

## North Central Nebraska RC&D Annual Plan of Work for Year Ending December 31, 2006

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### Goal A: Enhance the regions ability to increase tourism as an economic development strategy.

Action Item	Estimated Cost	Date Completed	Progress/Comments	Contact
<b>Obj. 1: Assist the Nebraska Outback Tourism Coalition.</b>				Patty Barstow
<i>Projects: Potential, new, ongoing</i>				Staff & Council
122 - Nebraska Outback Tourism Coalition		<b>Completed 3/106</b>	Assist the Nebraska Outback Tourism Coalition through membership meetings and drives to increase membership by twenty.	Patty Barstow
153 - Nebraska Outback Web Site	\$1,048		Continue to update the Nebraska Outback Web Site and increase advertising by ten.	Sandy Benson

**Comments/Progress: 122-Coalition has been dissolved. Will Consolidate efforts with the Outlaw Trail Senic Byway. Funds have been deposited into the NCRC&D Legacy Fund for the Outback Web Site Updating. 153- Have updated site three times.**

<b>Obj. 2: Assist the Sandhills Discovery Experience, as requested, to continue to provide a high quality conference each year.</b>				Dick Albrecht
<i>Projects: Potential, new, ongoing</i>				Staff & Council
139 - Sandhills Discovery & Visitors Center	\$100		Continue to assist the Conference with assistance from the Sandhills Task Force with funding.	Dave Jones
139 -Sandhills Discovery & Visitors Center	\$500		Continue to assist the Conference with publicity for the conference and utilize the Nebraska Outback Web Site and 900 Council Newsletters to advertise the Conference.	Dick Albrecht
149- 51 - Bassett Arts Council	\$500	<b>Completed 1/24/06</b>	Assist the council in development and distribution of brochures.	Mary Shelkopf
<b>Comments/Progress: 139 - Distributed 100 fliers and will assist with advertising. 149-51- developed and distributed 150 brochures.</b>				

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<b>Obj. 3: Assist the Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway to bring additional visitors to the area.</b>				Jane Brewster
<i>Projects: Potential, new, ongoing</i>				Staff & Council
135 - Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway	\$4,000		Provide Technical Assistance in the Development of two grants	Jane Brewster
015-037 - Assist the Byway & the Landowner in the promotion of Old Baldy as a tourism destination.	\$1,000		Assist the Byway & the landowner in the promotion of Old Baldy as a tourism destination.	Bob Courtney
<b>Obj. 4: Assist the City of Sprinview in the development of Cub Creek Recreation Area.</b>				Larry Shepperd
103-40 Cub Creek Development	\$1,000		Assist the City of Springview with maps, grant information and possible design for a rifle range, sporting clay range, black powder range and meeting facility at the Cub Creek Recreation Area.	Larry Shepperd
<p><b>Comments/Progress: 135- NCRC&amp;D Council has provided \$500 grant for the production of travel CD's.103-40- Have provided grant information on range development and supplied 6 maps of the area. The Ainsworth F.O. developed the maps.</b></p>				

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## Goal B: Enhance the regions ability to create new jobs, recruit new businesses and enhance existing businesses.

<b>Obj. 1: Assist the Outback Regional Group in partnership with the Central Nebraska Economic Development District.</b>				John Madsen
<i>Projects: Potential, new, ongoing</i>				Staff & Council
163 - Central Nebraska Economic Development District.	\$15,000		Continue to provide technical support to the Central Nebraska Economic District	Heidi Philips & Evelyn Ost
147 - Long Pine Continuing Education Center	\$1,000		Assist the Long Pine Continuing Education Center Board in developing classes for 5 individuals in north central Nebraska.	Lynn Moore
<b>Comments/Progress: NCRC&amp;D Council continues to provide office space for the Executive Director and her assistant.</b>				
<i>Projects: Potential, new, ongoing</i>				Staff & Council
163 - Central Nebraska Economic Development District.	\$50,000		Partner with CNEDD in developing five new businesses, creating 20 new jobs and enhancing five existing businesses.	Heidi Philips & Evelyn Ost
163 - Central Nebraska Economic Development District.	\$130,000		Partner with CNEDD in developing and administering 1 housing grant	Evelyn Ost
163 - Central Nebraska Economic Development District	\$50,000		Partner with CNEDD in assisting 1 community with infrastructure grant	Heidi Philips
163 - Central Nebraska Economic Development District.	\$2,500		Co-host the Outback & HGBC Community Builders Modules	John Madsen
171- Capacity Building for Housing	\$2,000	<b>Completed 3/15/06</b>	Assist with the hiring of a housing director	John Madsen
173 - North Central Nebraska Legacy Fund	\$1,500		Assist the council in development of a legacy fund with three funds including restrictive, non-restrictive and endowment. Develop logo and brochure.	Jane Keller, Carolyn Hall
176 - Circle of Diamonds	\$500	<b>Completed 1/24/06</b>	Assist the NCRC&D in applying for the Circle of Diamonds Program to the National RC&D Association.	Dave Jones

