



# TIMBERLAND RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEM EDUCATION STATION



Alabama's Mountains, Rivers and Valleys RC&D

2015 Annual Report and 2016 Plan of Work

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**FY 2015 Annual Report  
And  
FY 2016 Annual Plan of Work**

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## Alabama RC&D Areas

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## Comments from our Chairman

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Once again it is my privilege of reporting to all interested parties of the year AMRV has just completed. 2015, as usual has been very interesting to say the least. Once again we have completed a whole host of projects, I'm sure to the delight of the respective communities. It would be very nice if we had the funding to do more than just get by on some of the projects and to be able to fund every project submitted. But limited funding spurs the thought process and folks found a way to complete excellent projects!

Seems like we are always having to beg to legislators to remember us at budget time. Fortunately we have staff that are continually looking for other sources of funding. Fortunately they are quite successful in this regard. Now we must continue the process for another year. Our future will be somewhat different, with the IRS getting more involved in non-profit board processes, but we will be ready when the time comes,

Our council members are to be commended for all the great projects you continue to bring to the table. Seems as though more people are hearing about RC&D and are recognizing our value when we help them with problems and opportunities in their community.

We are getting more children involved with the outdoors with projects like the tree canopy and canoeing on the Flint Creek.... opportunities for kids and adults, as well to enjoy. We will get more involved in this field as opportunities present themselves. We are always in the market for suggestions.

This report wouldn't be complete without expressing our gratitude to the AMRV staff for keeping all the book work in order and their attitude of constant improvement/learning while getting all our work done. They also do an excellent job keeping the AMRV board informed as to what's going on. Renona, Mike and Jay are without a doubt the best in the business at the work they do and we are very fortunate to have them. You can tell they love their work by our successes. We are fortunate they haven't been stolen away from us by the lure of more money.

I am convinced 2016 will be a better year than this one. We all need to tell our elected officials of the good work they do and ask for their support as we go forward.

I hope I can report we will have a lot more money a year from now. Until then let's be proud of who we are.....

Regards,

Bill

## 2015 Year in Review      Mike Roden, Executive Director

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This time last year we were celebrating 40 years of helping the people, communities and the natural resources of North Alabama. It was a truly an enjoyable experience of honoring the past and current leaders and researching and re-living some of the great accomplishment of RC&D in the Tennessee Valley Region! The new year brought even more opportunities for service in our region. We began the Small Farmers Rainwater Collection demonstrations on farms. Great potential to help small farmers and the environment! We continued our partnership with Alabama A&M Extension System to deliver on-farm and in the classroom farming educational programs. We completed the Tree Canopy Learning station at the WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education. ..Great Addition!

Many thanks to our volunteer governing Board and Chairman Bill Latimer. As State RC&D Executive Director I work with all nine RC&D Council Boards. The leaders of the other Councils use many of the policies of AMRV-RC&D and look to our Board leadership as the model of how to do RC&D right! Proud of y'all! As for our staff Jay and Renona, we are so fortunate to have dedicated and hard-working people that go above and beyond what is required! This year we also started our VISTA program which provides us the services of Josh Loveless. It is good to have a young, bright mind helping us, especially with technical issues. Thanks Josh. Our Senior Aid Cecil Ratliff is in charge of doing all the day to day maintenance of our office headquarters and grounds. Thanks to Cecil for his efforts to keep our place looking nice! Our Soil and Water Conservation Council Members continue to exceed our expectations by bringing meaningful natural resource based projects that help our kids and the natural world! Our County Commission Members provide support and projects that enable us to help communities to be better places to live, work and play! Many thanks for the support and leadership!

This year I was privileged to see our ninety year old Board Member...Jerrel Smalley... graduate from Arab High School! Jerrel's leadership over the years has been outstanding! Jerrel always demonstrated wisdom, dedication and persistence and he has truly been a role model for countless people. This year Jerrel is retiring from the RC&D Board. Many thanks to Jerrel for his dedication, spirit and most of all his friendship. We will miss him on the Board!

