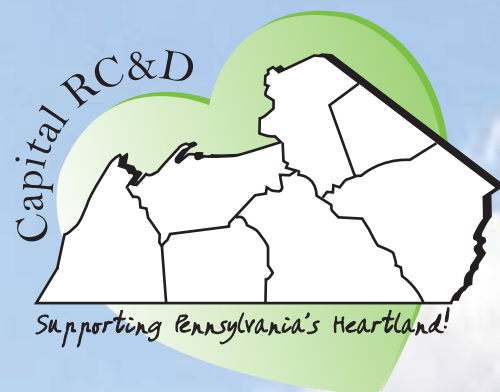




Capital Resource Conservation and Development Area Council

Capital RC&D

2007-08 Annual Report



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York Co. Planning Office
(Alternate)
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York Co. Conservation District
(Alternate)

Advisory Members

- Patricia Powley
- Sam Worley

*NOTE: Council meetings take place bi-monthly on the third Friday, beginning in January, and are always open to the public. Please contact the council office for specific meeting information.

Volunteers and the Community

The success of RC&D initiatives depends on the support and participation of volunteers in the community. Volunteers contribute the necessary “personpower” behind our activities and provide vital links to community organizations and partner groups (with new energy, ideas and perspectives). The Council relies on our communities for project guidance. By listening to the input of our volunteers, we are able to focus on the issues and concerns that are most salient to our region.

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Message from the Chair

As you will learn from this annual report, much was accomplished in 2008 and the Capital RC&D continued to grow and achieve in the face of challenging times due to hard work, faith and perseverance. Much effort was put forth at the local, state, and national levels to maintain funding as Councils, including our own, try to become more self-sufficient. Through the implementation of our strategic plan, we accomplished a great deal and as my term on the Council ends, I cannot help but reflect on how far we have come since our beginning only six years ago. With our outstanding Coordinator, Susan Parry, along with our dedicated staff and Council members, we continue to grow by taking on meaningful projects, expanding our influence and engaging more supporters.



Challenging times did not deter us from our mission, but instead strengthened our resolve. The success of the RC&D program is rooted in the fact that it is community based and volunteer driven. This insures the wisest use and engagement of all available resources resulting in more “bang for the buck.” It is amazing to me, but not surprising, that we must continue to prove ourselves and fight for federal funds when the results speak for themselves. We have been, and will continue to be, a stimulus for our nation. If we really want to stimulate the economy, effectively manage and conserve our natural resources and improve our quality of life, we need to support the RC&D Councils like ours, who have proven that they get the job done.

I wish to thank all of those involved for their support and contributions to the success of the Capital RC&D.

Ron Seaman, Capital RC&D Chairman

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Vision Statement

*"Healthy Communities in Harmony with
the Natural Environment"*

Mission Statement

*"The Capital Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area Council, Inc.
is a seven county non-profit organization that networks
people, resources and projects to promote
responsible use and conservation of our region's natural,
community and economic resources."*

Partnership with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- An RC&D region is a multi-jurisdictional, locally defined geographic area designated by the Secretary of Agriculture through a competitive process. The designated RC&D area is sponsored and directed by a volunteer council consisting of individuals representing diverse public and private interests within local communities.
- Basic support provided to designated RC&D areas by USDA is primarily through the NRCS and includes a full-time RC&D coordinator, part-time office assistance, partial office space, limited supplies and a vehicle. This basic assistance allows the RC&D Council to focus their efforts on program growth and project implementation rather than fund-raising for base operations.
- The RC&D program is a unique combination of private enterprise and government assistance that encourages the blending of natural resource conservation with local economic and social values.
- Program objectives address improving the quality of life, including social, economic and environmental concerns; conservation of natural resources and local citizens' ability to utilize available sources of assistance.

- The RC&D program provides a form of "facilitated self help" for conservation and economic development in communities across the nation. RC&D councils respond to the needs of their local communities, both for conservation issues and for economic development.
- The Capital RC&D Area Council has a unique structure and leadership that focuses on achieving area goals through a locally led process. The program and its projects accurately reflect the environmental, social and cultural values of our region.
- RC&D projects may address the following issues and more: land conservation, water management, community improvements, energy applications, recreation and tourism, forestry management, resource recovery/recycling, rural economic development and public education.



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Projects & Initiatives

Statewide Projects:

- **Rural Community Fire Protection Program -**
Grants were administered to five local communities for location and installation of dry fire hydrants, along with reduction of insurance ratings and development of mapping for emergency management purposes.
- **The Consortium for Scientific Assistance to Watersheds (CSAW) –**
Technical assistance services were provided for up to ten non-profit watershed groups in our region through this statewide project.
- **Wildlife Habitat and Weed Management –**
Periodic newsletters were published and five workshops were conducted to educate Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) landowners about invasive plant species and habitat protection; individual assistance was also provided for 10-20 private landowners in the region.
- **Fuels for Schools and Beyond -**
Capital RC&D is part of a collaborative statewide effort to promote biomass from grasses and/or wood by-products to assist schools and municipal buildings in dealing with the rising costs of heating facilities.

Regional Projects:

- **South Central Buy Fresh Buy Local -**
Capital RC&D has partnered with PA Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) to lead a regional marketing campaign promoting the consumption of locally-grown agricultural products.
- **Taste the Gifts of our Region -**
This project highlights cultural heritage amenities for counties throughout the region, with a goal of supporting local businesses and providing regional tourism opportunities.



