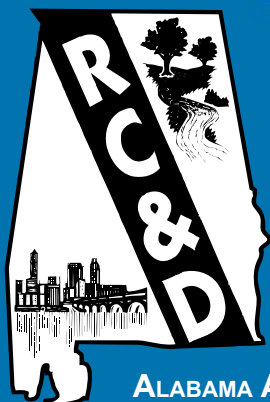
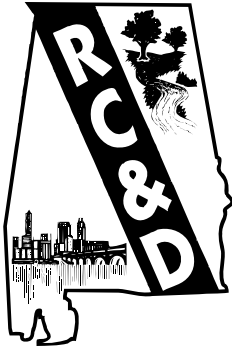


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INTRODUCTION

RC&D in Alabama depends on the leadership abilities and unique skills within the communities it serves. That is why so many worthwhile projects have been undertaken and accomplished throughout the state.

A significant accomplishment of RC&D is the rekindling of community spirit. There are so many ways to describe RC&D; however it is basically people doing things for other people.

In essence, it is local people identifying their problems and opportunities and dealing with them, with a little help from the government and from others.

The RC&D Councils in Alabama are proud of their accomplishments; but there is much yet that can be done to make our communities a better place to live.

The Association is dedicated to protecting, enhancing, and developing the state's natural and human resources.

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Little Anglers, Cullman County

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The Alabama's Mountains, Rivers and Valleys RC&D Council covers the following Alabama counties: DeKalb, Cullman, Jackson, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, and Morgan. The office is located in Hartselle.

PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2011

Non-Profit Training: AMRV led this state wide initiative to train other non-profit Councils in their roles as Board members. Topics of discussion included responsibilities as related to fiduciary and financial roles.

Improving Non Profit Efficiency: RC&D Councils across the state were the beneficiaries of this grant. Training was provided along with new much need equipment and software.

Swift Water Rescue Training: Nine individuals from the Morgan County Rescue Squad and Morgan County community were trained in swift water rescue. The necessary equipment for this type rescue was purchased.

Solar Education: Environment education is vital to the continued existence of our planet. To teach about alternative forms of energy solar panels were installed at WaterWorks Center for Environmental Education.

Marketing Initiative: This marketing initiative led by the Alabama A+ helped local alternative agriculture farmers find and create niches for their products.

Marketing of Fruits and Veggies: Marshall County Extension Service assisted with the construction of a hoop house to use in farm demonstrations. Also classes and seminars were held discussing ideas about marketing local farmers markets.

Repair to Log House: The Echota needed repairs and expansion to their building due to structural deficiencies.

Field Trips: In an effort to bring awareness to WaterWorks entrance fees were paid for students participating in environmental education classes.

RC&D Capacity Building Training: This initiative allowed for the AMRV RC&D Board and staff to attend training sessions held across the State.

Program Support: This grant helped offset WaterWorks infrastructure expenses.

WaterWorks: These funds helped support the educational effort of the center.

Cullman County Conservation Education: Teachers and students took advantage of the Teacher workshops, FAWN, and the Water Festival sponsored by the Cullman County SWCD.

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Energy Saving Tips for Seniors: The Cullman County SWCD sponsored this project. Local seniors were given energy saving light bulbs and information about other ways to conserve energy.

Little Angler's: Unfortunately too many kids are growing up not being able to experience the great outdoors. Cullman County SWCD sponsored a fishing day outfitting local kids with the gear and an opportunity to go fishing.

Logan School: The old school is used as a Community Center. In an effort to conserve energy and make the facility more comfortable insulation was installed in the ceiling and walls.

Fyffe Police Radio: This grant helped purchase of a radar gun and equipment to detect and deter citizens speeding through a school zone.

Jackson County Rescue Vehicle: This grant helped to pay for a rapid responder emergency fire truck for the Scottsboro Jackson County Rescue Squad.

Recovery and Family Development: Classes and discussion groups were held supporting those in the community facing joblessness, recovery from addiction, abuse and other too common problems in our society today.

Hillsboro Park: Seating and other equipment was added to this park making it the hub of the community.

Courtland Heritage Museum: Display cases, lighting, document restoration.....all necessary to keep the heritage alive in this community.

Limestone Water Festival: The Limestone County SWCD sponsored this Water Festival, which helps educate fourth graders in water conservation efforts.

Blue Spring Playground Fitness Area: ADA accessible equipment was added to the Blue Spring School playground.