2016 promises to be a year when we stretch ourselves even further. We will start the RC&D Youth Corp program designed to get kids outside to learn and to challenge them in the natural world. We hope to develop the leaders of tomorrow using canoes, trees, swamps and all of the great outdoors to help them excel as they go forward and to help them to be the leaders of tomorrow! We look forward to seeing all the adopted 2016 projects on the ground!

As for me I am excited about the opportunity and privilege to work for RC&D. What our RC&D team does across north Alabama makes me proud! Thank you all from the bottom of my heart! God bless you All!

Mike Roden  
Executive Director AMRV-RC&D

## AMRV RC&D Council 2015 Officers and Staff

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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
VISTA	Josh Loveless

## 2015 Council Members & Technical Advisors

<b>Madison</b>
Phyllis Seymore
Roger Jones
Rahonda Everett
Nell Long
Karen Jones
Peggy Long
Ann Anderson
Albert Butler
Kathy Walker
Blake Garner (Tech)
<b>Jackson</b>
Billy Stephenson
Laurie Gibson
Jim Frost (Tech)
<b>Limestone</b>
Ben Harrison
Brenda Wigginton
Jack Gilbert
Joyce Lane (Tech)
<b>Lawrence</b>
Allen Pickens
Henrietta Taylor
Kathy Gotcher (Tech)

<b>Morgan</b>
Jeff Clark
Brad Bole
Doug Wigginton
Foy Kirkland (Tech)
<b>DeKalb</b>
John Eason
Stanley McClendon
Cecil Gant
Vickie Goggans
Billy Twilley
Deanna Wilks
DeWayne Hulgán
Melissa Ledbetter
Jerry Wisener (Tech)
<b>Cullman</b>
Robert Harbison
Melba Federer
Cherrie Haney
Tammy Roden
Deborah Widner
Sammie Danford
Edwin Carter
Tim Compton
Charles Hollis
Travis Kress
Johnny Grantham

<b>Marshall</b>
Stanley Sumners
Jerrel Smalley
Donald Smith
Jennifer Childers
Shawn Manning (Tech)
<b>Businesses</b>
TARCOG
ALFA
<b>Area Wide Board Members</b>
Brian Brown
Scottie Bolden
Janetta Thompson
Roger White
Bill Latimer
Rahonda Everett



## Equal Opportunity & Civil Rights

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The Alabama's Mountains, Rivers and Valleys RC& D Council made a special effort in 2015 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

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

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



Design and install rain catch systems on small farms.

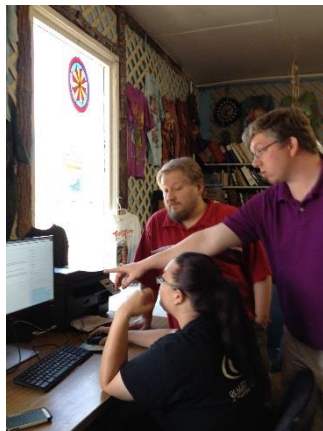
Canoe Outfitter: Offering guided educational canoe outing or self-guided canoe rental.



# 2015 AMRV RC&D Projects

## Area –Wide

**Small Farmers Rainwater Collection:** Rain catch systems were designed and installed in each of the eight counties in the AMRV RC&D area. The purpose of these systems is to educate small farmers about money savings alternatives and to facilitate organically grown certifications.



**American Indian Resources:** The UCAN have been working on being sustainable for many years. This project was another piece of that puzzle. They purchased software and the services of a consultant to help with internet marketing and to help them get their herb store started online and as a walk in business.

**Farm Food Collaborative:** Selling locally grown food to schools, grocers, and distributors is one of the focus priorities of the Food Bank of North Alabama. One of the main challenges is securing liability insurance. This grant allowed the Food Bank to purchase the insurance which in turn facilitated 454 transactions among 15 farmers and buyers for sales of \$195,011.00.

