

West Pottawattamie SWCD 2007 Annual Work Plan Proposal

Mission Statement: To provide technical, financial, and educational assistance to all land users while conserving & improving natural resources within the District.

Objectives (listed in priority order):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop and update long-range 5year work plan. 2) Conservation practices on the land: structures, groups, conservation planning, pasture mgnt. & livestock. 3) Maintenance agreement enforcement. 4) Watershed development including operation and maintenance. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Education Programs: Youth, Adult, Rural and Urban. 6) Urban Conservation. 7) Positive Relationships with all customers and partners. |
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Objective #1: Develop and update long-range 5year work plan.

GOAL	ACTION	Responsible Party	Target date	Status	REMARKS January 2006	REMARKS January 2007	REMARKS December 2007
A) Inventory current practices on the land.	GPS practices on the land, soil types, soil loss rates, livestock facilities, water sources, Existing land use—general description, soil resources, water resource, recreation and wildlife resource, mining and mineral resource, land mgnt.	CRP	March 1, 2007		The district needs to find out where they are at to know where they are going.		
B) Define district objectives, goals and priorities	Develop questionnaire to survey perceived needs; send to landowners, groups, partners, etc.	Comm., DC, SS	March 15, 2007		How does this compare with GPS inventories? Do we need meetings?		
C) Inventory resource issues	Use GPS inventory of current practices to anticipate problem areas, factors limiting practice applications, actions needed to overcome limiting factors.	CRP, Staff	June 15, 2007		To develop a long range work plan and to budget cost share funds.		
D) Inventory resource issues	Meet with groups: NRCS, FSA, IDALS-DSC, ISU Extension, Cnty Board of Supervisors, IDOT,	Comm., D C, SS	June 30, 2007		Get input from others regarding conservation issues.		
E) Inventory resource needs	Meet with Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Farm Bureau, and Cnty. Cons. Board	Comm., DC, SS	June 20, 2007		Get input from groups regarding conservation issues.		
F) Write and publish new long range work plan.	Compile all data, send to SSCC for approve, record notice of filing.	Comm., CRP, SS	Dec 30, 2007		Comply with state policy. Assist in developing the annual work plan.		

Objective #2: Conservation practices on the land: structures, groups, conservation planning, pasture mgnt. & livestock.

GOAL	ACTION	Responsible Party	Target date	Status	REMARKS – January 2006	REMARKS – January 2007	REMARKS – December 2007
A) Sponsor contractor's mtg	1 meeting	Comm., SS, Technicians	March 2007				
B) Cost-share policy review	Annual update	Comm., All Staff	Jan. 2007				
C) EQIP Cost-share review	Review District's EQIP cost share and ranking process	Comm. & DC					
D) Promote WASCB	Install ten - 638's	Technicians, Comm.			Use the 638 as a final conservation practice to stop gullies and head cuts		
E) Promote Backyard Cons.	Give presentations and provide information to all land users	Comm., Staff			Have a booth at the Home Show and County Fair.		
F) Promote Cons. Buffers	Prioritize most effective location vs. rental rates: 3 pts Habitat, ground water and overland flow.	CRP, Comm., Staff,					
G) Promote Native Habitat	Promote prairie and Oak Savana Restoration projects: 2 news articles & 1 tour	Private Lands Specialist	August 07				

Objective #3: Maintenance Agreement Enforcement

GOAL	ACTION	Responsible Party	Target date	Status	REMARKS – January 2007	REMARKS – December 2007
A) Compliance with maintenance agreements.	Send letter to landowners found not maintaining practices, reminding them of their obligation.	DC, Comm.				
B) Compliance with maintenance agreement	No cost share on new practices when other practices under maintenance are not maintained.	Technicians, DC, SS, Comm.				

Objective #4: Watershed Development including Operation and Maintenance.

