

**2010**

# **SAUK TRAILS RC&D COUNCIL**

## **BUSINESS PLAN OF WORK**

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## *VISION*

*Our Vision for the four county area of Southwest Lower Michigan is to: improve the quality of water, reduce soil erosion, promote strong rural community economic growth, maintain viable agriculture, develop and utilize natural resources in a sustainable manner, and conserve an ecologically healthy environment.*

## *THE MISSION*

*Our Mission is to assist communities in the four county area to develop, utilize and conserve the natural resources of the area and to insure a sound resource base for the future.*

	GOAL A:	IMPROVE COUNCIL VITALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY VIA 5 OBJECTIVES IN 2010 SO THAT THE COUNCIL CAN FULFILL ITS MISSION			Target Date	Stall/Hours/Budget	Accomplish Ments
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES					
Community Development Organizational Capacity	A1	<b>Hold Annual Elections of Officers</b>					
		A1a	Hold One annual election in Jan 26, 2010 for officer positions for the Full Council	01/2010	Executive Committee and Council Members All/8/\$300		
	A2	<b>Prepare One Annual Plan of Work which serves to organize and direct the activities of the Council</b>					
	A2a	Work with Organizations to promote, formulate (Annual Plan of Work) , implement projects which reflects and fulfill the long range goals of the Council.	12/2010	Executive Committee and Council Members All/100/\$4000 Coordinator/80/\$3200			
	A3	<b>Maintain RC&amp;D networks at Michigan, North Central Meetings, workshops, and tours.</b>					
	A3a	At least One Council Member attends Leadership Forum in Washington DC by 03/2010 At least Three Council Members attends the Spring 10 Michigan RC&D Assoc. of RC&D Councils Meeting Hosted by Southeast Michigan RC&D by 03/2010 At least Two Council Members attends the Fall 10 Michigan RC&D Assoc. of RC&D Councils Meeting by Fall 2010 One Council Member attends North Central RC&D Meeting at Dellroy, Ohio by 04/2010	11/2010	Executive Committee and Council Members ALL/265/\$7500 Coordinator//72/\$3000			
	A4	<b>Work with other organizations to increase the capacity of the Council programs</b>					
	A4a	In 2010, Farm Research Coop. will assist the Council with one grant proposal that will address organic farming and increase the capacity of the Council programs. Organic Farming Research Foundation grant deadline is 11/15/2010 Also in 2010, Farm Research Coop. will assist the Council with one grant proposal that will address Benton Harbor, Michigan Community Garden Project. The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Community Food Project Competitive Grants Program Due Date is 11/2010.	11/2010	Farm Research Coop. Council Members Coordinator All/600/\$60,000			

<b>A5 Improve Council vitality and sustainability to enable the Council to fulfill its mission</b>						
<b>GOAL B</b>	<b>PROMOTE, FORMULATE, IMPLEMENT MEASURE PLANS WHICH REFLECT AND FULFILL THE LONG RANGE GOALS OF THE COUNCIL</b>			<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Staff/Hours/Budget</b>	<b>Accomplish Ments</b>
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES				
<b>Community Development</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>Develop and maintain networks and relationships with conservation and community development groups and organizations.</b>				
	B1a	<p>Diversify the Council membership to meet future needs of the organization by 12/2010</p> <p>Fill all current vacancies on RC&amp;D Council by 03/2010</p> <p>Provide orientation to new Council members by 04/2010</p> <p>Council Members will Increase communications with RC&amp;D sponsors (Conservation Districts and County Board of Commissioners) by attending at least one meeting of each Conservation District and County Board of Commissioners Meetings by 12/2010</p> <p>Council will produce 4 Quarterly Partner Reports: reports includes current projects and activities by 12/2010</p> <p>Complete One application for Membership into the NARC&amp;D's Circle of Diamonds program by 03/2010</p>	12/2010	Council Members/Coordinator All/500/\$13,000		
	B1b	<p>SMART- Southwest Michigan Trailway Partnership. Promote expand, and connect trailways and greenways across the nine counties of southwest Michigan.</p> <p>Continue to provide assistance to the SMART 9 County Non-Motorized Map Update by 12/2010</p> <p>Work with the Kalamazoo River Heritage Water Trail Working Group to promote the use of the Kalamazoo River for recreational use by 12/2010</p> <p>Assist the Working Group with the development of one Guidebook by 06/2010</p>	06/2010	Coordinator/40/\$1400 Group/600/\$20,000		