**Little Hands Big Heart:** In Limestone and Madison Counties this was an intergenerational community project where children provide textile art that is transformed into quilts by a group of ladies. The quilts were distributed to those in the community who were experiencing health issues.



**Small Farm 101:** Conducted programs educating new farmers on best management practices regarding natural resources and production of vegetables and fruits, small ruminants, poultry and beef cattle.



**Environmental Education Workshops:** Workshops were held to teach the teachers about our environmental responsibility. Showcasing different ways to engage the students in outdoor activities.

**Property Maintenance:** Assist with the upkeep, maintenance and improvements to the WaterWorks Education Center and the Wildlife education area.

**Tree Canopy:** Provide the finishing touches for the Forestry Education canopy project. Assisting with the bridge, safety equipment, educational materials and supplies.



**Board Staff Training:** As changes are always happening it is prudent to keep our Board members apprised of their roles and responsibilities. Non-profit training was held at several different venues throughout the year.

## Cullman County



**Environmental Education:** Cullman County SWCD conducted education programs in the county school system. They taught about agriculture and our environment. Several programs were held such as FAWN, Earthday and the Drinking Water Festival that benefited from the grant.

**Logan Rural Volunteer Fire Department:** The fire department had two tanker trucks with malfunctioning pumps. Essentially they were out of service with no funds to make the repairs leaving the community at risk. This grant allowed for the immediate repair of one truck.



**Outdoor Classroom Extension:** West Point Elementary School added new stations to existing outdoor classroom. New signs were added along with a turtle habitat, a weather station and raised flower beds.

**Food for Life:** VISTA workers created a food redistribution network to increase gleaning of crops and promotion of fresh local foods. Classes were taught at the Agriplex Center on marketing, preparing and storing fresh foods.

**Rain Barrels at riding center:** A raincatch system was installed to capture the rainwater from the facility. The water is used to water down the arena as well as landscaping saving the facility much needed funds.

## Dekalb County



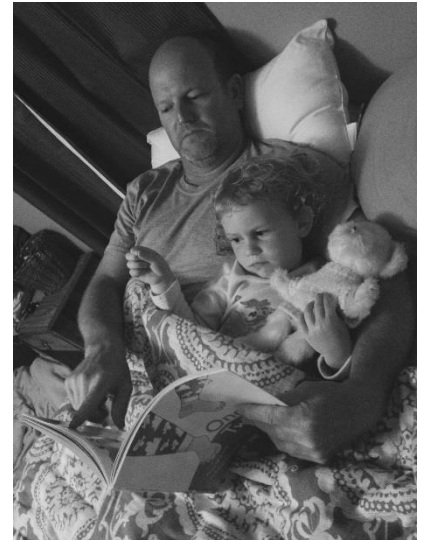
**A Fruit and Veggie Production:** Fort Payne High School students learned how to start a container garden in their greenhouse. In the Fall broccoli was grown. Potatoes were harvested in the Spring. The students then prepared broccoli soup and potato soup and served meals to about 245 guests at a local soup kitchen. Over 900 pounds of potatoes were harvested and donated to those in need throughout the community.





**Purchase "Ironworker":** Sylvania High School was able to purchase this piece of equipment for the Agriscience department. It is the same type of equipment found in industrial welding shops. It provided for a safer work zone for the students while teaching them how to properly use the iron worker.

**Imagination Library:** City of Rainsville was able to continue the Dollywood Imagination Library. Books are mailed to homes for the children.



## Jackson County



**Interactive Water Garden:** North Sand Mountain High School created an outdoor learning space around a water garden. A great example of another way to get the students learning about ecosystems and how they are an integral part of our world.

**Sustainable Ag Curricula:** As the practice and business of agriculture changes it is imperative to keep the students on the cutting edge. Paint Rock Valley High School took advantage of the grant to purchase a greenhouse and developed complementary curricula.

