

Lincoln Hills RC&D 2011 Annual Plan of Work

Goal I. Promote and enable further implementation of sustainable rural development projects to improve the overall quality of life.

Objectives	Completion Date	Cost Estimate	Persons Responsible	Committee	Estimated Hrs. of Staff Involvement	Status Of Project	NRCS Strategic Plan Tie-in
A. Assess four infrastructure development opportunity for Lincoln Hills RC&D Area <i>(Rural Community Development)</i>							
1. Hold one educational/informational workshop discussing alternative energy.	7/31/11	\$1,500.00	Minto Richmer Schmidt	Energy	Coor. - 15 P.A. - 25		Energy Supply
2. Continue the Hoosier Homestead Project (Phase 1 – Planning)	12/31/11	\$10,000.00	Anderson Richmer Sell	Homestead	Coor. – 150 P.A. - 80		Working Farm and Ranch Lands
3. Collaborate with local organizations to assist in establishing biking/hiking trails through the 4 counties	12/31/11	\$5,000.00	Ramsbottom Minto Taylor	Council	Coor. – 50 P.A. - 35		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
4. Develop and initiate a multi-county "Bicycle Recycle" program.	7/1/11	\$3,500.00	Thompson Sell Richmer Ramsbottom	Bike Recycle	Coor. – 35 P.A. - 35		Community & Economic Development
B. Provide educational opportunity to educate 5 volunteer fire departments. <i>(Rural Community Development)</i>							
1. Collaborate with local groups to install at least 1 dry hydrant in area	9/1/11	\$2,500.00	McCleerey Richmer Botsko Sauerheber	Council	Coor. - 40 P.A. - 40		Clean and Abundant Water
2. Hold 1 dry hydrant workshop at local demonstration site.	4/1/11	\$500.00	McCleerey	Forestry	Coor. - 30 P.A. - 50		Clean and Abundant Water

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C. Support annual tourism efforts as a viable component of local and regional economic development. <i>(Rural Community Development)</i>							
1. Provide clerical and administrative assistance by contacting 65 members of LHPLRR and tracking 49 contracts for the Explore Southern Indiana brochure.	11/30/11	\$750.00	Minto Ramsbottom	Lincoln Hills Patoka Lake Recreation Region	Coor. - 5 P.A. - 40		Community & Economic Development
2. Provide clerical and administrative assistance for 2 travel shows in Indianapolis of the Lincoln Hills Patoka Lake Recreation Region booth.	3/31/11	\$700.00	Minto Ramsbottom	Lincoln Hills Patoka Lake Recreation Region	Coor. - 5 P.A. - 24		Community & Economic Development
3. Provide quarterly updated information of member businesses to website host of the Explore Southern Indiana website.	12/31/11	\$525.00	Minto Ramsbottom	Lincoln Hills Patoka Lake Recreation Region	Coor. - 5 P.A. - 24		Community & Economic Development
4. Work with local town of Rome to renovate Historic Rome Courthouse	12/31/11	\$125,000.00	Anderson Ramsbottom Minto	Council	Coor. - 50 P.A. - 30		Community & Economic Development
D. Promote and support the development of 2 alternative and small farm value-added ventures. <i>(Rural Community Development)</i>							
1. Develop a program to assist local organizations in starting their own community gardens.	3/31/11	\$1,500.00	Schmidt Sauerheber Richmer	Council	Coor. - 20 P.A. - 20		Working Farm and Ranch Lands
2. Hold 1 Alternative Agriculture Festival with emphasis on local alternative agriculture providers	10/31/11	\$3,500.00	Schmidt Sauerheber Richmer	Council	Coor. - 35 P.A. - 25		Working Farm and Ranch Lands

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E. Develop the operational and program capacity of Lincoln Hills RC&D. (Rural Community Development)							
1. Conduct internal audits of financial status for calendar year 2010.	3/1/11	\$250.00	Richmer Sauerheber	Council	Coor. - 16 P.A. - 16		Operations
2. Establish Financial Committee and develop operating budget for calendar year 2011 and review quarterly the month following the end of each quarter.	3/1/11	\$250.00	Richmer Sauerheber	Council	Coor. - 16 P.A. - 16		Operations
3. Promote Lincoln Hills RC&D by submitting quarterly press releases of recent and/or current projects to local newspapers/ newsletters.	12/31/11	\$800.00	Richmer Sauerheber Botsko Ramsbottom	Council	Coor. - 16 P.A. - 16		Operations
4. Develop promotional material for field days.	12/31/11	\$1,500.00	Richmer Sauerheber Botsko Ramsbottom	Council	Coor. - 30 P.A. - 50		Operations
5. Continue website to inform Lincoln Hill Community residents of activities.	12/31/11	\$340.00	Richmer Sauerheber Botsko Ramsbottom	Council	Coor. - 160 P.A. - 100		Operations
6. Increase sponsorship of Lincoln Hills RC&D one sponsor	12/31/11	\$100.00	Richmer Sauerheber Botsko Ramsbottom	Council	Coor. - 30 P.A. - 30		Operations
7. Research history of Lincoln Hills RC&D and all its accomplishments over the past 48 years to prepare for 50 year anniversary	12/31/11	\$1,000.00	Richmer Sauerheber Taylor McCleerey Raider	Council	Coor. - 20 P.A. - 20		Operations
8. Develop grant database which will assist small towns in finding funding	6/30/11	\$500.00	Sell Botsko	Council	Coor. - 15 P.A. - 25		Community and Economic Development

Goal II. Promote and enable further implementation of sustainable natural resources development and conservation projects.