Scrap Tire Recycle: Besides being an eyesore along county roads, scrap tires are a health hazard and very expensive for farmers to dispense in an environmentally safe way. This grant helped the Limestone County Commission pay for recycling.

Road Stripping: The reflective stripes used on roadways are very expensive. This grant helped pay for stripping a county road making it much safer for the citizens of this community.

Sharon Johnston Park: This grant provided for the ADA accessible components of the new playground.

Madison County Drinking Water: This annual event sponsored by the Madison County Commission plays a vital role in educating fourth graders in water conservation efforts.

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Madison Library: A composting and recycling center was added to the children's garden.

Fertilize Comparison: What better way to learn than hands on.....this project completed by Huntsville High School students compared three mediums for use as fertilize.

Changing Face of Ag: This project sponsored by the Madison County SWCD to bring awareness to our elected representatives of the changing agriculture practices and needs.

Madison Co Tire Recycling: This effort by the Madison County Commission helped to reduce the number of scrap tires. While recycling is not the cheapest way to rid of this problem it is the best way for our environment.

CASA Community Garden: A phenomenal project involving lots of volunteers providing fresh "home grown" vegetables for citizens of Madison County not able to provide for themselves.

Arab Jr High Greenhouse: Cool cells and a new heat system were added to the greenhouse. The facility is used teaching classes about growing plants and vegetables in a greenhouse.

Emergency Radios: Radio coverage in areas of Marshall County was spotty. The Douglas Police Department used this grant to add much needed radio equipment.

Falkville Show Choir: This grant helped "The Show to go on." They were facing the possibility of having to cancel the program.

Wildlife Observation Deck: The Morgan County SWCD used this grant to build an observation deck over the wetland area. This is used by students on wild-life observation outings.

The Great Depression: Eudora Welty: The Carnegie Visual Art Center used this grant to bring an historic photograph collection to Morgan County.

TIGERS: These funds were used to purchase computer equipment for the Hartselle Junior High School robotics program.

Boat Lift: The Morgan County Rescue Squad need a lift to keep the boat out of the water and ready for rapid deployment.

Other Funders

The **Legacy** grant was a great addition to the hands-on components of the WaterWorks program. A 500 gallon wetland/aquarium was added to the lab that demonstrates wetland function on water quality. A glass observation beehive was also added to the wetland room that allows students to see the entire internal

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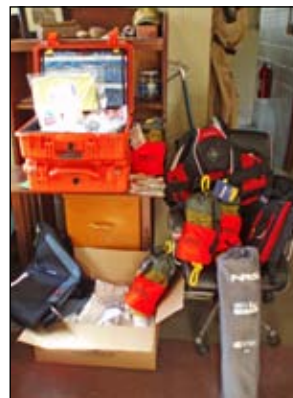
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structure of the hive and the bees activity. LEGACY educational posters were also placed at different areas inside the WW facility.

The **Norcross** grant provided funds to complete the final wetland cell. In this cell, students will be able to enter and interact with all the species of Flora and Fauna the make up a wetland ecosystem.

Rain Water Collection - This grant added 20,000 gallons of storage capacity to the rain catch system at Slap Happy Farms to make it more efficient and provide better flexibility in the availability of captured rain.

The **Clean Water Partnership** has seen a decrease in corporate membership this year. We are focusing on outreach and making efforts to contact all the corporations that currently hold ADEM permits. We will continue to hold meetings at different locations across the basin to accommodate more members.

*CASA Garden,
Madision County**Swift Water Rescue Gear,
Morgan County**Rain Water Collection
System, Slap Happy Farms**Tire Recycling, Limestone and Madison Counties*

ALA-TOM RC&D COUNCIL

The ALA-TOM RC&D Council covers the following nine Southwest Alabama counties: Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Washington, and Wilcox. The office is located in Thomasville.

PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2011

21st Century Youth Organic Farms: \$5,000 to install a well; Total project \$6,311.

After School Enrichment: After school tutoring and summer program, \$13,806.

ALA-TOM Area Food Show: Alabama Rural Heritage Center grant for food show, \$1,996.

Advance of Early Childhood Services: HIPPY Clarke County, \$2,557.

Alabama Tale Telling Festival: \$5,000 for the festival. The project was \$9,025.

Arts Culture and Heritage: Tourism director to compile and catalog all regional assets in an 18 county area, \$10,000.

At Risk Youth Mentorship: Video equipment to teach at risk youth video production, \$2,147.

