

2009

Leon Bosque RC&D Council

Annual Plan of Work

Council President

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State Conservationist

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Leon Bosque RC&D verifies that this FY 2009 Plan addresses the Chief's Priorities.

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VISION

**Local people, with support from the United States Department of Agriculture,
working in partnership to ensure a healthy environment,
prosperous economy, and an enhanced rural culture.**

THE MISSION

*Leon Bosque RC&D is a not-for-profit organization
that works at the grassroots level
to foster communication,
education, and problem-solving
for the environmental and economic
health of our area.*

Element: Community Development – Business Assistance/Job Creation

Goal A: Increase community development as a result of revolving loan funds.

Objective A1: Create or retain businesses across region.

Strategies	Staff/Budget	Target Date	Accomplishments
1. Utilize SBDC and EDC's to target potential Businesses in need of assistance.	McFarland Coordinator (32 hours) \$300	September 2009	
2. Continue to find funding sources.	Coord (20 hours).& Board	September 2009	RD/ORCA
3. Develop business plans for potential businesses.	Crouch SBDC	September 2009	
4. Service existing loans to assist businesses.	McFarland \$250	September 2009	
5. Implement new loans	McFarland \$100,000	September 2009	

Element: Land Conservation

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

Objective B1: Increase use of SEP Program and Conservation Improvement Grants to fund projects with environmental benefits.

Strategies	Staff/Budget	Target Date	Accomplishments
1. Work with NRCS personnel and local Governments to identify viable SEP projects.	McFarland Coordinator (30 hours)	September 2009	
2. Submit viable projects to TCEQ through Texas RC&D Association.	Coord (18 hours).& Board	September 2009	
3. Implement SEP Projects.	Board \$40,000	September 2009	
4. Provide Conservation Improvement Grants for critical resource concerns.	Board \$5,000	March 2009	

Element: Water Management – Water Quality

Goal C: Improved Water Quality

Objective C1: Improve Water Quality through increased marketing of compost from impaired watershed as well as educational program.

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Staff/Budget</u>	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Accomplishments</u>
1. Identify new opportunities for increased use of compost.	McFarland Coordinator (24 hours)	September 2009	
2. Expand grant proposals to provide incentives for cities, counties, school districts and other entities to utilize compost.	McFarland \$1,000	September 2009	
3. Provide incentives for application of compost on public property including sports fields, parks and other public ground.	Board \$98,000	September 2009	
4. Amend grant as needed to provide additional funds.	McFarland	Jan. 2009	State of Texas Funding
5. Publicize project success through local and statewide media.	Coordinator (12 hours) \$1,000	September 2009	
6. Conduct field day for county extension agents on water quality and conservation.	Coordinator (16 hours) \$500	July 2009	

Goal C: Improved Water Quality

Objective C2: Improve Water Quality through Bosque River Watershed Ecosystem Restoration Project.

Strategies	Staff/Budget	Target Date	Accomplishments
1. Provide outreach for technical and financial assistance To landowners for resource management plans and Conservation practices.	McFarland Coordinator (80 hours)	September 2009	

Goal D: Provide Education and Training Opportunities.

Objective D1: Increase knowledge and capacity for securing project funding.

Strategies	Staff/Budget	Target Date	Accomplishments
1. Make FC Search available in RC&D Office.	McFarland Coordinator (14 hours) \$2,000	March 2009	

Objective E2: Increase awareness of natural resource needs by new landowners.

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Staff/Budget</u>	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Accomplishments</u>
1. Conduct "Country Living Symposium" in Partnership with TCE and NRCS	Coordinator (24 hours) \$500		May 2009

Internal Council Activities

<u>Strategies</u>	<u>Staff/Budget</u>	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Accomplishments</u>
1. Fill all current vacancies on RC&D Council.	Board		March 2009
2. Provide orientation to new council members.	Board Coordinator (12 hours) \$200		May 2009
3. Maintain council website.	Board Coordinator (12 hours) \$400		September 2009
4. Draft Area Plan.	Board		August 2009

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| 5. Hold quarterly Board of Directors Meetings. | Board
Coordinator (30 hours)
\$1,200 | September 2009 |
| 6. Provide daily support to State 2 nd Vice President. | Board
Coordinator (24 hours) | September 2009 |
| 7. Assist with state association executive board meetings. | Board
Coordinator (20 hours)
\$800 | September 2009 |