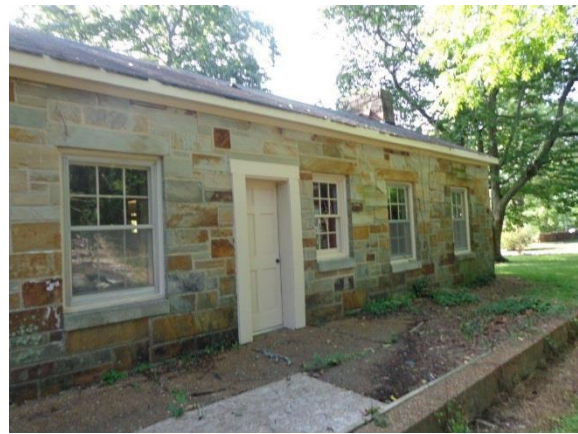
**Wisconsin Fast Plants:** These plants grow fast! This enabled the students of Bridgeport Middle School to do many different types of studies.....life cycles, disease, genetics.....etc.



**Woodville Park Update:** The park furnishings had weathered over time leaving them in need of repair and fresh paint. With the help of local volunteers additional lighting was added and the park received a fresh coat of paint.

**Improving Energy Efficiency:** Woodville Library replaced lights and windows making the building energy efficient reducing cost in the utility bills. Also the patrons are more comfortable with better lighting.

**Research Library:** Skyline Farms Heritage Rock Store/Museum is in the “hub” of Skyline Mountain. The historic building was in great need of energy retrofits to make it useable as a research library in the near future.



## Lawrence County

**Speake Community Greenhouse:** The construction of this greenhouse has changed the dynamics of “how we do school.” One of the many great positives has been the building of positive intergenerational relationships through cooperative learning between the seniors and students of the Speak community.

**Clicker Technology:** Learning methods are changing. Keeping the students attention is key to learning. Quizdom audience response systems are a great way to do that.



**Life Enhancement:** Classes for individuals struggling with effects of poverty and self-destructive life styles were held in this Lawrence County community. Leadership skills, assistance with job searching, healthy life styles were some of the topics taught throughout the year.

**Park Improvements:** Citizens of Hillsboro have been working on their existing park for several years. This grant enabled them to add recreation areas to existing park.

**Town of Hillsboro Roads:** Due to the harsh winter weather conditions the roads in the area were very much in need of repair. These funds were used to dredge and expand ditches and to resurface the roads.

**Area I DAC Training:** Assisted with training materials for the DAC's.

**Seventh Grade Life Sciences:** Updated the Science classroom with new tables, chairs, microscopes and an interactive projector.



## Limestone County

**Teaching Animal Science:** West Limestone High School took advantage of the opportunity to expand the Agriscience curriculum to Livestock Production. This grant offered the opportunity to purchase supplies for a cattle catch pen.

**Tunnel House:** East Limestone High School FFA expanded an existing program through the building of a tunnel house. The agribusiness students were able to grow and market a crop of plants, fish and other marketable commodities.





**KY Farm Tour for FFA:** Students in Limestone County FFA took a trip to KY touring different farms and attended the North American Livestock Expo.

## Madison County

**Water Festival:** The annual Madison County Water Festival is a highlight of fourth graders each year. The purpose is to educate the students about surface and groundwater through enlightening hands-on activities. The grant assisted with the transportation cost for the festival.

**Environmental Education Teacher Workshop:** Madison County SWCD sponsors a week long Teacher Workshop. This annually anticipated event was once again a huge success. Teachers from across north Alabama and TN participated. Items for teacher kits to be used in environmental education were purchased with the funds.

**Sharon Johnston Park Campground:** A park in NE Madison County is going through growing pains. There is a higher demand in peak season for camp sites than were available. This grant assisted with the addition of eight camp sites to the campground.



**CASA Community Garden:** This perennial successful garden needed a new approach to pest management. The funds helped to purchase supplies to implement an Integrated Pest Management approach to the garden. In 2015 over 11,000 pounds of fresh vegetables were delivered to elderly and home bound clients.

