

# Annual Report 2010

Dakota Central Resource Conservation & Development Association, Inc., (Applicant Area)

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The mission of the Dakota Central RC&D Association is to conserve, improve, develop, and utilize the natural resources to promote additional employment and economic opportunities.

## Accomplishments & Highlights for Fiscal Year 2010

### Goals/Objectives:

- Land Conservation
- Water Management
- Community Development
- Land Management

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### Upper Snake Creek Project

- Provided leadership to Dakota Central counties, Conservation Districts, SD Conservation Commission, SD Dept of Ag, and SD Dept of Environment and Natural Resources in the restoration and protection of the Upper Snake Creek.
- Upper Snake Creek water areas include Mina Lake, Loyaltan Dam, Cresbard Lake, and Snake Creek.



- Implemented the best management practices to reduce sediment and nutrient loading, prevent bacterial contamination, complete water quality assessments, and develop TMDLs for Bierman Gravel Pit and Rosette Lake.
- Completed project and submitted the final report to SDDENR.
- More than \$1.9 million of contributions were applied to this project.
- This project treated 360 miles of shoreline, and 4,430 acres of cropland.
- Enhanced 15,542 acres of grazing lands and 12 animal agriculture operations.
- Reduced phosphorous, nitrogen and sediment loading by 58,800 lbs/yr, 204,084 lbs/yr, and 45,190 tons/yr respectively.

### Faulk Commission Grant



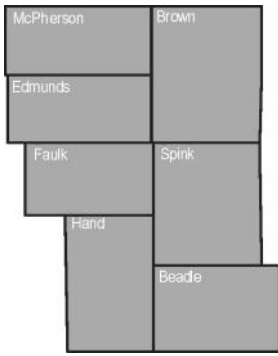
- Provided leadership and technical assistance to Faulk County Conservation District in their efforts to support the Upper Snake Creek Project.

- This grant assisted landowners to install Best Management Practices (BMP's) to develop planned grazing systems and grassland restorations, reduce sediment and nutrient transfer in runoff, improve stream bank vegetation, and improve vegetation on riparian grasslands.



- BMP's included grazing systems, water developments such as pipelines, tanks, dugouts and dams, fencing including cross fence, perimeter fence and riparian area fencing, tree planting both riparian and upland, stream crossings, and grass seedings.
- \$35,000 of contributions provided 11,143 linear feet of pipeline, 2 livestock watering tanks, and 3,920 linear feet of fence installation.





## Dakota Central

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Conserving natural resources to promote economic opportunities.

The Dakota Central RC & D has successfully balanced rural community development with environmental protection for the people in McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, Brown, Spink, and Beadle counties and throughout the state of South Dakota.

#### Primary Service Area

- McPherson County
- Edmunds County
- Faulk County
- Hand County
- Brown County
- Spink County
- Beadle County

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### 2009 USFWS COOP

- Statewide partnership between the USFWS and NCRC&D to facilitate the accomplishment of habitat conservation work on private and tribal lands for mutual benefits throughout eastern South Dakota.
- Primary habitat conservation practices include: wetland creations, wetland enhancements, wetland restorations, native grass seedings, rotational grazing systems, alternative watering systems for livestock, prescribed grassland burns, and riparian restorations.
- Secondary purpose to work with SD Grassland Coalition and other partners to promote native grassland conservation through a variety of educational, extension, and outreach programs.



### Other Activities

#### South Dakota Threatened Habitats Project Phase 3:

- North Central RC&D provided assistance to administer several projects with the Dakota Central RC&D area.

#### Continued Expansion:

- Recruit new members to the association.
- Provide information about DCRC&D and its projects.

*A job well done to all partners and participants involved in these great projects!*

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