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Alabama's Mountains, Rivers and Valleys RC&D

2014 Annual Report and 2015 Plan of Work

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**FY 2014 Annual Report
And
FY 2015 Annual Plan of Work**

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Chairman

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Alabama RC&D Areas



Comments from our Chairman

Once again we have reached the season of the year in which we present the highlights of our year of work for our communities. We are proud of our accomplishments, as we should be, seeing that RC&D is still the best kept secret among volunteer organizations. We attempt to advertise but are little noticed in the media. I guess we don't toot our horn as we should and certainly no one else toots it for us. When we tell people we work with RC&D they look puzzled and ask "RC&D? What's that?" Maybe we should begin a concentrated effort to publicize to let the public know what we are all about. Our projects are beneficial to a great number of our neighbors but they don't know who was involved in getting things done for them. But enough sour grapes. It's time to present what was done this year.

This year we celebrate our 40th year of service to our communities and we have some of the longest serving members of any RC&D in the country; Mike Roden has been with us for 25 years and Robert Harbison has been here all 40 years. Robert was inducted into the RC&D Hall of Fame this past June. What an honor for our Council! We have had our share of ups and downs but we find ways to turn adversity into opportunities. Where there's a will there's a way. This group does not admit defeat!

We had another banner year completing projects across our eight county area. Mike Roden's vision for WaterWorks is coming to fruition. The students really enjoy the time spent learning about this great world we live in and no one is better than Jay to teach them. Renona continues to manage the business of the Council and assists Mike with the State's business.

I would be remiss in not thanking our local Legislative Delegation who once again came through and kept us in the State Budget. They are a vital part of RC&D, and we can be very proud of our work together for the good of our communities.

Bill

2014 Year in Review Mike Roden, Executive Director

When I graduated High School our class had two songs that symbolized our 13 year journey from kindergarten through High School....."It Don't Come Easy" & "You've Only Just Begun".

We learned how to listen, how to play & work together, how to share, how to trust one another and our Creator, that I am not the only one that is important and how to take a nap right after lunch. By the way I still think that is a wonderful idea ☺. We learned that most things of valuedon't come easy....but with persistence and effort they become possible. As we graduated we all were excited about what the future might hold....College....Careers, Military Service or seeing the world. It was an exciting time!

That is how this year has felt for me. As the fiscal year began in October, 2013 it looked to be an especially challenging one but one with great potential and opportunity. Our Board provided mature guidance and directives, the Council members provided excellent projects resulting in a good plan, and our staff excelled throughout the year. Still it felt like a five thousand pound elephant had been ordered from the menu and now we had to eat it.... That menu order was hosting the 2014 National RC&D Convention in Mobile, trying to double the number of kids participating in the WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education, planning, designing and constructing the Forestry Tree Canopy Education area, building the Beaver Room, the Forestry Products Display, starting a new rainwater collection business, growing the Non-Profit and doing the Training and Risk Assessments for RC&D's across the state....just to name a few. So we started to eat the elephant...one bite at a time.

What I learned in school...so long ago.....still applies.... that the worthwhile things don't come easy but are possible. When I listen to the Board, Renona and Jay, when I work with the Council members, share the load with the team, when I trust others and the One who created me and when I am willing to provide persistent effort... the elephants of this world get eaten!

Seeing our Chairman and Board embrace the opportunities, Robert Harbison be recognized as the National RC&D Hall of Fame inductee, Renona recognized as the National RC&D Employee of the Year, and watching Jay share his passion for educating a record number of kids about God's creation in canoes and at WaterWorks ...I am humbled and so grateful for the year that we all experienced.

We stand on the shoulders of those that started building this thing called AMRV-RC&D 40 years ago. I am humbled by their vision, dedication, persistence and sacrifices. I hope you are as excited now about RC&D as I am... where we were, are and where we are going... even though I still haven't realized one of my goals....how to take a nap right after lunch. ...just having too much fun right now for that one... We've Only Just Begun!

Thank you all!

