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Rhode Island
Resource Conservation and
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Serving Rhode Island's Economic, Social
and Environmental Needs

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Mission Rhode Island RC&D Area

To fully utilize the human and natural resources of Rhode Island in order to enhance the economic, social, and environmental conditions of the people of this state.

Purpose

The purpose of the RC&D program is to encourage and improve the capability of volunteer, locally elected, and civic leaders in designated RC&D areas to plan and carry out projects for resource conservation and community development.

Projects relate to the following four areas:

- (1) Land Conservation
- (2) Community Development
- (3) Land Management
- (4) Water Management

The RC&D program helps people care for natural resources and improve the quality of life in their communities. The RC&D Council (volunteers representing public and private sector sponsors and other local organizations) undertake community driven actions that are strategically focused on regional resource conservation and economic viability. RC&D priorities are set by area residents to meet their needs.

Primary Objectives of the RC&D

To become a fully informed, energetic, and action-oriented Council capable of identifying and solving area natural resource and economic development problems and needs.

To assist local sponsors in realizing the full potential of the RC&D Program as a rural development tool.

To achieve sustainable water quality levels for all uses (drinking, recreational, etc.).

To achieve the employment potential of area human and natural resources.

To become financially capable to fund all or portions of RC&D project activities.

To promote and/or implement projects which encourage recreation, tourism, fish, and wildlife developments, flood prevention, and erosion control.

To promote the wise use of land and water resources for agricultural, municipal, and industrial use.

Funding Sources and Legal Authority

The Rhode Island RC&D Council was created in 1972, through authority of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962 (P.L. 87-703).

The RC&D Council received nonprofit status from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as specified under Section 501(c)3 in 1993.

RC&D Council members receive nomination from the following partnering agencies:

RI Department of Environmental Management
RI Department of Administration, Division of Statewide Planning
Eastern RI Conservation District
Northern RI Conservation District
Southern RI Conservation District
RI Rural Development Council

Funding to carry out the Rhode Island RC&D activities is obtained through sources such as state, federal, municipal and private grants. Staff salaries, office expenses, vehicle, and a majority of office equipment are provided by the USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area Inc. is a voluntary program that helps people protect and develop their economic, social, and natural resources.

Overview

Program objectives address improving the quality of life, including social, economic, and environmental concerns; continuing prudent use of natural resources; and strengthening local citizens' ability to use available sources of assistance through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other Federal agency partnerships. The program is administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in cooperation with other USDA agencies.

2005 Programs

Dry Hydrant Program

Forest Lands Enhancement Program

Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook

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