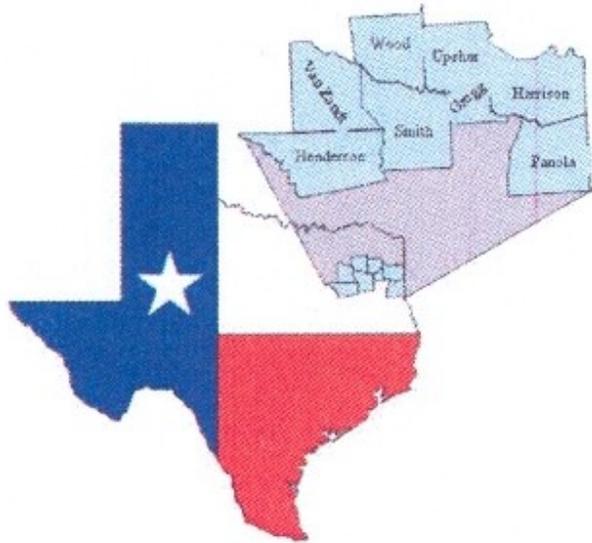


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2010 Annual Report

RC&D Council

Board Members:

Cary Hilliard	President
Alan Haynes	Treasurer
Kristi Boyett	Secretary
John Wade	Member
Al Harris	Member
Jeff Thompson	Member
Frank Glenn	Member
Thomas Frazier	Member
Ronnie LaGrone	Member
Michelle Skyrme	Member

RC&D Staff:

Jo Nell Haltom	Program Assistant
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Vision Statement

Our most important resource is our people, who have a desire to better themselves and in the spirit of working together, strive to make our area a better place to live.

Mission Statement

Our council will utilize the diversity of our volunteers to tap the resources of Federal, State, and Local Governments and the private sector

Financial Statement - 2010

1/1/10

Beginning Balance: \$2,551.60

	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Sponsorships		\$ 3,000	
Corporate Sponsorships		\$ 2,250	
Insurance	\$ 675.00		
TX Association of RC&D	\$ 200.00		
State Meeting Expense	\$ 649.00		
Office Supplies	\$ 310.39		
Annual Meeting	\$ 520.36		
Misc. Expense	\$ 411.37		
Reclamation Station	\$ 250.00		
East Smith County	\$ 250.00		
TOTALS	\$3,266.12	\$5,250	\$ 4,535.48

SEP Project Accounts

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>BEGINNING BAL.</u>	<u>ENDING BAL.</u>
Gregg—026	\$ 37,919.00	\$ 26,206.61
Gregg—027	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,511.87
Gregg—028	\$ 8,025.00	\$ 8,033.14
Gregg—029	\$ 2,142.00	\$ 2,143.29
Smith—030	\$ 29,267.00	\$ 29,267.00
Harrison—031	\$ 21,920.00	\$ 21,920.00



Mineola Nature Preserve

Sabine-Neches RC&D helped the Mineola Nature Preserve acquire 1,000 trees donated by the Texas Forest Service. These trees were planted by volunteers.



Sponsors

Harrison SWCD

KVZR SWCD

Panola SWCD

Smith SWCD

Trinity-Neches SWCD

Upshur-Gregg SWCD

Wood SWCD

Gregg County

Harrison County

Henderson County

Smith County

Upshur County

Van Zandt County

Wood County

City of Carthage

City of Longview

Corporate Sponsors

Nestle

Tyler Wal Mart

Canton Wal Mart

Thank you very much for your support!

Letter from the President

Greetings from Sabine-Neches RC&D,

I want to thank all the members for another successful year for our council and welcome our new members, Michelle Skyrme from Gregg County and Thomas Frazier from Henderson County. They both have unique skills and are a valued addition to Sabine-Neches. We increased the scope of our projects by visiting the Mineola Wildlife Refuge and agreeing to assist them in improving the infrastructure of this beautiful 3,000 acre jewel just outside the city. As time goes on it will become more important to all the citizens of East Texas.

