

Annual Report 2010

North Central Resource Conservation & Development Association, Inc.

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In 2010, North Central RC&D completed several final projects that were part of the 2006-2010 Area Plan. These projects leveraged more than **\$4.9 million** to the region in key issues like land conservation, water management, community development and land management.

The mission of the North Central RC&D Association is to implement a rural development plan in central South Dakota to help address the priority environmental, social, and economic problems.

Goals/Objectives:

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

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Accomplishments & Highlights for Fiscal Year 2010

South Dakota Threatened Habitats Phase 2 Project

- Partnered with: United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), South Dakota Game Fish & Parks, Ducks Unlimited, James River Water Development District, South Dakota Pheasants Forever, and South Dakota Conservation Districts
- Provided technical and financial assistance toward a sustainable grassland economy for family livestock operations.
- Emphasized on habitat restoration; and establishment and enhancement of grassland resources.
- Funded by North America Wetland Conserva-



- tion Act (NAWCA) and matching partners.
- More than \$2.1 million in total contributions were provided, enhancing over 79,173 acres.
- Finalized in FY 2010.

Riparian/Rangeland Enhancement Project

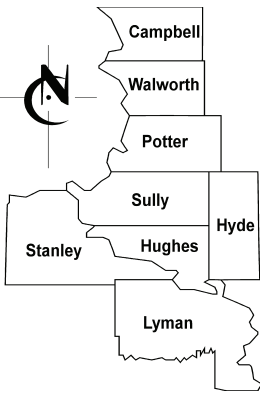
- Worked with Stanley County Conservation District and USFWS.
- Provided leadership for coordinating project activities and administering project funds.
- Provided funding for technical assistance for Stanley, Lyman and Jones counties.
- Assisted conservation planning on over 33,000 acres of grazing lands.
- Partner funding helped cost-share best management practices such as 73 off-channel watering facilities.
- Total contributions exceeded \$261,000.

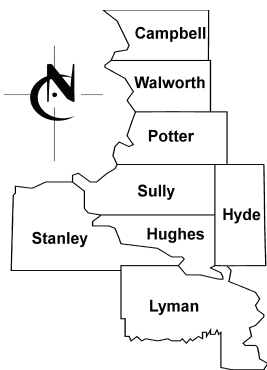
2009 USFWS COOP

- Statewide partnership between the USFWS and NCRC&D to facilitate the accomplishment of habitat conservation work on private and tribal lands for mutual benefits.



- 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.
- Provided more than \$70,000 of contributions, while enhancing 3,200 acres of grazing lands.





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Addressing environmental, social, and economic concerns.

Since 1975, the North Central RC & D has successfully balanced rural community development with environmental protection for the people in Campbell, Walworth, Potter, Sully, Stanley, Hughes, Hyde, and Lyman counties and throughout the state of South Dakota.

Primary Service Area

- Campbell County
- Walworth County
- Potter County
- Sully County
- Stanley County
- Hughes County
- Hyde County
- Lyman County

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2011-2015 Area Plan

- Spent more than 300 hours gathering information to prioritize our focus for the next five years.
- Identified needs, concerns, problems, and opportunities through surveys, public meetings, community assessments, and input from various RC&D sponsors.
- Issues to focus on include: economic and community development; value-added agriculture; tourism and recreation development; natural resource protection, enhancement and restoration; economic development information and education; and community improvement.



Other Activities

Threatened Habitat Enhancement Project:

- Provided technical assistance.
- Project provided more than \$682,000 toward improving grassland and wetland management.

Dakota Central RC&D (Applicant Area):

- Upper Snake Creek Watershed project was completed in FY 2010.
- More than \$1.9 million of total contributions.
- 20,000 acres of cropland and grazing lands were enhanced or treated.

Continued Expansion:

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

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

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