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177- KBR Employer Survery	\$500		Assist the NCDC in distributing a empyment survey in Brown, Keya Paha and Rock Counties.	Don Coash
<p><b>Comments/Progress:</b>163- 2 new businesses have been created and 6 new jobs have been created. 171- A housing director was hired 3/15/06, 173 - The three funds have been established along with a brochure and logo.176- The NCRC&amp;D was accepted into the Circle of Diamonds on 1/24/06.</p>				
<b>Obj. 2: Assist Niobrara Valley Wood Products,LLC &amp; Sandhills Yellow Perch Coop</b>				Dale Ellwanger & Rich Lackaff, Jr.
<i>Projects: Potential, new, ongoing</i>				Staff & Council
142 - Niobrara Valley Wood Products, LLC	\$50,000		Assist this value-added Ag. Company in establishing a small factory in Springview	Dale Ellwanger & Larry Shepperd
175 - Sandhills Yellow Perch Coop	\$1,000		Continue to assist in Marketing and Distribution of Perch	Rich Lackaff, Jr.
<p><b>Comments/Progress:</b>142- Springview building did not meet the needs of NVWP so they continue to produce products a the Henry Rudnick shop. 175 - distributed 75 pounds of Yellow Perch fillets.</p>				

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## Goal C: Enhance the forestry resource through partnerships in North Central Nebraska.

<b>Obj. 1: Utilize the completed Inventory Feasibility Study to develop a plan for fuel load reduction on twenty thousand acres of forestland in north central Nebraska</b>	Judy Newton
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<i>Projects: Potential, new, ongoing</i>	Staff & Council
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170 - Bio- fuels Project.	\$1,500	<b>Completed 3/30/06</b>	Partner with the Loup Basin RC&D in holding two bio-fuels workshops in the fifteen county area.	Judy Newton
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**Comments/Progress:** These two forums will be completed on 3/30/06 with 250 estimated attendees.

## Goal D: Enhance the Sandhills Ecosystem through a partnership with the Sandhills Task Force and Sandhills Pheasants Forever

<i>Projects: Potential, new, ongoing</i>	Staff & Council
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<b>Obj 1: Enhance the Sandhills Ecosystem through partnerships</b>	Byron Eatinger
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108- Sandhills Task Force	\$2,000.00		Continue to Partner with the Sandhills Task Force in impacting five thousand acres of upland and wetland ecosystems.	Byron Eatinger
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<b>Obj. 2: Enhance Wildlife Habitat in Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha and Rock Counties</b>	Lynn Gum
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174- Sandhill Chapter Pheasants Forever	\$1,000.00		Partner with the Sandhills Chapter Pheasants Forever in creating 500 acres of Upland and Wetland Willife habitat.	Lynn Gum
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**Comments/Progress:**108- Developed area-wide 5 plans on 4,564 acres. 174- Created 8,099 acres of agricultural land for wildlife habitat.

## Goal E: Assist the Region 24 Emergency Management Director for Boyd, Brown & Rock Counties.

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<b>Obj. 1: Provide one thousand square foot Disaster Relief Facility</b>				Doug Fox
<i>Projects: Potential, new, ongoing</i>				Staff & Council
103 - Regional Meeting Facility	\$600		Maintain and make available the Council's Meeting, Training and Disaster Relief Facility 24/7 for the purpose of training and enhancing the regions capability to respond to any natural or man made disaster in the region.	Doug Fox
<b>Comments/Progress:103- NCRC&amp;D Council is partner with the Rock County Hospiatal to install a LP Emergency Generator.</b>				
<b>Goal F: Enhance the capabilities to address diversity invasive plants that impact the economic and bio- of the state of Nebraska and the region.</b>				
<b>Obj.1: Partner with the Nebraska LeafySpurge Working Task Force in inform the citizens of the state of Nebraska as to the impacts of invasive plants on the Environment</b>				Rod Stolcpart
<i>Projects: Potential, new, ongoing</i>				Staff & Council
113 - R/F/L Leafy Spurge Task Force	\$500		Assist the task force with three quarterly meetings and an annual meeting.	Rod Stolcpart
113 - R/F/L Leafy Spurge Task Force	\$1,000		Assit the task force with 4 ventures for their display t educate citizens.	Rod Stolcpart
<b>Comments/Progress:113- The task force has met twice and will be holding its annual meeting in August in Gering.</b>				

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<b>Obj. 2: Partner with the Middle Niobrara Weed awareness Group to inform the general public as to the impact of invasive plants on and adjacent to the Niobrara National Scenic River.</b>			Rod Stolcpart
154 - Middle Niobrara Weed Awareness Group	\$75,000	Assist the group with two grants for addressing Purple Loosestrife and Leafy Spurge along the Scenic Niobrara River	Rod Stolcpart
<b>Comments/Progress: The group will be receiving \$50,000 PTI Grant in May.</b>			