

AMRV RC&D FY 2017 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-three 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."

Applying Entity	County	Name of Project	Award Amount	Project Description
Area Wide				
AMRV Board	Area-wide	RC&D Youth Corp	\$ 12,000	Engage youth in activities to develop leadership and give back to their respective communities via RC&D grants.
AMRV Board	Area-wide	On-Site Sewage Maintenance	\$ 8,000	Conduct a series of 8 workshops across north Alabama to raise awareness for septic tank pump-outs to prevent failures and pollution
AMRV Board	Area-wide	Teacher Workshops	\$ 8,000	Workshops for area teachers at the WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education to teach environmental responsibility techniques and opportunities to area teachers.
AMRV Board	Area-wide	Non-profit training for Board and staff	\$ 12,000	Send Board members (newer Board Members have priority) to state regional and national RC&D sponsored events where non-profit training issues are major agenda items.
AMRV Board	Area-wide	Geothermal Demonstration	\$ 8,000	Install Geothermal unit donated to the AMRV-RC&D. Install and tap into geothermal heating and cooling by using the stored water under the WaterWorks facility to teach alternative energy sources.
AMRV Board	Morgan	WaterWorks Operations	\$ 9,000	Paint, repair and maintain the AMRV-RC&D property and equipment for safe operations and provide liability coverage for the Board and staff.
ACES Urban Affairs & New Nontraditional Programs	Area-wide	Helping New & Beginning Farmers Become Sustainable	\$ 4,500	Teach new and beginning farmers best management practices for limited resource agriculture production, natural resource management, and technical resources to promote sustainability and land stewardship
Sand Mountain-Lake Guntersville Watershed	Area-wide	Lessons on Natural Resources	\$ 3,000	Project will facilitate supplementary instruction on Natural Resources topics by an itinerant teacher who will travel to schools within the Sand Mountain-Lake Guntersville Watershed District.

Food Bank of North Alabama	Area-wide	Farm Food Collaborative Farmer Lending Library	\$ 4,000	Funds will purchase (1) equipment and supplies to keep produce at appropriate temperatures, and (2) samples of packaging and materials for wholesale transactions.
North Alabama Agriplex Foundation	Area-wide	Food for Life	\$ 11,000	Food for Life uses education, community outreach, and resource sharing to connect people with their food in an intentional, sustainable way that simultaneously celebrates our agricultural heritage and future.
United Cherokee AniYunWiYa Nation	Area-wide	UCAN Web Development and Community Outreach	\$ 3,000	Provide classes about the local environment, collecting and providing a free database of plant samples, and educating the local community about our precious environment.
SARTEC K-9 Search and Rescue	Madison	SARTEC K-9 Trailer	\$ 3,900	Provide the SARTEC K-9 unit with an enclosed Command Trailer. The Command Trailer is used to store equipment needed for Searches and provide a place for the SARTEC Incident Commander to coordinate the search from.
Wetland Environmental Land Projects WELP, Inc.	Area-wide	Big Springs Ecological Workshops	\$ 5,025	Teach introduction lessons by Certified Scientists, in subjects such as Soil Hydrology, The Water Cycle, Geology, Wetland Ecosystems, Water Quality, and Wetland Dependent Wildlife & Habitat.
Cullman				
Alabama Cooperative Extension System	Cullman	Tim Crow	\$ 2,000	Athletic field sprayer for use at Local High Schools and Park and Recreation areas to assist in demonstrations of proper herbicide usage for managing quality turf and controlling erosion on public playing surfaces.
Cullman Co SWCD	Cullman	Cullman Water Festival	\$ 2,000	Education event on how to protect and conserve water. This event is done annually for all the fourth graders in Cullman County.
Cullman Co SWCD	Cullman	Conserving Our Natural Resources Education Grant	\$ 4,225	To conduct several workshops and school programs on conserving our natural resources and learning about agriculture.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation	Cullman	Clarkson Waterwheel Restoration	\$ 3,200	The purpose of this project is to assist in restoring a 12 foot waterwheel located at our historic Clarkson Covered Bridge park area.
DeKalb				
DeKalb County Soil & Water Conservation District	DeKalb	Wonders of Water (WOW) Water Festival	\$ 3,000	Annual Water Festival
Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce	DeKalb	Fort Payne Heartbeats	\$ 2,025	The project proposes to purchase automated external defibrillators to further insure the safety for the citizens of Fort Payne.
Fort Payne City Schools	Dekalb	Bat Conservation Project	\$ 2,400	Bats, 2nd largest mammal group, are an important part of our ecosystem. However, over 40% of the species are threatened or endangered. Fort Payne students will build bat houses and install them on public lands.
Jackson				
Skyline Farms Heritage Association	Jackson	Skyline Farms Heritage Association	\$ 2,125	We need to have \$8,200 for a second heat pump for the Rock Store.
Jackson County SWCD	Jackson	Faces of Agriculture Tour	\$ 2,000	A one day tour where attendees will be taken via bus to various farms and agricultural related businesses.