Mike Roden

Executive Director, AMRV-RC&D

AMRV RC&D Council 2014 Officers and Staff

Chairman	Bill Latimer
Vice-Chair	Jeff Clark
Secretary / Treasurer	Phyllis Seymore
Executive Director	Mike Roden
RC&D Program Manager	Renona Seibert
RC&D Secretary	Vacant
RC&D Project Manager/ Tennessee River Basin Clean Water Partnership Facilitator	Jay Grantland

2014 Council Members & Technical Advisors

Madison
Phyllis Seymore
Joe Howe
Nell Long
Karen Jones
Peggy Long
Ann Anderson
Albert Butler
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Jackson
Billy Stephenson
Horrace Clemmons
Laurie Gibson
Jim Frost (Tech)
Limestone
Bill Latimer
Brenda Wigginton
Jimmy Newby
Gerald Barksdale
Ben Harrison
Joyce Lane (Tech)
Lawrence
Allen Pickens
Floyd Shankle
Harold LouAllen
Henrietta Taylor
Kathy Gotcher (Tech)

Morgan
Jeff Clark
Brad Bole
Mary Elliott
Doug Wigginton
Foy Kirkland (Tech)
DeKalb
John Eason
Stanley McClendon
Sid Holcomb
Vickie Goggans
Billy Twilley
Deanna Wilks
DeWayne Hulgán
Caraly Ann Foreman
Jerry Wisener (Tech)
Cullman
Robert Harbison
Melba Federer
Cherrie Haney
Tammy Roden
Deborah Widner
Sammie Danford
Edwin Carter
Tim Compton
Charles Hollis
Travis Kress
Johnny Grantham

Marshall
Jerrell Smalley
Donald Smith
Jennifer Childers
Shawn Manning (Tech)
Businesses
TARCOG
ALFA

Area Wide Board Members
Brian Brown
Scottie Bolden
Janetta Thompson
Roger White

Equal Opportunity & Civil Rights

The Alabama's Mountains, Rivers and Valleys RC& D Council made a special effort in 2013 to insure that all duties and project delivery was performed in a manner, which consistently demonstrated fairness, cooperation, and respect toward coworkers, office visitors, and all others.

- ◆ Performed all duties in a non-biased manner.
- ◆ Delivered all programs and projects fairly with no discrimination.
- ◆ Used approved non-discriminatory statement on appropriate correspondence.
- ◆ Projects can and do benefit minorities and women.

The Council now has the following membership

White Women	16
Black Women	2
Black Males	1
American Indian (Male)	1
American Indian (Female)	2
White Males	22
Businesses	2

Services/Business of the Council



Native Grass Seeder: No till planter for land users through US Fish and Wildlife.

Canoe Outfitter: Offering guided educational canoe outing or self guided canoe rental.



Provide Field Trips for students/teachers, professionals and civic groups.

40 Years of RC&D

Past Chairs

1974	James M. Newby	Limestone
1976	J.L. Patterson	Marshall
1977-1979	Robert Harbison	Cullman
1980	Porter Gilliland	Morgan
1981-83	James Long	Madison
1984-85	J. M. Sibley	Lawrence
1986-88	Houston Kennamer	Jackson
1989-90	Edwin Carter	Cullman
1991-96	Robert Harbison	Cullman
1997-02	John Jacobs	Jackson
2002-06	Ted Parker	Marshall
2006-08	John Eason	Dekalb
2009-14	Bill Latimer	Limestone

Pilotable Moments

1973	Application to USDA for Authorization
1974	Authorization and first Board Formed
1974	First USDA Coordinator Jack Harper
1974-92	Federal Financial Assistance
1989	Second USDA Coordinator Mike Roden
1990	Became 501-(c) (3) Non-Profit
1990	Tennessee Valley RC&D writes and receives first grant
1992	Federal Financial Funds Eliminated
1992-2011	Councils Recognized and Embraces Non-Profit Business
1994	State Association formed
1998	Cosby Company Hired
1999	Received first appropriation from the State
2004	Name changed
2008	WaterWorks is born
2011	Federal Program is Eliminated
2011	Mike Roden is Hired as First Executive Director

2014 AMRV RC&D Council Projects

Cullman County

Compete to Complete

Awarded: \$6,000

Total Project Value: \$30,000

After moving the baseball field at Good Hope High School in 2007 the field was never completed. Drainage issues made it impossible to host playoff games and tournaments. These issues were addressed. This was done by eliminating the lower areas in the field, adding sod, and a drainage system.

Pond at Clarkson Covered Bridge

Awarded: \$25,000

Total Project Value: \$25,000

The depth of the pond at Clarkson Covered Bridge had been lowered by sediment buildup. The Cullman County Commission used the grant to dredge the pond to a depth that can support the ecosystem. This will positively affect the wildlife and visitors to the pond.