Auntie Litter Monroe County: \$1,800, anti-litter program, Monroe County schools.

Backyard Beef: \$1,195, for students to grow and sell beef to local consumers.

Black belt and Central Alabama Housing: \$4,000 install four roofs for those living in substandard housing, \$5,520 total project.

Black belt Treasures Moving Forward: \$8,984 for arts education program, \$11,140 total project.

Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Alabama: \$5,000 education, art, computer classes, \$45,464 total project.

Brotherhood Initiative Project: Meals for homebound, computer classes and summer tutoring \$10,000 project.

Cahaba River Canoe Ramp Project: \$5,000 for access road, \$7,556 total project.

Choctaw County Rural Education: \$6,000 for meal program, tutoring, art and education.

Castleberry Summer Program: \$1,222, community summer program.



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Central Alabama Child Advocacy: \$10,000 for equipment for set up of the office to interview children.

Clarke County Board of Education Dual Enrollment: \$7,104 in funds for dual enrollment students.

Collective Leadership: \$7,104 leadership training. \$9,337 total project.

Men Making a Difference Community Pavilion Project: \$8,030 for the community pavilion.

Pavilion Insulation Phase II: \$5,750 water & bathrooms for community pavilion.

Continuous School Improvement: \$800 after school tutoring. Total project: \$22,000.

Culture and Heritage Oral History Tourism Project: \$4,000 oral histories of farm life in Wilcox County. \$9,490, total project.

Dallas County School Drop-Out Prevention: \$7,000, to target at-risk students, \$52,603, total project.

Destined for Success: \$3,604, library management software program, total project \$11,248.

Economic Boost and Tourism for Washington County: \$6,062, In the Pines Music Festival, project total \$64,000.

Educational Outreach: \$2,368, Alabama River Festival, \$13,110 total project.

El Camino Scenic Byway: \$8,000 to develop tourism loops, \$15,825 project.

Equipment Playground: \$3,500 playground equipment, \$5,165 total project.

Eradication of Invasive Species: \$3,031 eradicate cogon grass. \$3,425 project.

Evergreen Elementary School Beautification: \$850 landscape. \$973 project.

Flatwood Recreation Improvements: \$1,832 to expand dugouts, improve pavilion; \$6,926 total project.

Capital Improvements to Freedom CDC Center: \$4,500 for a heating and cooling unit, security fence; \$6,700 total project.

Gees Bend Quilt Mural Trail: \$13,500, quilt murals in Wilcox County, \$28,500 total project.

Hippy Conecuh: \$10,000 for teachers and supplies. \$10,690 total project.

Grove Hill Library Summer Reading Program: \$1,128 reading program.

Homeless Shelter Resources: \$2,000, counseling, workshops, services for

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clients; \$3,097 total project.

Job Readiness Skill Building Class: \$7,104, classes for basic computer skills, job searches at the library. \$9,476 total project.

Millry Ball field and New Park: \$5,000 ball fields and a bridge for the walking trail. \$20,000 total project.

Monroe County Forage and Turf Precision Ag: \$1,726 for a field day using the guidance system, \$2,368, total project.

Monroe County Youth Leadership: \$2,368 for field trips, training; total project, \$19,350.

Monroeville Birdhouse Project Phase III and IV: \$1,340, bookmarks and design a smaller birdhouse.

Multijurisdictional Training: \$7,500 to purchase and install a Smart board System, total project \$8,131.

Richburg Community Action Group: \$6,132 asphalt basketball area, remove trees and stumps. \$12,100 total project.

Opine Tallahatta Springs VFD: \$12,500 replace roof, install wiring for heating and air conditioning, total \$13,082.

Opine Tallahatta Springs VFD Phase II: \$12,500, heating and air conditioning, build handicap bathroom, \$14,019 total project.

Partners for Healthy Communities: \$3,500, oven, desktop cooker, grill and vacuum cleaner.

Perry County Center for Economic Development Website: \$3,400 to establish website, \$4,000 total project.

Perry County Center for Economic Development: \$25,000 to hire a director, \$26,840 total project.

Perry County Auntie Litter: \$3,442 for an anti-litter education program in Perry County schools.

Perry County Dual Enrollment: \$3,553 for dual enrollment, total \$13,363.

Promoting Environmental Stewardship: \$2,104, environmental field days for students from Camden School for Arts and Technology. \$4,965 total project.