GOAL	ACTION	Responsible Party	Target date	Status	REMARKS – December 2006	REMARKS – January 2007	REMARKS – December 2007
A) Little Pony WIRB	Submit grant. Implement if approved	Urban Specialist, CRP, Project Manager, staff, DC	2006 – 2008	On Going	Project Coordinator hired; Little Pony Creek Board Developed project moving forward.		
B) Prioritize watersheds in the county		CRP, Comm.	Spring 2007		½ completed		
C) WSPF grant for Mosquito Ck 303d			April 2007		Working with Shelby & Harrison Counties to develop. Working with Lake Manawa Group to gain local support		
D) WSPF grant for Keg Ck 303d			??				
E) Convert Keg Creek program to PL566			??				
F) Acquaint Federal, State and local politicians with the benefits of watersheds.	1 tour with Federal, Iowa and local politicians of District watershed.	Comm., CRP, DC, SS	Sept 2007		East & West Pott. Legislative tour Sept. 2006.		
G) Acquaint local people with watershed concept	Offer groups presentation on the Indian Creek Watershed	CRP, DC, SS					
H) Rehabilitation of Indian Creek site 2 and Ryan-Henschal F-1	Continue working with Board of Supervisors, NRCS and landowners to see that rehabilitation plans are carried out in '06.	Comm., CRP, SS	Pending federal funding				

Objective #5: Education Programs: Youth, Adult, Rural and Urban.								
GOAL	ACTION	Responsible Party	Target date	Status	REMARKS – January 2006	REMARKS – January 2007	REMARKS – December 2007	
A)	Women Landowner's mtg	Informational meeting for landowner. Women presenters. Conservation practices, FSA, leases, etc.	Staff, Comm.,	March 2007		8:30 – 1:00 with lunch.	1 day and 1 evening	
B)	Arbor Day tree give away	A tree to every 1 st grader in the District.	Comm., CRP, SS	April 2007				
C)	Multi-age Enviroscape Presentation	Develop presentation and use at schools, fair and watershed meetings	Comm., CRP, DC					
D)	Watershed Presentation	Develop presentation and make it available to Schools, Groups and Clubs	DC, CRP, Comm.					
E)	Conservation Practice Presentation	Develop a Power Point Presentation on conservation practices with before and after pictures	DC, Technicians, Comm., CRP					
F)	Teacher In-Service Day Presentations	Arrange to talk to teachers and present what the District has to offer	CRP			DONE 2003 – update?		
G)	Farm Safety Presentations	Develop presentation for 3rd and 4th grade classes	CRP					

Objective #6: Urban Conservation								
GOAL	ACTION	Responsible Party	Target date	Status	REMARKS – January 2006	REMARKS – January 2007	REMARKS – December 2007	
A)	Rain Gardens	Develop class room and hands on 1 – to 2 day training seminar. Present class and install office rain garden(s)	Urban Specialist, DC, SS, CRP, Comm.	April 2006	Done June 06	Sights have been selected.		
B)	Review of Development Plans	Review all plans submitted	Comm., DC	On-going				
C)	Develop education class for prospective home/landowners	Work with county to develop a 1 hour course on what to look for before building a home.	DC, Urban Specialist, Comm., Cnty Planning & Dev.					
D)	Presentation to Home Builders Association	Attend 1 meeting to let group know how we can assist them with erosion issues	DC, Urban Spec.				By Maaske & Schmielau 10/06	
E)	Presentation to Realtors Association	Attend 1 meeting to let group know how we can assist them with erosion issues	DC, Urban Specialist, Cnty Planning & Dev.					
F)	Urban Conservation Plans	Work with Cnty to develop a generic conservation plan that homeowners can use as an example	DC			Done 2004 – removed for 05		

Objective #7: Positive Relationships with all customers and partners.								
GOAL	ACTION	Responsible Party	Target date	Status	REMARKS – January 2006	REMARKS – January 2007	REMARKS – December 2007	
A)	Open House	Develop mailing list, work areas clean, refreshments	SS, Comm. Staff, FSA	Jan. 25, 2006	Done	Include all partners in building. Date set and preliminary invitation		
B)	Develop a Maintain website	Use website to disseminate information about the District and programs.	Comm., CRP, Staff	On going		Developed 2005, continue to build and maintain.		
C)	Develop a Power Pt presentation about the District	Use to promote the District throughout the community	Comm., SS, CRP, DC					

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