North Sand Mtn AG Dept.	Jackson	Greenhouse Restoration Project	\$ 2,900	Refurbish school greenhouse to make create a learning center for Agriscience classes at North Sand Mountain High School.
CASA of Jackson County	Jackson	Wheel Chair Ramps	\$ 1,500	Compassionate volunteers help elderly and disabled citizens in Jackson County with minor home repairs and build wheel chair ramps for those who need a safe entrance and exit to their homes.
Pisgah High School Agriscience	Jackson	Agriscience Equipment for Natural Resources Instruction	\$ 2,900	Pisgah High School needs five PC computers to use in teaching natural resources to approximately 100 students and a band saw for use in construction of student wildlife projects.
Lawrence				
Courtland Heritage Museum	Lawrence	Museum Display Equipment	\$ 2,000	Additional display equipment is badly needed and a plan is in place to maximize museum floor space utilization for display of exhibits.
Alabama Cooperative Extension System	Lawrence	Moulton Elementary School Wildlife Garden	\$ 800	ACES and MES will build a wildlife garden to engage and teach students about plants, animals, habitats, and ecosystems.
Lawrence County SWCD	Lawrence	AG in Action Trailer	\$ 4,625	A customized enclosed trailer with hands on Agriculture educational equipment and material. The trailer will display life-like farm scenes of cattle, poultry, crops, trees and other agriculture products.
Hatton Fire Department	Lawrence	Technology Upgrades	\$ 2,000	Replace two computers for training purposes. Replace a Kenwood handheld radio model TK5220 which was stolen.
Mount Hope Fire Department	Lawrence	Equipment for new brush truck	\$ 2,000	Funds will used to equip the brush truck with safety devices, hand tools for brush fire fighting, and related equipment.

Limestone				
Athens-Limestone Public Library Foundation	Limestone	Literary Park	\$ 2,000	Transform a .84 parcel of land adjacent to the Athens-Limestone Public Library into educational theme gardens, a bird and butterfly sanctuary, an outdoor classroom and park space.
Athens-Limestone County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)	Limestone	V.I.T.A. - Volunteer Income Tax Program	\$ 2,300	Limestone and Morgan Counties V.I.T.A. volunteers provide free tax preparation services for low income families, elderly and veterans during the tax season. Volunteers will assist 1500 taxpayers.
Limestone County Water & Sewer Authority	Limestone	2017 Limestone County Groundwater Festival	\$ 2,500	The Limestone County Groundwater Festival is a conservation education program for fourth grade students with emphasis on groundwater and how to protect and conserve it.
Elkmont HS Ag Dept.	Limestone	Career and Technical Instructional Technology Update	\$ 2,325	The grant will be used to purchase two smartboards for use in the Agriculture and Family & Consumer Science Departments.
Madison				
Madison County Drinking Water Festival	Madison	Madison County Drinking Water Festival	\$ 2,000	Educating the community about the drinking water resources of Madison County through hands-on activities for fourth grade students.

Madison Co SWCD	Madison	Know Your Farmer AG Tour	\$ 2,000	Visit Madison County farms and experience a day in the life of a farmer. Farm layout, methods and technology have changed over the past 50 years.
CASA of Madison Co	Madison	CASA Community Garden Program	\$ 2,000	Since 1988 the Garden has provided fresh produce for our aging and homebound clients. Funding is needed to purchase materials.
ACES Urban Affairs New & Nontraditional Programs	Madison	20th Annual Madison County Urban Youth Farm Day	\$ 2,000	One day educational agriculture event open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders within Madison County including: Huntsville and Madison City, Madison County, and all Faith-based, Private, and Home-schooled.
Alabama Cooperative Extension System/Alabama A&M University	Madison	Urban Living Expo	\$ 2,000	Venue designed to help individuals, families, and businesses better prepare for natural and man-made disasters with the ability to disrupt lives and long-term consequences.
Alabama Cooperative Extension System	Madison	Parent Child Reading Enhancement Program Family Day	\$ 1,425	PCREP Family Day educates families on agriculture and family-related topics while having fun doing so.
Marshall				
Marshall County 4-H Clubs	Marshall	Marshall County 4-H River Kids Program	\$ 2,976	Natural Resource Conservation and Education for young people ages 9-18 through Kayaking on local waterways; providing Water Watch programming and Bio Blitz type programming.
City of Guntersville	Marshall	Guntersville Gateway Signage Community Impression Project	\$ 2,500	This project propose to fund attractive gateway signage at entrances to Guntersville along US Hwy 431 N and S, AL Hwy 69 and AL Hwy 79.

Brindlee Mountain High School	Marshall	Brindlee Mountain High Community Gardens	\$ 3,750	Construction of community gardening area and outdoor pavilion space to provide hands-on learning for students with service learning component.
Guntersville High School Agriscience Department	Marshall	Campus Greenhouse	\$ 4,200	Campus greenhouse operations will be modified to make them more environmentally friendly and to give high priority to protecting natural resources
Morgan				
West Morgan Baseball	Morgan	West Morgan Baseball Improvements	\$ 3,565	This project will help upgrade our equipment at our baseball hitting facility.
Sparkman Junior High	Morgan	Greenhouse Repair and Improvements	\$ 2,500	The greenhouse at Sparkman Jr. High has been steadily declining. Project will fund many repairs necessary to continue to using it.
Danville High School	Morgan	Danville-Neel Recreation Area Improvements	\$ 3,300	To improve certain areas of land to be used for but not limited to physical education classes, community activities, and school athletic events.
Danville Middle School	Morgan	Outdoor Classroom	\$ 2,060	To increase the students' outdoor classroom for 5th-8th graders. This project will also improve the overall appearance of our school's campus.

