

Plan of Work

2005-2006 Fiscal Years

Leon Bosque RC&D Council

*“Give someone a fish and you feed them a day.
Teach them to fish and you feed them for a lifetime.”*

Ancient Chinese Proverb

Mission Statement

To provide leadership and coordination for initiatives that will result in a higher quality of life, improved standard of living, and a quality environment in rural communities.

Goals

- A. Support the development of community based leadership.**
- B. Improved quality of life and environmental quality.**
- C. Provide education and training opportunities.**
- D. Create local businesses and jobs in rural communities.**

All programs and services of the Leon Bosque RC&D are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital status or family status.

Goal A: Support the Development of Community Based Leadership.

Objective A1: Provide leadership training opportunities

WHAT	WHO	START	COMPLETE	PROGRESS
1. Disseminate information on community development to community organizations and county extension agents.	Coordinator	Jan. 2006	March 2007	
2. Conduct regional leadership development seminar.	Coord.& Board	June 2006	Dec 2006	
3. Evaluate effectiveness of seminars	Crouch	Feb 2006	Dec 2006	
4. Identify opportunities for leadership development	Coordinator	Jan 2006	Sept 2007	
5. Utilize “community development grants” as incentives for local leadership programs.	Crouch	Feb 2006	Sept 2007	

Goal B: Improved Quality of Life and Quality in the Environment.

Objective B1: Increase use of SEP Program to fund projects with environmental benefits.

WHAT	WHO	START	COMPLETE	PROGRESS
1. Develop fact sheet on SEP for distribution to local governments and community organizations.	Coordinator	Feb. 2006	April 2006	
2. Work with NRCS personnel and local governments to identify viable SEP projects	Coordinator	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	
3. Submit viable projects to TCEQ through Texas RC&D Association	Coordinator	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	
4. Implement SEP projects	McFarland	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	

Objective B2: Improve water quality through increased marketing of compost from impaired watersheds.

WHAT	WHO	START	COMPLETE	PROGRESS
1. Identify new opportunities for increased use of Compost	McFarland	Oct. 2005	Jan. 2007	
2. Expand 319 grant proposals to provide incentives for cities, counties, school districts and other entities to utilize compost	McFarland	Oct. 2005	Dec. 2006	
3. Provide incentives for application of compost on public property including sports fields, parks and other public ground	Board	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	
4. Amend 319 grant as needed to provide additional funds	McFarland	Jan. 2006	Sept. 2007	
5. Publicize project success through local and statewide media	Coordinator	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	
6. Conduct field day on successful projects	Coordinator	July 2006	Sept. 2007	

Goal C: Provide Education and Training Opportunities.

Objective C1: Increase knowledge and capacity for securing project funding.

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>COMPLETE</u>	<u>PROGRESS</u>
1. Conduct grant awareness workshop	Coordinator	May 2006	May 2007	
2. Make FC Search available in RC&D office	Board/Coord.	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	

Objective C2: Increase awareness of natural resource needs by new landowners.

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>COMPLETE</u>	<u>PROGRESS</u>
1. Conduct "Country Living Symposium" in Partnership with TCE and NRCS	Coordinator	May 2006	June 2007	

Goal D: Create Local Businesses and Local Jobs in Rural Communities.

Objective D1: Implement revolving loan fund.

WHAT	WHO	START	COMPLETE	PROGRESS
1. Provide awareness of possible funding sources Through RC&D and Tarleton SBDC	Coordinator	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	
2. Develop partnership with council area banks to provide alternatives sources of funding	Board	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	
3. Secure additional grant funds as needed to Increase fund	Board	Jan. 2006	Sept. 2007	

Internal Council Activities

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>COMPLETE</u>	<u>PROGRESS</u>
1. Meet with commissioners courts, community Organizations, EDCs and SWCDs on RC&D Council, RC&D Program and Activities	Board/Coord.	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	
2. Identify individuals who could fill vacant Board of Directors positions	Crouch/Coord.	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	
3. Appoint to fill vacant board slots	Crouch	Feb. 2006	Sept. 2007	
4. Develop Draft Area Plan	Coordinator	Oct. 2005	July 2006	
5. Hold Quarterly Board of Director meetings	Crouch	Oct. 2005	Sept. 2007	

Support to Texas State RC&D Association

1. Provide daily support and assistance to Past State President Joe McFarland and Zone Director Rob Lindsey.
2. Assist with 2006 State RC&D Association Annual Meeting – April 30, 2006 to May 3, 2006.
3. Assist with Executive Board Meetings each year.

Approval and Adoption

Leon Bosque RC&D Council

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Date