Repair and Improvement at Murphy Park: \$2,000 to improve the dugouts at Murphy Park, total project \$2,682.

Renovation of Arts Revive Carneal Building: \$25,000 roof, repair the roof and re-enforce the structure, total project \$37,986.

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ALA-TOM RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED



Restoration of Midway Church Foundation: \$10,000, architect to assess the foundation and plans to correct the problem.

Economic Development for Limited Resource Farmers: \$20,385, teaching and demonstration garden at The Rural Heritage Center. Total project: \$42,953.

Technology Enhancement Selma Public Library: \$10,000, five computer workstations, network copier/scanner, total project \$12,199.

Selma Police Athletic League after School Program: \$5,000 for a hot dog stand; snow cone and lemon shake up machine, total project \$6,655.

Silas Outdoor Reading Room: \$3,031, landscape and construct an outdoor reading room at Silas Public Library.

Staying Connected: \$5,323 for tutors, supplies for an after school and summer program at Castleberry Community Center.

SWAMH Container Nursery: \$5,000 to purchase trees and landscape materials

Pine Hill Pocket Park: \$5,000 to build the park, landscaping, lighting, ground work, sidewalks, total project \$45,014.

Town of Vrendenburgh Sewer Project: \$2,662 to repair the sewer system.

Uriah Athletic Club Fieldhouse: \$5,000 to renovate the concession stand and build a storage shed, total project \$9,500.

Valley Grande Sports Complex: \$25,000 to help construct the Valley Grande Sports Complex, total project \$210,000.

Vegetable Production: \$5,350 for greenhouse supplies to develop starter plants, utilities, pay student stipends. \$5,769 total project.

West Dallas Advancement Community Project: \$6,062, computer, printer, tables, chairs, septic tank gravel, \$6,393 total project.

West Dallas Community Project: \$4,000, building for senior citizens, recreational activities, after school tutoring, total project \$5,000.

Wilcox County Farmers Market: \$1,475 for labor and signs.



CAWACO RC&D COUNCIL

Located in north central Alabama, the Cawaco RC&D Council serves the five following counties: Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby and Walker.

PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2011

General Funds

Salvation Army Upgrade: \$8,000 To relocate the food pantry into the warehouse where space will be closed off; create cubicle walls and add work space for employees. In progress.

First Avenue North Beautification: \$5,000 Improve streetscape design, increase community image and strengthen partnerships. In progress.

Mitigation Assistance, City of Columbiana: \$10,000 Contract with third party to identify any and all hazardous conditions that exist on two parcels of property; develop a course of action to remove these conditions

Eletrathon Race at Barber's Motorsports Park: \$10,000 Electric Vehicle kits will be purchased with the grant, which will bring young engineers from across Alabama together for an electrathon race. This will promote awareness of alternate fuel sources for engineers of the future. In progress.

Operations Improvement, Chilton Food Innovation Center: \$7,000 Purchase semi-automated labeler, install safety shower curtain, purchase testing supplies, refurbish donated cooler and oven; purchase new juicer; purchase heat resistant hose. In progress.

Helen Jenkins Chapel Upgrade: \$5,000 Repair/replace foundation, flooring structure and surface of HJC. In progress.

Learning, Growing, Expanding Horizons: \$5,000 BAFA students will visit New Orleans April 23-25, 2012 to tour the Louisiana State Museums permanent exhibit "living with Hurricanes: Katrina and Beyond".

Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program: \$5,000 M4A will modify its SFMNP enrollment form to include information on farmers accepting SFMNP vouchers; M4A will partner with County Extension Offices, senior centers, public housing authorities, to distribute information on farmers accepting vouchers; M4A will work with local partners to provide transportation to senior groups so that using farmers market vouchers is convenient. In progress.

Glennwood Fire District Equipment Upgrade: \$2,500 Acquire 20 radios which can be programmed to the new FCC Frequency that has been designated for communications for our department. Provide several new volunteers with



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code compliant turnout gear including jackets, pants, suspenders, gloves, nomex hoods, etc. All spare gear that is not currently assigned does not meet current NAPA 1971 current edition safety requirements. We need to acquire compliant equipment such as fire rescue ropes. Completed.

Replacement of 1983 Model Fire Truck: \$5,000 To provide a more capable and reliable piece of equipment to serve the community of Rice Town. Completed.

Emergency Sirens for Chilton County: \$9,271 To upgrade and purchase weather sirens for Chilton County. In progress.