We are working with TCEQ to be able to use Supplemental Environmental Program (SEP) funds in an entire watershed instead being restricted to only the county where the fines were levied. When approved we will be able to fund high priority projects throughout the 8 counties to increase environmental cleanups. We are still assisting the Jackson Oaks community in their effort to obtain grant funds to build a waste water facility that will serve approximately 300 homes and a school and solve a serious environmental and health problem. The funding was not approved this year but is more promising in the next fiscal year.

While this year has been very productive, we are faced with a serious challenge in the near future. In the past the RC&D funding has been cut from the President's budget but restored by the congress, but this year is different. The funding has been cut by both and the state offices and individual councils have been working to get it restored. If funding is not restored all RC&D councils will lose their coordinators and administrative support and will have to raise funds to stay in business. I believe Sabine-Neches can survive but it will take more effort on all our parts. If necessary, I know we are up to the challenge.

Thanks for your support and I look forward to another productive year.

Cary Hilliard, President

P.S. All federal funding was cut for RC&D and the Texas councils are looking for ways to keep the state association and councils in business.

SEP Projects



The SEP projects in Sabine-Neches RC&D area include: illegal trash dump cleanup, replacing failing sewer systems for low-income home owners, household hazardous waste collection days, and abandoned tire cleanup.



SEP Projects



The Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) program allows organizations fined by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to direct the money to a local project with direct environmental benefits. This program is now funding about \$2 million a year through RC&Ds across the state. This past year Sabine-Neches RC&D administered SEP projects in five out of our eight counties totaling almost \$170,000.00.



What is Sabine-Neches Resource Conservation and Development?

The RC&D Council is a voluntary, local, membership-based, nonprofit entity that represents the eight counties in our area: Smith, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Panola, Upshur, Wood and Van Zandt. The purpose of the council is to advise, plan, implement and develop programs: to ensure the wise use of funds that are intended to protect the environment, improve community infrastructure, enhance rural economies and to improve local communities' environmental planning and projects.

Sources of funds for our Council's projects come from: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), environmental enforcement fines, the participation of county and city governments, local Soil & Water Conservation Districts and sponsors. Every cent of TCEQ grant funds must be spent on projects. None of the money can be used for Sabine-Neches Council's operational expenses. Our council has no paid staff, and all initiatives are managed by competent volunteers from the membership body. Our Council does have unfunded basic operational expenses, which must be funded for proper management of the Council as an incorporated 501c3. These expenses include: legal, accounting, communication, travel, reporting and audit requirements.

Sponsorship and financial assistance is vital to fund these operational expenses and will enable the Sabine-Neches Council to continue our important work throughout our area.

Board members

John Wade, Alan Haynes,
Thomas Frazier, Cary
Hilliard and Al Harris



NRCS District Conservationists

Robbie Clemens.....Gilmer/Longview

Ross Brown.....Marshall

Julie Moore.....Athens/Canton

Melissa Berry.....Carthage

Darin Smith.....Tyler

John Stone.....Quitman

2010 SEP Projects Completed & Ongoing

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECT COST</u>
Gregg	Trash Cleanup	\$37,922.90
*Harrison	Trash Cleanup	\$ 2,160.50
*Van Zandt	Trash Cleanup	\$ 2,160.50
*Smith	Septic Systems	\$13,235.14
*Upshur	Trash Cleanup	\$ 3,757.40
Gregg	Abandoned Tires	\$ 8,025.00
Gregg	Abandoned Tires	\$ 2,142.00
*Harrison	Trash Cleanup	\$ 8,800.84
*Harrison	Septic Systems	\$40,850.00
*Harrison	Septic Systems	\$ 4,000.00
*Harrison	Septic Systems	\$ 5,222.92
Gregg	Abandoned Tires	\$ 10,500.00
Smith	Clean School Bus	\$ 29,267.00

* Completed projects

