 to discuss and review programs and identify projects of mutual benefit.	Coordinator	Vermont RC&D Councils	N/A	1				
		Objective: E.1.2 - Explore the potential for international cooperation with similar organizations in Quebec by 2011.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Contact the Lake Champlain Basin Program to meet and identify partnering opportunities in 2010.	Coordinator	LCBP	N/A	1			
Goal: E. 2. Ensure that all citizens in the Greater Adirondack RC&D area have the opportunity to learn about, benefit from and participate in the RC&D program.	Objective: E.2.1 - Update and maintain a minimum of five forms of outreach for community groups and the public through 2014.	Strategies/Actions : 1. Distribute 500 GARC&D Annual Reports to a diverse list of individuals and groups by March of each year.	Council; Coordinator	Area SWCD offices	Yes	8				
		2. Create and distribute a GARC&D newsletter to partners by August each year.	Council; Coordinator	N/A	Yes	8				
		3. Update the Council's website four times annually.	Coordinator	N/A	N/A	10				
		4. Revise the Council's informational brochure.	Coordinator	N/A	N/A	4				
		5. Create a new Council display/exhibit board.	Coordinator	N/A	Funds Needed	20				

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/CIVIL RIGHTS STATEMENTS

The Greater Adirondack RC&D Council's program will be conducted in compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions as contained in Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (P. L. 100-259) and other nondiscrimination statutes; namely, Section 504, of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and in accordance with regulations

GREATER ADIRONDACK RC&D COUNCIL, INC. 2010 BUDGET			
<u>LINE ITEM</u>	<u>2009 BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2010 BUDGET</u>
Officers Bond, Insurance	\$ 1,600	1,551	1,600
Clerical	\$ 1,500	0	1,500
Travel/Conference/Meetings	\$ 2,500	0	2,350
Postage/Shipping	\$ 600	296	600
Affiliate Dues	\$ 1,300	1,250	1,250
Petty Cash	\$ 400	100	400
Annual Report/ Subscriptions	\$ 1,700	1,550	1,700
Office Equipment	\$ 800	141	800
Rent/Office Maintenance	\$ 9,550	4,356	9,600
Telecommunications	\$ 900	420	900
Bank Fees	\$ 50	12	50
Audit & Legal Fees	\$ 500	0	500
Youth Sponsorship	\$ 500	650	650
Misc.	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
TOTALS	\$ 22,000	\$ 10,426	\$ 22,000
<u>PROJECTED INCOME:</u>			
	<u>2009</u>		<u>2010</u>
County Allocations	\$ 10,500		\$ 10,500
Rental Income	\$ 6,840		\$ 6,840
Reserve Fund	\$ 3,500		\$ 3,500
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 1,160</u>		<u>\$ 1,160</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 22,000		\$ 22,000

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
- NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
- NYS Department of State
- NYS Department of Economic Development
- NY Soil and Water Conservation Committee
- SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry
- SUNY Plattsburgh
- Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board
- Adirondack Harvest
- Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program
- Adirondack North Country Association
- Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York
- Venison Donation Coalition
- Center for the Disabled
- Lake Champlain Basin Program
- Lake Champlain Research Institute
- Lake Champlain Sea Grant
- Champlain Watershed Improvement Coalition of New York
- International Paper Company
- Finch Pruyn and Company
- General Electric Company
- Northeast Livestock Processing Service Company
- Battenkill Conservancy
- Battenkill Watershed Alliance
- Battenkill Watershed Council
- Participating venison processors
- Lake George Watershed Conference
- Poughkeepsie-Mettawee Watershed Partnership
- Cossayuna Lake Association
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Clinton, Essex, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, & Washington Counties
- BOCES Conservation Program and Horticulture/Landscape Program
- Water Quality Coordinating Committees of Clinton, Essex, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, & Washington Counties
- Fulton County Chamber of Commerce
- Saratoga County Environmental Management Council
- Essex County Department of Public Works
- Hamilton County Highway Department
- Washington County Department of Public Works
- Empire State Forest Products Association
- New York Forest Owners Association
- North East State Foresters Association
- Soil and Water Conservation Society
- Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative
- Farm Bureau
- Trout Unlimited
- Ducks Unlimited
- Boquet River Association
- Ausable River Association

SIGNATURES

Greater Adirondack RC&D Council, Inc.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

President

NRCS New York State Conservationist

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