



NORTH ROLLING PLAINS

Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.



2006 Annual Report

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Vision Statement:

“Helping Rural Communities Help Themselves”



A \$500 grant from the North Rolling Plains RC&D helped the Ochiltree County Soil & Water Conservation District and Texas Prairie River Region plan and install a Nature Trail at Wolf Creek Park/Lake Fryer.

We provided free Dell printers to area schools and other non-profit organizations through the “Printers for Non-Profits” project. This is part of the Gifts In Kind Program and is done in partnership with the High Plains RC&D Council.



Hometown Competitiveness Training continued this year. With in-depth training on the basics of small town community development. This training was given to community leaders from across the Texas Panhandle and South Plains regions. HTC Training is a partnership project with the High Plains RC&D.

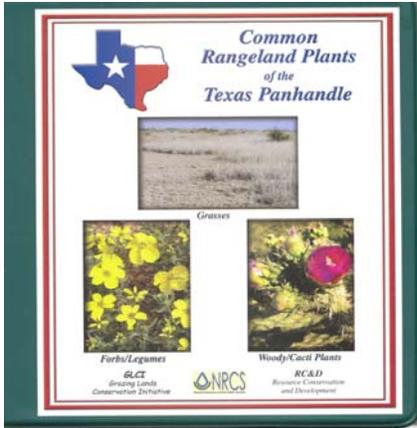


RC&D is working with several partners on a project to control Salt Cedar and Russian Olive infestations on the Canadian River. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, National Wild Turkey Foundation, Texas Ag. Extension Service and others are involved.

The Wildfire Assistance Project has provided help to area ranchers who lost fences and structures in recent wildfires. RC&D is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Fellowship of Christian Farmers and other local organizations to bring in volunteers to help the ranchers rebuild fences and other burned structures.



RC&D helped local school districts with grant proposals to purchase emergency equipment. Automatic External Defibrillators and a Med Bed Emergency Vehicle help provide emergency care for students, athletes and fans.



The book, “Common Rangeland Plants of the Texas Panhandle” has continued to grow in popularity. We are developing plans to re-print the book next year. A few copies of the book are still available. We have several copies of the CD-ROM.



Bob and Cindy Gober, and Vernon Cook attended the Texas Association Meeting in Wichita Falls this year.



The RC&D Web Site was completely re-done and is now located at www.northrollingplains.com. The new look and feel of the web site was developed by Spellmann and Associates. Our plant ID book “Common Rangeland Plants of the Texas Panhandle” can be opened and viewed on-line.



NRCS Boot Camp was held at Madison, Wisconsin in August and September. Boot Camp provides training to newer employees. Jonathan Parr, Range Management Specialist from Memphis attended along with 30 other participants. John Crowell, RC&D Coordinator, from Pampa and Cynthia Poole, RC&D Coordinator from Morton, helped with the training.



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**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

What is RC&D?

The acronym “RC&D” stands for “resource conservation and development”. RC&D is a USDA program that is administered by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, but the Program itself is locally led and locally directed.

The direction and leadership of an RC&D Council is provided by members of local units of government, community leaders, and local persons interested in making a difference in their respective communities. It is a local community development effort that is directed by county and community elected officials, local organizations and local individuals.

Currently, there are 268 RC&D Councils across this country. Each of these Councils is a multi-county entity whose activities are directed by a locally elected board of directors.

Most RC&D Councils are established 501c3 organizations and are therefore able to solicit and secure funds from a wide variety of sources which increase its effectiveness and efficiency in addressing the local concerns and issues.

The RC&D Board of Directors is established from representatives from Council Sponsors and are responsible for establishing priorities, approving projects, approving funding proposals, and completing projects, with the assistance of the USDA -NRCS and the RC&D Coordinator.

For more information about North Rolling Plains RC&D, please contact the office at 806-669-0312 or come by the office at 1224 North Hobart Street, NBC Plaza Suite 109 in Pampa, Texas (79065).

Other RC&D Areas around us include:

High Plains RC&D in Friona, Texas

Wes-Tex RC&D in Morton, Texas

Four Winds RC&D in Knox City, Texas

Big Country RC&D in Sweetwater, Texas

To the east we border the Oklahoma High Plains RC&D (Buffalo, Oklahoma) and the Great Plains RC&D (Cordell, Oklahoma).

PROGRESS REPORT

Financial:

Beginning Balance on 1-1-06	\$29,819.95
Ending Balance on 12-31-06	

Projects:

New Projects Approved in 2006	13
Projects Completed in 2006	8
Projects Cancelled	0
Active Projects	17

Meetings:

Council/Board Meetings	4
Attendance:	
3/02 Wheeler - Annual Mtg. @ Maxey's	34
6/01 Clarendon - @ Country Club	23
10/31 Pampa - @ The Plaza II	24
12/19 Pampa - @ The Plaza II	
Average Meeting Attendance in 2006	

Grants Received:

NRCS Admin Assistance	\$ 15,318.90
GLCI	\$ 14,952.78
Total Grants Received	\$ 30,271.68

The North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council receives assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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