Environmental Education



Awarded: \$4,500

Total Project Value: \$15,800

The Cullman County SWCD used the funds to conduct environmental educational programs related to natural resources and agriculture. These programs include Teachers Workshops, Earthday, FAWN, and programs in area schools.

Dekalb County



Schoolyard Habitat Program

Awarded: \$2,500

Total Project Value: \$2,500

One World Adventure Company and seventh grade students from Fort Payne Middle School used the funds to create wildlife habitats at the middle school. These habitats were used to educate students about water conservation and other environmental concepts.

Rescue Equipment

Awarded: \$3,700

Total Project Value: \$Invaluable when used to save a life.

Fischer Rescue Squad, Inc. purchased new rescue equipment using the funds provided. This equipment will help the squad conduct rescues in swift water and high/low angles. The equipment purchased will be used throughout the county and the areas nearby.



Imagination Library

Awarded: \$2,056.53

Total Project Value: \$2,556.53

Through the Dollywood Foundation the City of Rainsville used these funds to purchase books to combat illiteracy in children. Books are provided monthly at no cost for children ages birth to five years old.

Water Quality Education

Awarded: \$2,000

Total Project Value: \$8,260

The Alabama Clean Water Partnership conducted educational programs using these funds. Programs like the Little River Canyon Wonders of Watersheds Festival, the Small Farm Rain Catch project, and rain barrel workshops. The purpose of these programs was to educate the public about watersheds and water quality.

Jackson County

Bob Jones Community Center

Awarded: \$4,500

Total Project Value: \$4,500

Woodville Parks and Recreation used these funds to restore the historic Bob Jones Community Center. The bricks of the building required sealing and painting due to deterioration.





Community Garden

Awarded: \$1,500

Total Project Value: \$2,132

A Water Wheel Planter was installed to the community garden at Section High School. This Wheel reduced the amount of labor, allow for more planting, reducing waste during fertilization and watering. The produce is distributed throughout the community at no cost to recipients. Awarded: \$1,500 Total Project Value: \$2,132



Career Expo

Awarded: \$4,500

Total Project Value: \$13,000

A career fair for High School students was held. The Expo created awareness of career options for the students. The "Choices" program, an interactive decision making workshop, was presented to the students.

Lawrence County

Wildlands Fire Equipment

Awarded: \$2,280

Total Project Value: \$2,280

The funds were used by the Hatton Fire Department to buy the equipment needed to extinguish wildland fires. This equipment enables the fire department to fight fires in areas that fire trucks cannot go.





North Courtland Community Park

Awarded: \$2,600

Total Project Value: \$5,000

The city of North Courtland used these funds to buy equipment for the community park. The park is in the beginning stages and these features will add appeal to the new park. The equipment includes a pavilion, picnic table, and basketball goals.

Community Wellness

Awarded: \$4,500

Total Project Value: \$4,500

The town of Hillsboro needed exercise equipment for the community park. New equipment was provided and were installed in the park. Healthy lifestyle classes were held and citizens were encouraged to use the exercise equipment.



Wildlife Education Enhancement

Awarded: \$2,000

Total Project Value: \$2,000

ACES: Urban Affairs and New & Nontraditional Programs wanted to establish an educational program entitled “Urban Wildlife 101”. This unique program educated participants on the basics of wildlife, such as habitat and biology.

Limestone County

Smith Hollow Road Water Line

Awarded: \$10,000

Total Project Value: \$62,582

The residents in the Smith Hollow area no longer have access to their spring due to property rights. The water line was extended by almost 3,500 feet. This project ensures that all residents in the area have access to safe drinking water.



Cardboard Collection

Awarded: \$2,000

Total Project Value: \$5,000

Cardboard recycling collection areas were added to all county schools for more convenient recycling. This will increase the amount of cardboard going to a recycling center.

Water Festival

Awarded: \$2,000

Total Project Value: \$13,861

This festival was held by the Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority to educate fourth graders in the county on water conservation and what they can do to help. The students learned about groundwater and non-point source pollution.



Good Springs Senior Center Awarded: \$14,000 Total Project Value: \$21,876.77



This project created a safe environment for the seniors gathering at the senior center. The wheel chair ramp was not compliant with ADA standards and there was not a cover over the front

entrance.