**CASA Ramps:** CASA provides wheelchair ramps to individuals of all ages throughout Madison County. This allows clients to safely and independently remain in their own homes. In 2015 CASA volunteers built 111 ramps for wheelchair bound neighbors.

**Moore's Mill VFD:** The VFD was able to have EMT training classes for 20 volunteers.



**Tuesday Farmers Market:** This market in the small community of Meridianville used the funds to assist with marketing the Farmers Market.

## Marshall County



**Raised Bed Gardening:** Workshops teaching best management practices and new ideas on how to grow in raised beds were held across Marshall County.

**FFA Livestock Program:** Albertville FFA purchased mobile livestock pens for use at different locations. This allowed the students to set up at the County Fair, Farm Day at local elementary schools and other events.





**Multi Use Covered Pavilion:** Like many other communities the school is the “hub.” Union Grove Elementary School serves as the hub for their community. A pavilion was built to be used as an outdoor classroom, community activity center. A public garden was started next to the pavilion. The students assisted with the garden giving the produce to the needy citizens of the community.

## Morgan County



**Classroom w/o Walls:** West Morgan Elementary School added gardens to the existing outdoor classroom. A handicap accessible walkway was added to the gardens. The students along with volunteers did the majority of the work.

**Landscape/Greenhouse Improvement:** Sparkman Junior High School took advantage of the opportunity to improve school grounds while teaching horticulture. The students planned and planted annuals in the greenhouse and later moved them into the beds they had prepared. Improving the looks of the school grounds. The students felt great pride in the finished product.



**The R.O.C.:** The Researchable Outdoor Classroom at Leon Sheffield Elementary School came to life with the construction of an outdoor classroom. The students were heavily involved in planning and constructing the gardens.

**Softball Field enhancements:** West Morgan High School was able to renovate the softball infield bringing the playing surface up to safer standards.

**Softball Dugout:** Danville High School built new dugouts for softball field.

**4-H County Roundup:** Morgan County 4H sponsors several activities for students throughout the year. These funds assisted with the annual 4H Roundup and the Robotics Program.



**Special Needs Accessible Playground:** Assist with the construction of the final phase of an ADA accessible playground. With over 2500 special needs children in the county this all-inclusive park accommodate all children.

**Barkley Bridge Playground:** The school was selected to host a pre-k program. The existing playground was not adequate for the younger children.



## 2016 Proposed Budget

Income		Expenses	
Donations & dues	\$ 26,000.00	Total Salaries	\$ 144,000.00
		Supplies & repairs	\$ 2,000.00
		Travel,	\$ 1,000.00
		Property Taxes / Titles/ Licenses	\$ 400.00
		Dues/quickbooks	\$ 1,000.00
		web hosting	\$ 1,000.00
		printing	\$ 1,000.00
AARCD Audit Fund	\$ 1,000.00	Accounting - Audit	\$ 3,500.00
CWP Facilitation	\$ 22,500.00		
Wheeler Explorers	\$ 5,000.00	Wheeler Explorers Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
WaterWorks Income	\$ 5,000.00		
AARCD Rental payment	\$ 5,000.00		
Operations/Maintenance	\$ 6,200.00	Operations/Maintenance	\$ 6,200.00
Board Training & Annual	\$ 15,000.00	Board Training & Annual	\$ 15,000.00
Operations Insurance	\$ 12,300.00	Operations Insurance	\$ 12,300.00
AARC&D Projects	\$ 121,985.00	AARC&D Projects	\$ 121,985.00
AARCD Admin	\$ 52,280.00		
Education Funds	\$ 76,172.00	Education Funds	\$ 76,172.00
Education Admin	\$ 19,042.00		
Community Deve Grants	\$ 150,000.00	Community Deve Grants	\$ 150,000.00
Other Grants	\$ 20,000.00	Other Grants	\$ 15,000.00
CIG	\$ 10,000.00		
Outreach NRCS	\$ 25,000.00	Outreach Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
USFWS Barrier Removal	\$ 40,000.00	USFWS Barrier Removal	\$ 40,000.00
USFWS Proj Mgt	\$ 5,000.00	USFWS Proj Mgt	\$ 5,000.00
Rain barrel sale	\$ 320.00		
Rental (Native Grass Seeder)	\$ 300.00		
	\$ 619,099.00		\$ 600,057.00

