

NORTH ROLLING PLAINS

Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.



2007 Annual Report

Projects and Area News

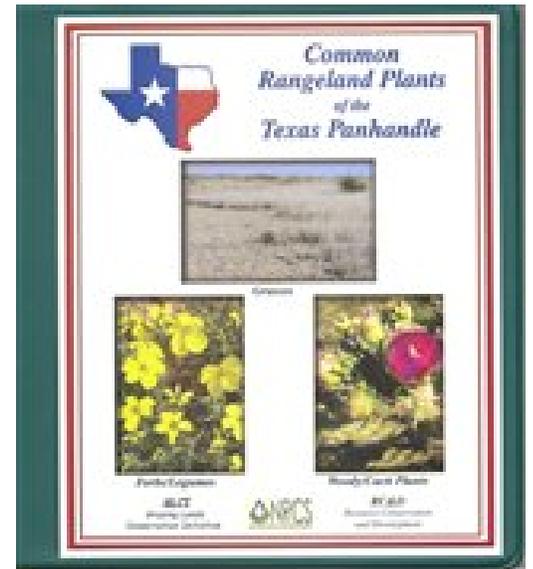


Alternative Energy Development

Interest in Wind Farm Development has increased this year since we hosted the Wind Farm informational meetings. The RC&D office gets calls weekly and mails out information to landowners interested in leasing for wind farm development.

Conservation Education

The plant identification book “Common Rangeland Plants of the Texas Panhandle” continues to grow in popularity. Most colleges and universities in the region are now using the book to supplement their range and wildlife curriculum. The RC&D Council is having the book re-printed in a paperback format.



Wildfire - Burned Rangeland (03-11-06)
Hutchinson Co., Texas

Disaster Relief

Ranches affected by the wildfire have completed rebuilding fences and a year of rest has resulted in very lush re-growth of the vegetation. In fact, the re-growth has been tremendous due to abundant rains in the spring of 2007. Vegetative cover is heavy creating a heavy fuel load for fires this winter. RC&D is promoting safety and preparation to prevent future fires. “Firewise” publications are available through the RC&D office.



Erosion Control Structures

RC&D Critical Area Treatment sites came under review this year due to watershed safety concerns. All RC&D funded CAT sites in the area were checked for safety this year and given a clean bill of health.

Board Meetings

The RC&D Board of Directors held meetings in Pampa, Miami and Canadian in 2006. The annual meeting was held in Miami at the Roberts County Museum.



Southwest States RC&D Association Meeting

Bob and Cindy Gober, attended the Southwest States Association Meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana this year.



Texas Association of RC&D Councils

The Texas Association of RC&D Councils meeting was held in Eagle Pass, Texas. Janet McNeely and John Crowell attended the meeting.





Canadian River Riparian Area Restoration

RC&D is working with several partners on a project to control Salt Cedar and Russian Olive infestations on the Canadian River.

Protecting the Environment

The RC&D has entered into an agreement with the Texas Association of RC&Ds for a Supplemental Environmental Project in Miami. The project, funded by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, will connect low income homes to the city sewer system.



Gifts In Kind Donations

The Gifts In Kind Program provided free Dell printers to Title 1 schools in the area again this year.

Donated goods from Bed Bath and Beyond, Talbots, Office Depot and The Disney Store were also distributed to families in need.

Progress Report

Financial:

Beginning Balance on 1-1-07	\$34,443.36
Ending Balance on 12-31-07	\$39,745.77

Projects:

New Projects Approved in 2007	18
Projects Completed in 2007	12
Projects Cancelled	0
Active Projects	18

Meetings:

Council/Board Meetings	4
Attendance:	
10-31-06 @ Pampa	24
03-06-07 @ Miami	39
06-21-07 @ Canadian	18
10-31-07 @ Pampa	30
Average Meeting Attendance in 2007	28

Grants Received:

NRCS Admin Assistance	\$ 14,000.00
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Contributions Received:

Dues	\$ 3025.00
Native Plant Book	\$ 2364.95

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Vision Statement:

“Helping Rural Communities Help Themselves”