Madison County

Changing Face of Agriculture

Awarded: \$2,000



Total Project Value: \$4,400

The Madison County SWCD hosted this farm tour for educators and local legislators. The objective was to tour farms in the area and learn about the \$1.8B dollar industry.

Court House Security Awarded: \$10,000 Total Project Value: \$29,220

A new X-ray machine was bought by the Madison County Commission with the help of these funds. The old X-ray was outdated and did not provide enough security. The new scanner will help the courthouse stop prohibited items from entering the courthouse.

Sparkman High School Biosphere

Awarded: \$2,250

Total Project Value: \$20,000

These funds were used to add to the existing outdoor classroom. An observation pier, compost stations, and bog garden were all completed this year. The students played a huge part in the construction process. Several of the projects were completed by Eagle Scouts.

Water Festival

The purpose of the Madison County Drinking Water Festival is to educate the 4th grade children of the community about clean water and drinking water. Those who attended left the festival more knowledgeable about drinking water sources and will carry that knowledge for the rest of their lives. Awarded: \$2,000. Total Project Value: \$22,650

Raised Bed Gardening



Awarded: \$2,000

Total Project Value: \$2,000

The funds provided to CASA aided in the addition of nine new raised beds for gardening. The Community Garden for the Elderly and Housebound uses the raised beds to grow fresh produce for low income seniors. The new raised beds will allow for better soil quality and lengthen the growing season.

Tuesday Farmers Market Awarded: \$1,500 Total Project Value: \$1,500

The Tuesday Farmers Market in Meridianville received these funds to assist with marketing opportunities. The efforts helped growers reach a wider market and sell more of their produce. This also is a huge benefit to consumers who received the opportunity to buy fresh food.

Urban Farm

Awarded: \$2,250

Total Project Value: \$7,000



Lincoln Academy located in Lincoln Village created a teaching garden for students and the community. A rain catch system and composting bin was installed along with raised beds and a drip irrigation system. The students work the garden with the proceeds going to the community.

Marshall County

Museum Repair Awarded: \$6,000 Total Project Value: \$6,000

Repairs were made to the building housing the tribal museum of the United Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation's. After tornado damage to the building and the roof.

Lola Boyd Wildlife Area Maintenance

Awarded: \$4,500

Total Project Value: \$4,500

These funds were used by the Lola Boyd Center for Environmental Education to help with the operation of the facility. Maintenance and utilities were paid for and a maintenance worker was brought in to maintain the education areas.

Morgan County

Founders Plaza Enhancement



Awarded: \$30,000

Total Project Value: \$100,000

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Decatur used the funds to add additional seating and green spaces to Founders Plaza. The area backs up to the soon to be completed amphitheater.

Outdoor Education Program



Awarded: \$601.53

Total Project Value: \$601.53

This education program was held for Cedar Ridge Middle School children. Participants got the chance to learn new skills and gain knowledge of the outdoors while participating in outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, rock climbing and camping. Knot tying, navigation, and minor first aid were some of the skills taught.

Kids Farm Tour

Awarded: \$1,820

Total Project Value: \$ 1,820

This tour was hosted by the Morgan County SWCD to let children of the area learn about farms. On this one day tour they saw different types of local farms and learned about their local agricultural community including where there food comes from.



Swift Water and Flood Rescue

Awarded: \$3,250.

Total Project Value: \$4,500



The Morgan County Rescue Squad needed a more effective way to conduct swift water rescues. They purchased a Rapid Deployment Craft for the use in swift water rescue.



Earth Park

Awarded: \$2,732.83

Total Project Value: \$3,500

Earth Park was established to show the importance of storm water management in urban settings but the park was in need of repairs. Repairs to structures in the park were made and educational signs were replaced.

Area Wide

Hoop House

Awarded: \$5,000

Total Project Value: \$5,000

AMRV RC&D participated in a State wide initiative to install a hoop house in each RC&D area. Hoop houses were constructed at Tanner High School in Limestone County and at Brindlee Mountain High School in Marshall County. These house are used in Agriscience education programs. They allow for extended growing seasons of vegetable crops.

New Land Access and Improvements

Awarded: \$20,303

Total Project Value: \$70,303

Hartselle Utilities donated additional adjoining acreage to AMRV RC&D. The funds were used to clear land, installing fencing and gates to create a new entrance. This will ensure that groups coming to WaterWorks will have a much safer entrance and exit from the facility.