# AMRV RC&D FY 2016 Annual Plan of Work

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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."

## 2016 Plan of Work

ProjectName	Award	Contact	County	ProjectDescription
Natural Resources, animal welfare & Technical Assistance	2,230.00	Robert Spencer	Area Wide	On farm workshop and training for beginning farmers
WaterWorks Aquarium	2,000.00	Jay Grantland	Area Wide	Assist with the installation of aquarium at education center.
Property & Facility Mgmt	6,200.00	Renona Seibert	Area Wide	Assist with the maintenance and upkeep of the education facility.
Youth Corp	10,000.00	Jay Grantland	Area Wide	Youth leadership program based on environmental education.
Small Farmer Rainwater Collection II	10,000.00	Jay Grantland	Area Wide	Complete Phase II of the Rainwater Collection program.
AMRV RC&D Board Staff Training	15,000.00	Renona Seibert	Area Wide	Increase the capacity of the Council, staff and Board members.
Upgrade Office Equipment	4,600.00	Charlotte Hallmark	Area Wide	Update office equipment
Farm Food Collabortive	4,000.00	Kathryn Strickland	Area Wide	Purchase general liability insurance for the Food Bank.
North Alabama Food for Life	12,000.00	Rachel Dawsey	Area Wide	Assist with VISTA employees promoting local food.
Teaching Water Stewardship	2,000.00	Cecil Gant	Area Wide	Purchase instructional supplies for water conservation classes.
Search dog	4,900.00	Robert Stanley	Area Wide	Equipment upgrades to assist with the Search Dog Unit.
UCAN American Indian Resources	3,000.00	Gina Williaamson	Area Wide	Assist with the herb business.
Big Springs Ecological Workshops/RC&D Youth Corp	4,000.00	Cleo Stubbs	Area Wide	Ecological workshops for teens
Defibrillator Unit	1,250.00	Chris Hamilton	Cullman	Purchase Defibrillator unit for school.
Environmental Ag Trailer	6,000.00	Deb Widner	Cullman	A trailer that will bring the farm to students
Preparing Fresh foods and vegetables	3,500.00	Christy Turner	Cullman	Enhancements at the farmers market allowing for educating the public on how to prepare fresh foods.
Senior Center	25,000.00	Ashley Graves	Cullman	Construct a Senior Citizens Center
Night Time Portable Generator & Light	2,600.00	Ronnie Highfield	Dekalb	Purchase night time generator and light.
Learning to Grow and Learning to Serve	2,425.00	Dan Groghan	Dekalb	Assist with the purchase of supplies for the community garden
Agriscience	4,000.00	Joey Hamon	Dekalb	Implement rain barrels in the landscaping. Teaching water conservation.
Graham Farm & Nature Center	3,500.00	Donna Sands	Jackson	Purchase activity kits teaching kids about the great outdoors
Gardens From the Heart	4,000.00	Lana Vance	Jackson	Expand the outdoor classroom
Wheelchair Ramps	2,000.00	Beverly Waldrop	Jackson	Assist with the installation of wheelchair ramps.