Storm Shelters for Pleasant Grove: \$11,590 To help with the purchase of pre-fabricated storm shelter for first responders. In progress.

Weather Station for Parrish: \$7,998 Keeping community members safe during extreme weather events. Objectives:-To collect real time weather data from location and transfer it to TV radio, emergency management, internet & Parrish's Town Hall for widespread public weather alerts. In progress.

Blount County Hazard Mitigation Assistance: \$4,000 Provide financial assistance to the towns of Blountsville, Cleveland, Locust Fork and Snead for help with matching money to complete hazard mitigation projects that have already been applied for and are being evaluated by FEMA. In progress.



Above: Alabama Birding Trails Project: www.alabamabirdingtrails.com.

Educational Funds

Greystone Elementary School Outdoor Classroom: \$10,000 Design and plant outdoor classroom area that incorporates a wetland area, frog pond and vegetable garden. School will purchase a cistern to capture roof runoff and use this water to irrigate garden. Area will be built into all grades' curriculum. Completed.

Cahaba CWP Support: \$3,100. Support the Cahaba CWP facilitator expenses such as travel.

Warrior CWP support: \$3,400 Support the Warrior CWP facilitator with expenses such as travel.

Investing in Quality Craftsmanship Through Instructional Resources: \$5,000 To locally supply the training and study materials needed by Shelby County residents who seek to begin or advance their careers through certification and/or licensure examinations; thus elevating the level of professionalism in the skilled job market and significantly contributing to the future development of Shelby County. Completed.

Mustang Engineering and RC Airplane Club: \$9,385 Through participation in project-based STEM project, Isabella HS students learn to analyze and solve problems utilizing the Engineering Design Process, which helps them develop technological literacy skills. Completed.

Appalachian Highlands, Piedmont Plateau, and West Alabama Birding Trails: \$15,000 To produce interactive panels, brochures and websites that link existing birding trails throughout the state. Completed.

Industrial Archeologists Guide to Coke Ovens: \$5,000 This guide locates the hidden treasures throughout the area, for the benefit of current explorers as well as future generations. Local historians, archaeologists and nature enthusiasts compiled the data that has renewed interest in the history of the steel industry in Birmingham. Completed.

Preserving Historical Documents: \$10,000 To preserve thousands of deteriorating documents by transferring the data to electronic media; to make data available to visitors through downloads, etc. Completed.

Trees for Bees: \$5,000 To design, purchase and distribute educational awareness materials. Completed.

Books for Education: \$6,000 All students will receive new textbooks. The parental involvement team has raised over \$30,000 to purchase books. In progress.

Smart Boards: \$10,000 Purchase of smart boards for rural school system. In progress.



FARM AND WILDLIFE EXPO:

Participants attended educational programs related to home and commercial agriculture, natural resource management and family and consumer sciences.

Grant Award:
\$10,000.00



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CHILTON FOOD INNOVATION CENTER:

Converted a former lunchroom into an approved commercial kitchen to promote innovative food products offered by local Alabama farmers.

*Grant Award :
\$7,500.00*

*Chilton Food
Innovation Center*

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Project Value

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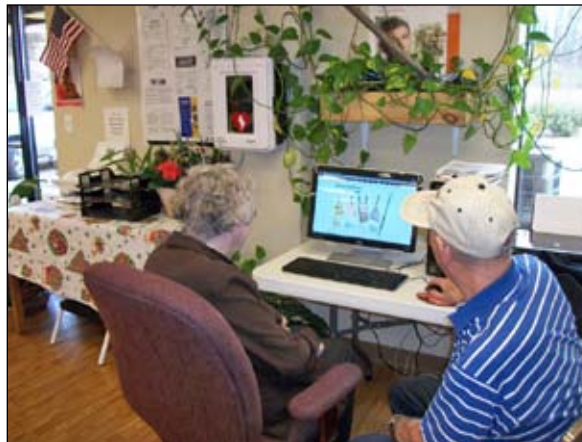
Renewable Energy Models: \$550 School of technology students will design renewable energy models that will be taken to high schools as demonstrations. In progress.

Map Production for FMC: \$4,000 Design and print maps of the Five Mile Creek greenway for each member city to permanently post in public venues. In progress.

Community Development

Trussville Veteran's Memorial: \$25,000 Construct a Veteran's Memorial within the Trussville Greenways Project at Civitan Park.