Board Staff Training



Awarded: \$10,000

Total Project Value: \$10,000

This training was meant to educate board members of non-profits on various subjects related to their organizations. This training was used by RC&D groups at state, regional and national levels. The educational programs focused on problems the groups face and the different opportunities open to them.

Increasing Outreach Capacity via Interns and VISTA

Awarded: \$1,500

Total Project Value: \$3,000

Research and grant writing were identified as two of the largest needs many non-profits have. In conjunction with North AL Agriplex interns have been secured through the VISTA program to help in these much needed areas.

Wheeler Explorers Education Liability**Awarded: \$3,000****Total Project Value: \$13,000**

Liability insurance coverage was provided to protect the Wheeler Explorers program. The program is a water quality education program that educates on the basics of water management in canoes and kayaks.

Increasing Outreach Capacity**Awarded: \$10,000****Total Project Value: \$14,000**

These funds went towards transportation for RC&D projects. A 2010 Ford Explorer was bought so that employees didn't have to drive their own cars. This allowed for more reliable transit to projects being conducted in schools or farms.

Little Hands Big Heart



Awarded: \$2,500

**Total Project Value:
\$26,537.50**

This intergenerational project impacted the lives of not only the recipients of the quilts but also the children involved in

making them. Life lessons on caring for people was the underlying core value taught through this project. Children created the squares, women of the community sewed these together and made them into lap-quilts. These quilts went to people who face different hardships and are in need of a comforting gesture from the community.



Landscaping at Jack Allen Recreation Complex

Awarded: \$15,000

Total Project Value: \$28,164

The Parks and Recreations Department of the City of Decatur was unable to complete landscape after building their new Recreation Complex. The funds were needed to complete the landscaping which would make the complex more appealing to visitors.

Wheeler Wildlife Refuge

Awarded: \$2,675

Total Project Value: \$5,730.37

The Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge celebrated their 75th Anniversary. The funds provided free educational programs for the public during the event.



2015 Proposed Budget

Income		Expenses	
Donations & dues	\$26,000.00	Total Salaries	\$144,000.00
Corporate Sponsorship	\$5,000.00	Supplies	\$3,000.00
Rent payment	\$5,000.00	Telephone (Sprint, Bell South, Verizon)	\$4,000.00
Rental (Native Grass Seeder)	\$300.00	Travel*	\$2,000.00
CWP Jay	\$22,500.00	Postage	\$750.00
AARC&D Projects	\$174,265.00	Printing	\$1,000.00
Education Funds	\$85,515.00	Insurance	\$12,000.00
Carryover Canopy Funds	\$42,000.00	Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Community Deve Grants	\$150,000.00	Wheeler Explorers	\$1,000.00
WaterWorks Income	\$5,000.00	Utilities & Water WaterWorks	\$3,500.00
Other Grants	\$20,000.00	Property Taxes / Titles/ Licenses	\$400.00
Rain Barrel Workshops	\$500.00	Accounting - Audit	\$3,500.00
Canoes	\$1,500.00	Dues/quickbooks	\$1,000.00
CIG	\$33,000.00	CIG	\$24,000.00
Outreach NRCS	\$25,000.00	Outreach Expenses	\$2,000.00
Solar Income	\$2,000.00	AARC&D General	\$111,985.00
Equipment Sales	\$2,000.00	AARC&D Education	\$68,412.00
		NRCS Outreach Contracting	\$2,000.00
		web hosting	\$1,000.00
		AARC&D Reimbursement	\$5,000.00
		Non state grant expenses	\$15,000
		Tree Canopy Expenses	\$42,000
		Com Dev Expenses	\$150,000
	\$600,580		\$598,547

AMRV RC&D FY 2015 Annual Plan of Work

The Council's Annual Plan of Work is developed as an operational and management tool based upon the 2012-2017 Area Plan.

Statement of Vision and Mission

The Mission of the Alabama's Mountains, Rivers and Valleys (AMRV) Resource and Conservation and Development Council is to improve the quality of life of the residents in its area by the reasonable and responsible protection and development of the natural and human resources of the Tennessee Valley.

