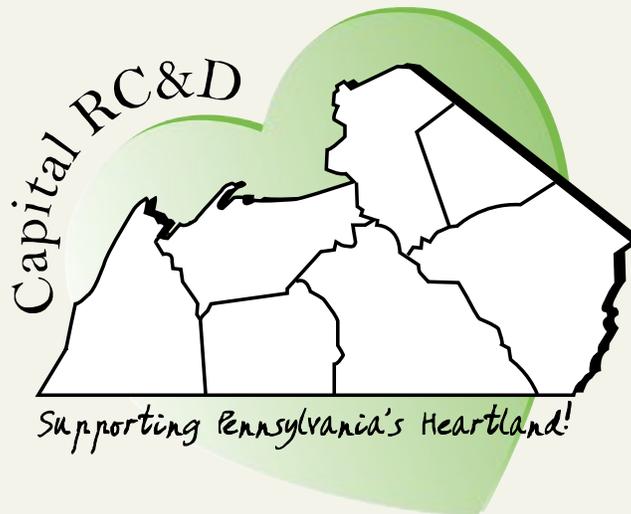


# Capital RC&D 2011- 2015 Five-Year Area Plan Summary



**Capital RC&D Vision Statement:** "Healthy Communities in Harmony with the Natural Environment."

**Capital RC&D Mission Statement:** "The Capital Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area Council 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."

For the full version of the 2011-2015 Capital RC&D Area Plan, please visit [www.capitalrcd.org](http://www.capitalrcd.org)



# Capital Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area Council, Inc.

**Preface:** The Capital RC&D Council region covers Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon and York counties in South Central Pennsylvania. We work closely with partners to address natural resource issues while giving careful consideration to community and economic development needs. Capital RC&D program activities are directed by the RC&D Council, whose leadership focuses on achieving goals through a locally led process.

The 2011-2015 Area Plan describes organizational goals that will guide a deliberate approach to building a stronger organization. It acknowledges that potential new and expanded roles for the organization should address pressing needs which are informed and supported by key stakeholders. We respectfully request review of the Area Plan and a statement of support from each of the sponsor counties represented on the Council. We look forward to working with county sponsors, stakeholders and constituents to improve the quality of life for all citizens in the region.

**GOAL 1. Organizational Excellence:** Build Capital RC&D organizational capacity and excellence by 2015, as demonstrated by a sustainable financial model, a sound organizational structure, and a network of robust and productive working relationships with mission-related entities.

**GOAL 2. Water Quality/Quantity:** Partner with local governments, conservation districts, community and nonprofit organizations, farmers and citizens in each of Capital RC&D's seven counties over the next five years to restore and protect our region's water resources, with at least 10 streams being positively impacted by activities and projects.

**GOAL 3. Natural Lands:** Provide outreach and technical support to at least 5 open space\* conservation/management projects over the next five years, giving priority to those that help create an interconnected network of natural areas within our region (\*includes farm land, natural areas, greenways, game lands, flood plains, etc.).

**GOAL 4. Sustainable Economic Development:** Assist at least 25 agricultural and/or natural resource-based enterprises to gain access to technical assistance, financing or other resources that can help them succeed and grow.

**GOAL 5. Energy:** By March 2015, create a collaborative environment that recognizes, encourages, and facilitates five promising alternative energy/energy efficiency programs/projects in our region.

**Capital RC&D Value Statement:** The Capital RC&D Area Council is committed to improving local conservation leadership through partnerships and ideas from diverse backgrounds and life experiences; we strive to foster educational and economic opportunities while improving the quality of life within the regional communities we serve; we have a responsibility to conduct our projects and activities in a fair, equitable and respectful manner.

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