Update "Welcome to Blount County" Publication: \$13,500 Updating Blount County Publication. In progress.



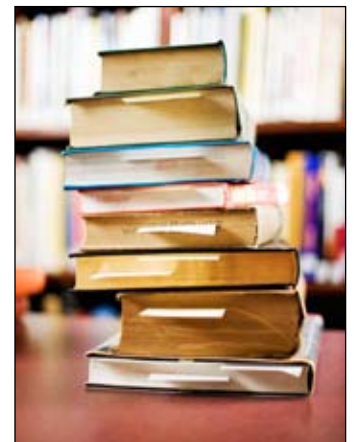
Teaching seniors basic computer skills so they can compete in today's job market.

80 year-old senior peer coach Mike Culoa trained 150 seniors and dedicated over

\$5,000.00 worth of in-kind service to this project.

Grant Award : \$2,500.00

Total Value of Project: \$7,709.64



Investing in Quality Craftsmanship. Supplied training and study materials needed by Shelby County residents to begin or advance their careers through certification and/or licensure examinations.

Grant Award : \$5,000.00

Match Amount: \$6,025.78

*= Total Value of Project
\$11,025.78*

COOSA VALLEY RC&D COUNCIL

The Coosa Valley RC&D Council covers an eleven county area located in east central Alabama which includes the following counties: Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Etowah, Randolph, St. Clair, Talladega and Tallapoosa. The office is located in Oxford, Alabama.

PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2010 AND 2011

Farm City Outdoor Classroom: Sponsored a county wide farm tour which allowed children an opportunity to see firsthand where their food and fiber comes from.

Wedowee ES & MS Playground: Installed playground equipment to promote physical activity needed to improve overall health of students.

Boy Scouts Merit Badge Program: Provided a two week summer program for boys to become aware of their role in conservation responsibility and multi-use management practices.

Kids Kollege: Implemented a one week summer program at Southern Union State Community College which provided youth with an opportunity to explore and develop various skills related to creativity in a fun supportive environment.

Ashville Middle & High School Archery Program: Purchased archery materials which were used to train and educate students in archery completion and safety.

Alabama Birding Trails: Funding was used to renovate and improve birding trails habitat in order to enhance people's experience and interaction with nature through fact based interpretation.

Lan Ark Conservation Education Field Day: Conservation education programs for students during a one day field trip to encourage science based learning.

Women In The Outdoors: Program was implemented to increase women's participation, interest and knowledge of hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreational activities.

Community Health Fair: Conducted a one day health fair and screening to enhance community's understanding of health issues and the importance to stay healthy. Classes focused on improving health through changes in nutrition, physical activities and behavior.



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COOSA VALLEY RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED

Plant Production & Greenhouse Environmental Science: The greenhouse serves as a training area for the students to have hands on experience at growing a variety of hydroponic fruits and vegetables, as well as flowers. The objectives included all phases of plant propagation/ production, recordkeeping, organizing and supply ordering.

Designing Environmental Stewart-ship Kids-Desk II: Educating students about the value of birding as eco-tourism and a source of income for entrepreneurs and local businesses. Also focused on plant identification.

Moody Merrymakers Senior Center: To provide three computer workstations and supplies for seniors to be able to learn how to use a computer. The center is used by more than thirty five seniors daily.

Cane Creek Organic Community Garden Teaching & Demonstration: To teach youth and adults about National Organic Programs standards and to provide a location to use this knowledge.

Youth Agricultural Learning Labs: Funds were used to purchase learning laboratory kits emphasizing different animal species and natural resource areas.

Auntie Litter Program: Provided litter education to elementary school students about the adverse effects of littering and how to prevent it.

Livestock Show Judging Contest: Funds were used to build portable pens in a three county area to teach 4-H and FFA students how to show and judge livestock.

Wildlife Control for Community Gardening: To establish a wildlife fence for a community garden project. Demonstrations and educational workshops will be provided by local gardeners and extension agents.

Plastic Culture – Drip Irrigation Education Project: Provided educational opportunities at schools to show students the agricultural and economic benefits of growing and marketing the products, and generating income.

Weiss Lake E-Coli Testing: Funds used for E-Coli testing consisting of twenty-five sites with a minimum of five test per site each quarter for 1 year. Used data to identify areas of concern and develop a plan to address proper sewage.

