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2004 Annual Report

Projects, Planning, and
Financial Status

Message from the Chairman

Greetings:

- It has been an exciting and busy year for the Sabine-Neches RC&D Council. This Annual Report highlights many of our accomplishments this past year.
- We have completed the revision of our Area Plan of Work for the RC&D. This was a major endeavor that took many, many hours. Many of you poured your heart and soul into the Plan, and we appreciate your time and efforts. We look forward to implementing the plan over the coming years.
- The success of the RC&D program is dependent on many factors: council involvement, coordinator involvement, but most importantly, community and local leadership involvement.
- As the last remaining applicant area in the State of Texas, the budgets do not look good. Sabine-Neches has and will continue to operate and improve the quality of life in East Texas regardless of status. We have accomplished many things and could do so much more once authorized.
- I encourage each and everyone to stay involved, recruit new volunteers, and become engaged in your communities.

Sincerely,

Jim Allison, Chairman

Sponsor Members

Thank you so much for your support and participation over the past 11 years. We hope you will continue to support the Sabine-Neches RC&D. RC&D cannot function without you and your organization's input. You are VITAL to our success and you are APPRECIATED.

Perhaps you know someone who you feel would be interested in RC&D in their local community. Talk to them, let them know who we are and what we are doing. Let Sabine-Neches know how we can assist you and your community.

Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP)



The Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) in Smith County is well underway. In June of 2004, Sabine-Neches RC&D received \$56,125.00 in SEP funds.

Currently, seven (7) wastewater treatment facilities in need of rehabilitation or replacement have been completed for seven low-income families in Smith Co. Work continues.

Completed Projects-Highlights

- Participation in the East Texas Banking and Agriculture Conference
- Co-sponsored a “Growing Our Town” Workshop with Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of Rural Community Affairs, and the East Texas Council of Governments.
- Designed and installed 3 dry fire hydrants.
- Wrote and was awarded a \$2500.00 grant through the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative for a Small Acreage Landowners’ Workshop.
- Revision of the Area Plan of Work.

Summary:

- 22 new projects adopted by the Council
- 11 projects completed in 2004
- 12 projects ongoing

Ongoing Projects

- Panola Cattlemen’s Association-Covering the county arena
- Canton City Park
- Community Resource Team-Gun Barrel City, Texas and Quitman, Texas
- Rural Emergency Protection Program
- South Van Zandt Volunteer Fire Department-Structure for new equipment
- City of Quitman-Land Usage and Thoroughfare Management Plan
- Developing a marketing and distribution co-operative for Pine Straw
- Demonstration of geo-textile fabrics in erosion control
- Museum enhancements-Upshur and Gregg Counties
- Distribution of surplus property

Outreach Report

# of minorities served:	32
# of socially or economically disadvantaged served:	7
# of services provided— education and training:	110
Total # of citizens served:	112
# of agricultural production diversified:	1
Funds provided to businesses:	\$250.00
# of participants in workshops, seminars, and trainings:	518
# of effluent systems reduced or improved:	8

Area Wide Strategic Plan Completed

The Sabine-Neches RC&D is very proud of all of its accomplishments over the past year. One item that stands out particularly is the complete revision of the Area Plan of Work. This plan also serves as the Application for Authorization from the USDA.

Many public meetings were held and many, many, hours of research, documentation, and outreach were used in the drafting of this plan.

The mission, vision, goals, and objectives were all updated in this plan. At our February meeting, the Council formally adopted this plan.

Many thanks to all who assisted us in the writing of this plan.

Sponsor Members

- Henderson County**
- Van Zandt County**
- Smith County**
- Wood County**
- Upshur County**
- Gregg County**
- Harrison County**
- Panola County**
- Trinity-Neches
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- KVZ SWCD**
- Upshur-Gregg
SWCD**
- Wood County SWCD**
- Smith County SWCD**
- Harrison County
SWCD**
- Panola County
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2004 Financial Report

<u>Operating Account</u>		<u>Project Account</u>	
<u>Income:</u>		<u>Income:</u>	
Starting Balance	1483.00	SEP-SN-004	56125.00
Dues	1110.00	Interest Income	205.53
Transfer of SEP funds	20000.00		
GLCI Grant	1875.00		
<u>Total Income:</u>	<u>24468.00</u>	<u>Total:</u>	<u>56330.53</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Annual Meeting-2004	282.56	Transfer	20000.00
Travel/Registrations	781.15		
Workshop Sponsor	250.00		
Check Order	16.25		
Office Supplies	18.13		
(7) SEP Projects	19495.00		
Remaining SEP funds	505.00		
Meeting Space Rental	700.00		
Meeting Expense	25.66		
<u>Total Expense:</u>	<u>22073.75</u>		
 <u>Balance:</u>	 <u>2394.25</u>	 <u>Balance:</u>	 <u>36330.53</u>

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Mission Statement

“THE SABINE-NECHES RC&D COUNCIL WILL RECRUIT AND COORDINATE LOCAL VOLUNTEERS AND SOLICIT NECESSARY RESOURCES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS THAT PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, IMPROVE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, ENHANCE RURAL ECONOMIES, AND IMPROVE RURAL COMMUNITIES’ PLANNING CAPABILITIES.”