- To develop the natural and human resources of the area to meet the economic and social needs of its people
- To assist rural areas and small towns in obtaining adequate housing and adequate water and sanitary systems.
- To develop public recreational projects, programs, and facilities.
- To preserve, develop and maintain game and fish habitat
- To improve forest management
- To implement conservation programs, projects, and policies that reduce flooding, pollution and soil erosion.
- To establish and improve industries that process and market products from natural resources.
- To increase income from agricultural lands by improved cropping methods and livestock enterprises.

These eight goals outlined in 1973 are still viable. Much progress has been made over the last forty years. As the needs and the challenges evolve RC&D is ready to act. Much progress is yet to be made.

"All programs and assistance of the RC&D Council are available without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status."

AMRV RC&D 2015 POW

Name	Award	Contact	County	Project Description
Little Hands Big Heart	\$ 4,292.00	Dr. Dorothy Brandon	Area Wide	A community project, children provide textile art that is transformed into a quilt by a group of ladies. The quilts are then distributed to those in need.
Small Farm 101	\$ 2,000.00	Robert Spencer	Area Wide	Conduct day programs educating new farmers on BMP's.
Area Wide Teacher Workshop	\$ 12,500.00	Renona Seibert	Area Wide	To educate area teachers on water quality issues
Environmental Education	\$ 6,000.00	Deb Widner	Cullman	Assist with the costs of environmental education programs like FAWN, Earthday and water festival.
A Fruit and Veggie Production	\$ 2,900.00	Dan Groghan	Dekalb	Encourage healthy eating habits, bring awareness to the simplicity of gardening.
Purchase "Ironworker"	\$ 3,100.00	Joey Haymon	Dekalb	By purchasing the Ironworker the students will be able to better perform metal fabrication at an advanced level.
Sustainable Ag Curricula	\$ 2,000.00	Michael Muratet	Jackson	Construct greenhouses for Ag department.
Interactive Water Garden	\$ 2,000.00	Scott Bynum	Jackson	Create an outdoor learning space around a water garden.
Wisconsin Fast Plants	\$ 2,000.00	Shannon McClain	Jackson	Students will study genetics using plants.
Clicker Technology	\$ 2,500.00	Marcus Garner	Lawrence	Purchase two sets of Quizdom to be used in teaching.
Life Enhancement	\$ 3,500.00	Thomas Davis	Lawrence	Classes for individuals struggling with effects of poverty and self destructive life styles.
KY Farm Tour for FFA	\$ 5,000.00	Ben Maples	Limestone	Assist FFA members to KY touring different farms.
Water Festival	\$ 2,000.00	Anne Burkett	Madison	Facilitate a water festival education the community about the drinking water resources of Madison County.
Urban Youth Farm Day	\$ 2,000.00	Sylvia Oakes	Madison	A one day hands-on farm event teaching where our food comes from.
Changing Face of Agriculture	\$ 2,000.00	Kathy Walker	Madison	A farm tour showing how urban sprawl has affected farmland. Also showing diversity in crops, farm size and the influence of modern technology.
FFA Livestock Program	\$ 6,000.00	Gary Aycock	Marshall	Purchase panels that can be set up at livestock events.

AMRV RC&D 2015 POW

Name	Award	Contact	County	Project Description
Classroom w/o Walls	\$ 2,000.00	Amanda Casey	Morgan	Expand the existing outdoor classroom.
4-H County Roundup	\$ 2,000.00	Sharon Fisher	Morgan	Assist with 4H programs throughout the county.
Landscape/Greenhouse Improvement	\$ 2,000.00	Bob Brechtel	Morgan	Improve school grounds while teaching horticulture.
Small Farmers Rainwater Collection	\$ 17,000.00	Renona Seibert	Area Wide	Assist small farmers to save money and to facilitate organically grown certifications.
Property Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	Renona Seibert	Area Wide	Assist with the upkeep, maintenance and improvements to the Education Center and the Wildlife education area.
Tree Canopy	\$ 10,000.00	Jay Grantland	Area Wide	Provide a tree canopy education & adventure learning opportunity in trees.
Board Staff Training	\$ 6,000.00	Renona Seibert	Area Wide	To educate staff and Board members on Non-Profit issues and opportunities.
American Indian Resources	\$ 3,000.00	Gina Willaimson	Area Wide	Assist with the development of website marketing of herbs.
Farm Food Collaborative	\$ 4,000.00	Kathryn Strickland	Area Wide	Assist with liability insurance covering the sales of local food.
Environmental Education	\$ 1,100.00	Deb Widner	Cullman	Assist with the costs of environmental education programs like FAWN, Earthday and water festival.
Logan Community Center Development	\$ 2,750.00	Mary Paden	Cullman	Pave entrance into building to make it ADA compliant.
Outdoor Classroom Extension	\$ 2,250.00	Audrey Parker	Cullman	Add stations to existing outdoor classroom.
Food for Life	\$ 2,000.00	Rachel Dawsey	Cullman	Using VISTA workers create a food redistribution network to increase gleanings of crops, small farmer support and marketing.
Rain Barrells at riding center	\$ 900.00	Rhonda Riley	Cullman	Capture the rainwater from the facility.
Purchase "Ironworker"	\$ 4,000.00	Joey Haymon	Dekalb	By purchasing the Ironworker the students will be able to better perform metal fabrication at an advanced level.
Splash Pad	\$ 5,000.00	Caraly Anne Forema	Dekalb	To install recreational opportunity for children.
Woodville Park Update	2232.00	Carolyn Terry	Jackson	Seal and paint the exterior of the community center.