	B1c	<p>Deerhead Riverfront Park Sodus Township. Complete Phase 2 Locate funding source for the restoration of the observation deck on the Saint Joseph River</p> <p>Multi-Phase Park Upgrade Calvin Township. Council will provide technical and assist with locating funding sources for Park Upgrades by 12/2010</p> <p>South Wayne Cemetery Reclamation Project: Council will be providing funding assistance with this project to reclaim unused land to create an aesthetically pleasing and restful atmosphere on two acres of the South Wayne Cemetery in Cass County by 10/2010</p>	12/2010	<p>Council Members All/40/\$750 Coordinator/60/\$2400 Sodus Twp/24/\$5000 Calvin Twp/40/\$9000 Wayne Twp/40/\$4000</p>		
<b>Land Management</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>Provide technical assistance with watersheds projects</b>				
	B2a	<p>Assist with the following watershed planning/implementation grants: RC&amp;D Council, along with other partners will help to plan, write, and provide technical assistance, within each technical committee, for the following watershed projects in 2010:</p> <p>Provide technical assistance to the Two River Coalition (Black River and Paw Paw River Watersheds with at least one workshop addressing best management practices that address surface and subsurface concerns by 12/09</p>	12/2010	<p>Council Members All/20/\$400 Coord/96/\$3400</p>		

<b>Water Management</b>	<b>B3 Protect the surface water supplies from non point source pollution</b>					
		B3a	Continue to provide technical assistance with the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program for Southwest Lake Michigan Watershed by 12/2010 ( \$27 million over 5 Years, Project runs from 2009 - 2013)	12/2010	Council Members/Coord All/80/\$4000	
<b>Land Conservation</b>	<b>B4 Develop partnerships with local units of governments to decrease soil erosion and sedimentation</b>					
		B4a	Install One Soil Bioengineering Demonstration Project, within Council Area.	12/2010	Council Members All/16/\$300 Coord/40/\$1400	
	<b>GOAL C</b>	<b>Civil Rights and Outreach</b>		<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Staff/Hours/Budget</b>	<b>Accomplish Ments</b>
ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES				
<b>Community Development</b>	<b>C1 Dead of Winter Agri-Science Camp (One Camp)</b>					
		C1a	Council will be working with the Farm Research Cooperative located at Bloomingdale, Michigan. Approx/. 20 boys and girls stay at the camp and have intense labs on agricultural and environmental topics.	03/2010	Council Members All/16/\$300 Farm Research Coop Dr. Ray/100/\$1900 Coordinator/16/\$575	
<b>Community Development</b>	<b>C2 Michigan Family Farms conference 2010</b>					
		C2a	Council will be sponsoring and assisting with the Michigan Family Farms Conference 2010, January 16, 2010 located at Battle Creek, Michigan	01/2010	Council Members Three /24/\$300 Coordinator/24/\$1000	
<b>Community Development</b>	<b>C3 Gun Lake Tribe Trail Development Project</b>					
		C3a	Provide technical assistance to Gun Lake Tribe with one new trail development by 12/2010.	12/2010	All Organizations All/1300/\$100,000 Coordinator/40/\$1600	
<b>Community Development</b>	<b>C4 Educational Identification Signs Project</b>					
		C4a	Council will provide funding support for the "Educational Identification Signs" Project with the Cass County Parks and Recreation. Signs will provide an education of park visitors concerning the natural resources at Dr. T.K. Lawless Park and Fred Russ Forest Park.	03/2010	All Organizations All/40\$1500 Coordinator/16/\$640	

## **2010 Meeting Dates**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2010**  
**Monday, March 22, 2010**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 2010**  
**Monday, July 26, 2010**  
**Monday, September 27, 2010**  
**Monday, November 22, 2010**

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