White Plains Youth Athletic Organization Erosion Control: Landscaping to control erosion on the White Plains Sports Complex hillside bank behind ball field. Funds were used for grading and shaping area with skid steer, filling gully in with topsoil, and placing approximately 5000 feet of Bermuda sod.

Choccolocco History and Agriculture Festival: To made citizens in Calhoun County aware of the rich history of Choccolocco and to show that in all the

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development we still have some agriculture. Festival included oral history storytelling, exhibits, yard sales, singing groups, quilts, and doll shows.

Alabama Conservation District Employees Training: The state wide 3-day training session was held in Florence, Alabama. Curriculum included training on conservation education and on current programs. District employees use their newly acquired knowledge and training to partner with local representatives to carry education into the school systems and to the public.

Arts League: A three county, week long art camp with hands on experience for approximately 300 children ages 5-12. Professional artists and teachers provided activities and art experiences that are aligned with the Alabama State Course of Study in Fine Arts.

Small Scale Lime Applications: Assisted landowners with a buggy type lime applicator that can be pulled behind an ATV to lime isolated wildlife areas. Making it easier for landowners to get the lime to these fields will increase production and reduce financial losses due to poor fertilizer utilization and less than optimal crop performance.

Aquaculture Alabama Water Watch: Students monitoring and evaluation of physical, chemical and biological features of water bodies.

Cedar Bluff Clean Up: The project involved cleaning up burned homes, and removing the unsightly debris to beautify the town.

Gateway To Life Ranch Mentoring Program: Renovated office and other facility where mentoring program targeting students in grades 1 – 6, who are most in need of enhanced academic and social skills.

Hobson City Community Garden: Establishment and continued operation of a community garden/orchard which will help improve the local economy.

Ashland Erosion: Installed critical area treatment (grading, shaping, and seeding) to control gully and rim erosion on roads leading to ball fields.

Morrison Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department: Provided a safe dependable surface for parking, walking, and rolling of wheelchairs or walker assistance devices for individuals.

Chandler Mountain Community Center: Renovation of community center and made it functional and safe for community usage, and made handicap accessible.

Dryden's Mill Campground: Made the entrance to the campground assessable and enhanced the usability of the park for the public.

State Senator Del Marsh receiving the 2011 outstanding senator of the year award from the Alabama Association of RC&D Councils.



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*High Tunnel or Hoop House
Demonstration that was sponsored by
Coosa Valley RC&D*



Newsite Water Extension Project

*Produce grown by members of the
Hobson City Youth Community
Garden Club*



COOSA VALLEY RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED

Downtown Gadsden Landscaping: Improved the space adjacent to the new offices of Downtown Gadsden, by landscaping and providing outdoor seating for pedestrians and visitors.

City of Hokes Bluff Hard Surface Project: Improved drainage, reduced soil erosion, improved parking area, and better handicapped accessibility.

Gallant Area Fire Hydrants: Purchased and installed three fire hydrants for better fire protection.

Rain Barrel Workshops: Rain barrel containers were installed to collect and store rain water from rooftops for later use.

Recreational Outreach center For Kids: Renovation of the old Lincoln High School for an after school program for kids ages 11 – 18.

The John W. Inzer Museum: Continued renovation of a 1852 Ante Bellum Home which belonged to Lt. Colonel and Judge John W. Inzer and was donated to the Sons of Confederate Veterans St Clair Comp 308. The funds were used to install gutters and help control the flow of water coming off the roof and help stop future brickwork and foundation deterioration.

Weogufka Community Center: Replaced the roof of the community center, and added covered walkways.

Wood Duck Nesting Boxes: Students constructed nesting boxes, and developed an appreciation for wildlife conservation efforts.



*Oxford Elementary School Resource Class
Outdoor Classroom Field Day*



Crooked Creek Birding Trail

GULF COAST RC&D COUNCIL

The Gulf Coast RC&D Council serves Baldwin, Escambia, and Mobile Counties. Its Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from the Poarch Band of the Creek Indians, and Commissions and Soil and Water Conservation Districts from each of the three counties. The office is located in Atmore.

PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2011

Baldwin County Water Festival: This event was the 8th annual festival sponsored by the Weeks Bay Foundation. The purpose of the event is to teach students about watershed and water quality protection. After 8 years, this event remains an excellent educational field day trip for Baldwin County students. Nearly 1,000 students and teachers were reached during this event. Over 200 hours of service were given by 21 volunteers.