AMRV RC&D 2015 POW

Name	Award	Contact	County	Project Description
Tunnel House	\$ 4,981.00	John Wilson	Limestone	Construct a tunnel house to enhance the educational opportunities.
Research Library	\$ 3,268.00	Cindy Rice	Jackson	Replace windows in "Rock Store" securing the building.
Improving Energy Efficiency	\$ 3,500.00	Karen Chambers	Jackson	Replace lights and windows making the building energy efficient.
Speake Community Greenhouse	\$ 3,000.00	Tina Blankenship	Lawrence	Construct a greenhouse promoting educational opportunities for the citizens of the community.
Park Improvements	\$ 6,000.00	Scottie Bolden	Lawrence	Add park benches and recreation areas to existing park.
Campus Garden	\$ 4,600.00	Russ Gant	Limestone	Construct a garden area teaching fruit and vegetable production.
CASA Community Garden	\$ 2,000.00	Ann Anderson	Madison	Implement an Integrated Pest Management approach to the garden.
Multi Use Covered Pavilion	\$ 3,000.00	David McCollum	Marshall	Construct an outdoor pavilion for use by the community as well as the school for an outdoor classroom.
Community Teaching Garden	\$ 3,000.00	Casey Smith	Marshall	With the help of the community, build a teaching garden to teach the students how to feed themselves.
Raised Bed Gardening	\$ 2,000.00	Eddie Wheeler	Marshall	Workshops teaching how to grow in raised beds.
The R.O.C.	\$ 4,000.00	Nathan Holmes	Morgan	To construct an outdoor classroom
Softball Field enhancements	\$ 2,500.00	Sam Brown	Morgan	Renovate infield bringing playing surface up to safer standards.
Softball Dugout	\$ 2,500.00	Shane Griffith	Morgan	Build new dugouts for softball field.
Rhodes Ferry Park Pavilion	\$30,000.00	Jeff Dunlap	Morgan	Renovate existing pavillion bringing it up to code
Agriplex Food for Life	\$10,000.00	Rachel Dawsey	Cullman	A program to promote healthy food access and supplement science education in the Cullman area.
North Courtland Road Project	\$12,000.00	Della Taylor	Lawrence	Resurface and repair roadways.
Playground for Pre-K	\$9,869.00	Susan Hayes	Morgan	Equip existing school with playground equipment for pre k students.
Special Needs Accessible Playground	\$ 15,000.00	Bob Francis	Area Wide	Assist with the completion of the ADA accessible playground.
Hillsboro Road Project	\$ 12,500.00	Charles Owens	Lawrence	Resurface and repair roadways.
Good Hope High Baseball	\$ 15,000.00	Sue Craig	Cullman	Assist with the renovations to the facility

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Good Hope High Baseball	\$ 6,000.00	Sue Craig	Cullman	Assist with the drainage and construction of baseball field.	
Museum Floor Repair	\$ 7,500.00	Robert Rebman	Lawrence	Replace deteriorated flooring and mitigate termite damage.	
Museum Display Equipment	\$ 4,500.00	Robert Rebman	Lawrence	Purchase additional display cabinets and bookcases.	
Dive Operation Equipment	\$ 3,860.00	Tony Weikert	Morgan	Obtain four sets of communication gear for divers.	

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