ProjectName	Award	Contact	County	ProjectDescription
Facilities Improvements	3,053.00	Karen Chambers	Jackson	Energy efficient upgrades
Purchase Turnouts	2,500.00	Steve Coan	Lawrence	Replace outdated turnout equipment.
Mallard Fox West Intrace Landscaping	2,500.00	Tony Stockton	Lawrence	Upgrade the lighting and landscaping around the entrance
Energy Efficient Windows for Town Hall	2,600.00	Clarence Logston	Lawrence	Install new energy efficient windows at Town Hall.
Community Library	2,500.00	Janetta Thompson	Lawrence	Provide basic equipment and supplies for a library.
Defibrillator Unit	1,250.00	Burnetta Murrell	Limestone	Purchase Defibrillator unit for school.
Volunteer Income Tax Program	2,000.00	Betty Ruth	Limestone	Purchase laptops to be used by volunteers helping prepare income tax returns.
Trinity Community Center	3,100.00	Holly Hollman	Limestone	Improve the community center with new tables and chairs.
Welding Lab Update	2,500.00	Ben Maples	Limestone	Upgrade the welding lab at the high school
Water Festival	2,500.00	Ashley Wallace	Limestone	A conservation education program for fourth grade students with emphasis on groundwater ....how to protect and conserve.
Instructional Production Lab	2,500.00	Russ Gant	Limestone	Expand the livestock area at the school
Clicker Technology	1,500.00	Patrick Hawley	Madison	Purchase clicker technology to use in the classroom.
Community Garden/Wheelchair	3,100.00	Ann Anderson	Madison	Assist with programs for the elderly.
The Indian Creek Wetland Margin Recovery Project	30,000.00	Barry Kirkland	Madison	Construct a bridge to access the property across Indian Creek
Farmers Market Revitalization	2,000.00	Jennifer Gordon	Madison	Upgrades and marketing for the farmers market.
Urban Youth Farm Day	2,000.00	Sylvia Oakes	Madison	One day farm tour for students teaching them where their food comes from.
Farm Her Ag Tour	1,000.00	Kathy Walker	Madison	To educate the community about the role women play in Agriculture
Backyard Science	2,000.00	Anita Hausheer	Madison	Construct a small pond to teach water quality classes
Marketing for Farmers Market	2,700.00	Hunter McBrayer	Marshall	Sinage for the Farmers Market.
Lola Boyd Property Maintenance	2,500.00	Renona Seibert	Marshall	Assist with the upkeep of the outdoor education facility.
Classroom Improvement	2,500.00	Keith Pritchett	Marshall	Assist with building equipment storage for JROTC program.

ProjectName	Award	Contact	County	ProjectDescription
Community Garden	2,400.00	David McCollum	Marshall	Rain barrels and raised beds at the outdoor pavilion.
Making an Agscience Welding shop Functional	2,500.00	Casey Smith	Marshall	Upgrade the welding lab at the high school
Agri Science Greenhouse Phase II	10,000.00	Roseanne Mabrey	Marshall	Additional structural support for greenhouse
Danville-Neel Recreation Area Improvements	2,500.00	Brian Ellis	Morgan	Improve outdoor recreation area.
Roundup and Robotics Competition	2,500.00	Sharon Fisher	Morgan	Assist with the 4-H Roundup and Robotics competition
Pavilion and sidewalk at Sparkman School	2,600.00	Layne Dillard	Morgan	Construct a pavilion and sidewalk for special needs playground.
Outdoor Classroom/Greenhouse upgrade	2,500.00	Bob Brechtel	Morgan	Water feature at the outdoor classroom.
Shorty Ryan Park Education Station	2,500.00	Gary Livingston	Morgan	Construct an Education Station at the park.
Hitting Facility Construction	15,000.00	Matt Hutto	Morgan	Construct a hitting facility for Softball and Baseball
Electric Car		Renona Seibert	Area Wide	Sponsor a car in the Electrathon

# Equal Opportunity Statement

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## Nondiscrimination Statement

The AMRV-RC&D Council prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

## Compliance with the Civil Rights Act

The Alabama Mountains Rivers and Valleys RC & D program is conducted in compliance with the non-discrimination provisions as contained in Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or handicap/disability be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial (or technical) assistance from the Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof.