

CENTRAL PRAIRIE Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.

~~~~~ 2009 Annual Report ~~~~~

Central Prairie RC&D is a non-profit, 501.c3, authorized by Congress in January of 2001, and established a cooperative agreement supplying federal technical assistance, (USDA-NRCS), to assist local leaders “Identify” & “Improve the Quality of Life” in central Kansas. This Council is formed by and from Volunteers of Barton, Edwards, Ellsworth, McPherson, Pawnee, Reno, Rice, and Stafford Counties in Central Kansas with a Regional Commitment to help their communities grow in harmony with our Natural Resources.

In 2009, CP RC&D Projects: *Created 14 jobs, 23 more were upgraded or enhanced, 16 business’s grew

***10,891 acres of land benefitted from our Natural Resource Upland Gamebird Habitat Program**

***23,200 acres of land benefitted from Watershed planning and NR programs**

***1633 Volunteers have donated 33,461 Earth Team Volunteer hours to Council Projects**

***Received Revolving Loan Grant for the Arlington Community assisted or impacted the beginnings to three new businesses**

***Volunteers have identified six Brownfield sites working under the \$200,000.00 EPA/KDHE Brownfield Grant. #1 in the Midwest, dealing with phase 1 and phase 2 identification of groundwater hazardous petroleum storage sites**

***119 deer were donated and processed delivering 9,865 pounds of venison to the less fortunate**

***Assisted Ellsworth Correctional Facility with bicycle/wheelchair program. 1,975 bikes & 115 wheelchairs came in and they Repaired and we helped distribute 1325 Bicycles and 85 of the wheelchairs. ECF supplied 50 wheelchairs to the Honor Flights**

***Volunteers hosted three Safety Days teaching 735 children from six counties 14-22 safety objectives in a fun outdoor setting**

***The Council Established two new Constructed Wetland On-site Septic Treatment Demonstrations**

***Volunteers carried the First modern portable rainfall simulator to eleven events where thousands learned conservation education**

***Volunteer Fire Department completed the Ellsworth County Master Fire Plan, our fifth county to complete**

***Volunteers assisted in getting the first mobile fire training smokehouse for safety training in central Kansas**

***Modified the Stafford Firehouse & assisted with a Filler Pump truck stationed in Seward to help Haul Water Suppression**

***the Council assisted with assessing, planning, and helping in the renovations to the new Fire Station in Haven**

***St. Jo Firehouse & Community Center in SE Reno County is complete, Dedication ceremony slated for 2December2009**

***Assisted West Wind Energies growth involving nine local businesses in Barton and Rush Counties**

***Volunteers assisted West Wind Energy establish four Wind Turbine Demonstrations in Great Bend area**

***West Wind Energy established two turbines in Jetmore. Wind Energy in Municipal power baseload. A first in Kansas**

***Volunteers are working to continue feasibility study and develop Bio Diesel production plant near St. John**

***Edwards County recycling program recycles 500,000 pounds a month since inception six years ago**

***Volunteers have raised \$365,000.00 delivering 721WWII Veterans & Guardians on eight trips to, (11 Memorials, four Smithsonian’s, Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington and more), In northern Virginia & Washington, DC**

All programs and services of Central Prairie RC&D Council, and their NRCS partner are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, age, marital or family status, disability, or political beliefs. For more information about Central Prairie RC&D Projects call 620-792-6224, or visit our website: centralprairiehonorflights.org

This is Central Prairie Honor Flight 1 of World War II Veterans visiting with former Kansas Senator Bob Dole at the World War II Memorial in Washington DC. Senator Dole met all four Central Prairie HF groups to include 151 WWII veterans and 62 Guardians. 16 million served this country in the greatest war and threat to humanity in our planet's history and they are leaving us at the rate of 1200 a day. The Central Prairie RC&D Council recognizes commitment to Human Capitol and has established an Honor Flight Committee, an employee and a volunteer network to ramp up and serve many more veterans in the near future. Plans now are to resume Spring and Fall Flights for the next few years. "Ask not what your Country can do for you, Rather what can you do for your Country" JFK. Help this generation of heroes to appreciate their sacrifice and give them closure before they are gone. Korean and Vietnam vets will follow.