- **Regional Conservancy Roundtables –**
The Capital RC&D sponsored and hosted the second in a series of forums for land trusts and conservancies in the South Central PA region. The goal of the forums is to address issues and challenges that face land conservation organizations.
- **Community Gardens Program -**
Therapeutic and urban gardens are the focus of individual projects developed within Cumberland, Lancaster and Dauphin Counties in partnership with local non-profit groups and county agencies.
- **Regional Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP)-**
Cost-share funding, distributed by this program, provides fencing and other beneficial practices on livestock farms within the region. The Capital RC&D provided over \$100,000 to at least 20 landowners for projects within 17 DEP Chesapeake Bay counties.
- **Park the Plow and Farmer Network Programs -**
Technical assistance, education and mentoring to individual producers is being provided in up to nine Bay counties, with a goal of promoting farmer transition to continuous no-till. Assistance in the conversion of over 9,000 farming acres to no-till is occurring through county implementation “teams”.

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Planning Process and Resulting Goals

Each year, the Capital RC&D establishes its *Annual Plan of Work*. This plan is the operational and management tool for the 5-year *Area Plan*. The plan directs an annual “schedule of work” toward projects that address objectives outlined in the *Area Plan*. The *Annual Plan of Work* also serves as a formal agreement that provides NRCS funding for RC&D staffing and office costs for the year. Each council develops its own plan of work addressing activities during the upcoming year. Following is a list of stated goals and objectives for Capital RC&D from the 2007-08 *Plan of Work*.

Goal A: Promote Long-Range Regional Planning For The Area

- Facilitate a long-range planning process, in cooperation with other public and private organizations.
- Improve the quality of life within the region (i.e., downtown revitalization/preservation efforts, smart growth initiatives, transportation issues, etc.)
- Coordinate with Conservation Districts to identify county, multi-county and regional needs.
- Provide a forum for cooperation between local, state and federal agencies to improve the provision of services and programs within the region.

Goal B: Recognize Water Resources As a Critical Regional Issue

- Encourage the implementation of a “watershed approach” through collaboration with local and regional partners.
- Support and assist in the implementation of policies and programs that improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay.
- Support streambank stabilization efforts within the region.

Goal C: Promote the Conservation of Open Space, Farmlands and Natural Areas

- Support the acquisition and development of adequate recreational opportunities and facilities throughout the region.
- Support and assist with both public and private farmland, forestland and open space preservation efforts in the region.
- Work with woodland owners, public agencies such as Conservation Districts and private conservation groups to conserve forest resources within the region.

Goal D: Enhance Agricultural Sustainability and Development

- Support and promote agricultural incentive programs.
- Support the development and adoption of Integrated Pest Management and Agricultural Technologies that enhance agricultural development.
- Identify and provide opportunities for agricultural diversification and marketing of locally-produced commodities, in order to improve the economic viability of farming as an industry in the region.

Goal E: Grow The Capacity of Capital RC&D

- Diversify the council membership to meet future needs of the organization.
- Ensure financial stability of the organization by generating new programs, investments and other mechanisms.
- Market Capital RC&D programs and services. Operate and maintain a not-for-profit organization that meets local, state and federal requirements.
- Maintain RC&D networks at state, regional and national levels.
- Assist conservation districts to identify county, multi-county and regional needs; assist in meeting needs identified.



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Financial Statement

Fiscal Year 2008 (October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008)

	Management & General	Program Services	Total
Income			
Grants	\$ 46,210.62	\$ 572,617.51	\$ 618,828.13
Donations	2,000	1,841.00	3,841.00
Other Income	1,686.92	1,807.32	3,494.24
Total Income	\$ 49,897.54	\$ 576,265.83	\$ 626,163.37
Expenses			
Salaries/Wages	\$ 16,177.39	\$ 33,562.03	\$ 49,739.42
Rent	13,296.42	0.00	13,296.42
Contractual Services	7,050.00	441,369.19	448,419.19
Supplies & Materials	6,092.79	3,728.17	9,820.96
Program Administration	0.00	25,991.97	25,991.97
Others Expenses	3,209.52	4,032.51	7,242.03
Total Expenses	\$ 45,826.12	\$ 508,683.87	\$ 554,509.99
Net Income	\$ 4,071.42	\$ 67,581.96	\$ 71,653.38

* Please note: the financial statements above are presented on a cash accounting basis.

Project Expenditures

Fiscal Year 2007- 08 (October 1, 2006- September 30, 2008)

Project	Statewide	Regional	Adams	Cumberland	Dauphin	Franklin	Lancaster	Lebanon	York
National Fish & Wildlife No-Till Program	\$105,818.22								
Wildlife Habitat/Weed Management Program			\$2,886.53	\$2,886.53	\$2,886.53	\$2,886.53	\$2,886.53	\$2,886.53	\$2,886.53
SC Buy Fresh Buy Local		\$3,157.54							
No-Till Farmer Network								\$35,037.15	
No-Till Technical Support	\$61,676.47								
Park the Plow Program			\$611.89	\$1,780.70	\$4,086.60	\$1,445.66	\$5,557.64	\$1,943.78	\$2,280.70
Rural Community Fire Protection Program				\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00
Regional Agriculture Best Management Practices				\$17,152.89		\$64,620.00			
TOTAL	\$167,494.69	\$3,157.54	\$3,498.42	\$23,820.12	\$11,973.13	\$70,952.19	\$8,444.17	\$43,367.46	\$7,167.23

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