



Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.

*Empowering Citizens to Build Strong Communities*

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Panhandle RC&D joins the 375 RC&D Councils across the country in celebrating “RC&D Week” September 21-28, 2008. RC&D week was declared in recognition of the anniversary of the designation of the first 10 RC&D areas. In the past 33 years the program has grown from 10 designated areas to 375 areas that cover over 85% of the United States and its territories.

Joan Smith Freeman, President of the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils, expressed appreciation to the thousands of RC&D Council members who celebrate the National Community Service that RC&D Councils provide to America.

Panhandle Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. is a public benefit, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is committed to assisting local communities through our five areas of focus: Economic Development, Recreation and Tourism, Natural Resources Improvement, Community Improvement, and Education.

We are a part of the twelve Nebraska RC&D areas that cover and serve all 93 Nebraska counties. Panhandle RC&D is a member organization, with a governing council of local citizens and governments focused on finding resources to benefit our local communities. The council has an on-going mission to review and accept project proposals from local communities, organizations, and other nonprofit organizations. Once supported by RC&D, these local betterment projects can receive administrative, financial, grant-seeking, and development assistance through council committees/task forces, as well as RC&D staff.

RC&D acts as a catalyst to help local citizens protect and promote their local communities by focusing on each area’s specific goals. Numerous benefits are derived through RC&D’s grassroots philosophy and its close working relationship with other agencies and organizations:

- A localized process to address community and regional needs and issues through interagency cooperation.
- Increased access to state and federal programs.
- Ability to obtain and leverage funding through the RC&D’s nonprofit status.
- Staff support to implement programs and projects.

Panhandle RC&D is currently supporting nearly twenty different projects throughout the Nebraska Panhandle. RC&D truly hopes to accomplish its primary mission: “Regional betterment for the eleven Panhandle counties in Nebraska through mutual cooperation and participation of private and public interests” through these efforts. To learn more about how the RC&D is at work in your community, or how to get the organization involved, please visit [www.panhandlerrcd.org](http://www.panhandlerrcd.org) or call (308) 632-1311. Please visit the Panhandle RC&D educational display at ?? during RC&D week to pick up some great information on the organization.