Objectives	Completion Date	Cost Estimate	Persons Responsible	Committee	Estimated Hrs. of Staff Involvement	Status Of Project	NRCS Strategic Plan Tie-in
A. Assist in four local land use planning and zoning project. (Land Management)							
1. Provide technical support to SWCDs in developing local watershed projects	9/30/11	\$250,000.00	Thompson Waninger	Council	Coor. - 80 P.A. - 20		Clean and Abundant Water
2. Hold one workshop addressing new septic system technology including wetland cell demonstration	5/31/11	\$1,500.00	Thompson Sauerheber Hauswald	Council	Coor. - 50 P.A. - 25		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
3. Hold one workshop addressing flooding and drainage issues within the region	8/31/11	\$1,500.00	Thompson Sauerheber Schmidt Sell Taylor	Council	Coor. - 10 P.A. - 20		Clean and Abundant Water
4. Assist Perry County with the I-64, Exit 79 Scenic Enhancement Project	12/31/11	\$15,000.00	Minto Ramsbottom	Council	Coor. - 20 P.A. - 20		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
B. Provide natural resources educational opportunities to educate 500 area youth and adults. (Land Management)							
1. Educate 250 people on different topics of natural resources and their role in protecting it during the Adventures with Nature field day.	6/30/11	\$3,500.00	Richmer Ramsbottom McCleerey	Education	Coor. - 30 P.A. - 40		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Clean and Abundant Water
2. Provide 1 workshop addressing Forestry Best Management Practices issues.	9/31/11	\$1,250.00	McCleerey Anderson Thompson	Forestry	Coor. - 16 P.A. - 32		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
3. Build and distribute 130 songbird nesting boxes to be distributed at local events.	6/30/11	\$750.00	Richmer	Fish and Wildlife	Coor. - 5 P.A. - 16		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
4. Hold 1 Timber Industry Tour & Awards Banquet.	3/31/11	\$1,200.00	McCleerey	Forestry	Coor. - 5 P.A. - 40		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
6. Assist local School Agricultural Programs by sponsoring field days and agricultural contests	11/30/11	\$2,275.00	Sauerheber French Richmer	Council	Coor. - 25 P.A. - 35		High Quality Productive Soils

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C. Implement Best Management Practices on 250 Acres within the Lincoln Hills RC&D Region. (Land Management)							
1. Perform Timber Stand Improvement on 50 acres	8/31/11	\$2,000.00	McCleerey Richmer	Forestry	Coor. - 8 P.A. - 8		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
2. Provide 100 lbs. of wildlife food plot seed to landowners in the Lincoln Hills RC&D region for the 2011 planting season.	9/31/11	\$400.00	Richmer	Fish and Wildlife	Coor. - 5 P.A. - 8		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
3. Hold one Best Management Practice workshop to address local environmental concerns	10/31/11	\$1,250.00	Thompson Sauerheber Richmer	Council	Coor. - 10 P.A. - 30		High quality Productive Soils
D. Assist in the protection of important sensitive environmental areas. (Land Conservation)							
1. Assist Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) by attending quarterly meetings.	12/31/11	\$675.00	French Thompson	SICWMA	Coor. - 24 P.A. - 8		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
2. Assist INDOT and Spencer County with US 231 tree planting project	12/31/11	\$25,000.00	Botsko Schmidt Waninger McCleerey	Council	Coor. - 35 P.A. - 24		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
3. Inform region about the threat of invasive species including the introduction of the Asian Carp	5/31/11	\$1,275.00	Minto Thompson	Council	Coor. - 15 P.A. - 10		Healthy Plant and Animal Communities
E. Educate 10 educators on water quality issues in Lincoln Hills RC&D region. (Water Conservation)							
1. Hold 1 Hoosier Riverwatch series to landowners on the positive influences of natural resources.	6/30/11	\$1,500.00	Sauerheber	Education	Coor. - 20 P.A. - 40		Clean and Abundant Water

TOTAL CALCULABLE PROGRAM VALUE: \$468,790.00

The 2011 Plan of Work was adopted by action of the Lincoln Hills RC&D Council at their monthly meeting on 01/28/2011.

Mr. Donald Richmer, President

Date

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service concurs with this Plan of Work. It constitutes an agreement between the Council and NRCS for assistance to Lincoln Hills RC&D during FY11.

Ms. Jane E. Hardisty, State Conservationist

Date

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