Mobile County Water Festival: Mobile County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted its 3rd annual event last year. Approximately 450 fourth graders, representing eight elementary schools, participated. The students learned how their actions in the watershed impact water quality. The students also got a chance to visit three hands-on learning stations. This event is strongly supported by the Mobile County School System. Approximately 115 volunteers showed up to help with this event.

Prescribe Burning Certification and Refresher Course: The event was held to ensure that landowners and forestry professionals are equipped with the most current management tools. The participants learned how to burn in safer and more predictable ways. This event was also held to help current Baldwin, Escambia, and Mobile County Prescribe Burn Managers keep their current certification. A total of 57 people participated in the Prescribe Burn Refresher Course. Due to this event, three jobs were sustained. Five volunteers donated around 214 hours of service for this four day event.

Alternative Forest Products Workshop and Tour: This event was offered for the purposes of providing an overview of the condition of the current timber market and future projections, to review the various alternative forest products and their potential markets for Alabama, and to tour science based forest management techniques for alternative forest products. Over 50 people attended the workshop, and the majority reported that this was their first workshop of this type. They reported that it was very informative and useful.

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GULF COAST RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED

Dances with Butterflies: This project was conducted at Council Traditional School in Mobile. The gardening club was made up of fifteen 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. The goal was to teach the students about different types of soil and the best planting conditions, and to explore the mystery of the life cycles of plants. The group created a butterfly garden and planted perennials in it. This will be an ongoing project with hopes of bringing in vegetables. The gardening club partnered with a local church, Mount Hebron, to complete their project.

Backyard Beef: The objective of the project was to provide local cattle producers, and other interested in the industry, with the knowledge needed to produce fresh beef products for area residents. The focus is to train cattle producers to reach premium beef production, learn to market the product, encourage animal stewardship and environmental stewardship. This project was successful in that it supplied wholesome product to local consumers while educating youth about agriculture and producing a profit for a high school in Monroe County.

Mobile County Jr. Master Gardener 4-H Club: The goal of the project was to encourage 4-H members and volunteers to get their hands in the dirt and learn to garden for better health and nutrition. The students got a chance to participate in the plant selection, they learned about crop rotation, they prepared garden plots, and they planted, maintained, harvested, and prepared the food. This project gave the students a wonderful opportunity to adopt the practice of eating new and different fruits and vegetables from their very own garden. The garden is an ongoing project which requires a time commitment from the 4-Hers and the volunteers. A total of 17 adult volunteers contributed over 1,000 hours of their time to make this project happen.

Alabama Gulf Coast Guardians 4-H Club Environmental Stewardship: The organization's objective is to educate students and volunteer leaders on the importance of our natural resources through conservation educational activities. This project was undertaken in an effort to encourage students to focus on their roles as citizens and leaders of their communities. There was also emphasis on the environment. A total of 37 volunteers were involved in this project and they agreed to adopt several Alabama Water Watch sites and share their knowledge with others in the community.

Mobile County Farm and City Education Safety Day: The purpose of this event was to expose students to the different career opportunities. They learned how they can fit into the future workforce by staying in school, staying fit and healthy, and being safe and obeying the laws. Mobile County FACE partnered with several other organizations, including the Alabama Department of Public Safety, Mobile Fire and Rescue, and Mobile County Police Department. Approximately 98 youth and adult volunteers provided over 800 hours of service toward this project.

Chickasaw School of Math & Science Outdoor Classroom: This outdoor classroom project was completed in Mobile County. The objective was to get the students thinking about the environment in terms of conservation and gardening. After more than 380 hours of service, generated by 24 volunteers, the students can now participate in gardening – whether it is through planning, planting, upkeep, harvesting, or simply enjoying the beauty and taste of the crops. This project was so successful that one of the first graders was quoted as saying, “I just love this school.”

Baldwin Catfish Roundup: The yearly event is held in Baldwin County. Each year, dozens of volunteers and sponsors contribute their time and money to help put on this event. The purpose of the Catfish Roundup is to give people with disabilities the opportunity to fish all day and enjoy good fun with family, neighbors, and friends. Increased attendance and involvement at each event is a key indicator of this event’s success.

Pine Barren Watershed Restoration: These restorative efforts were undertaken by the Escambia County Soil and Water Conservation District. Woody vegetation and herbaceous weeds had begun to prevent adequate water flow during heavy rainfall. Through this project, the excessive vegetation and weeds issue is being successfully resolved.

Grand Bay Library: Several individuals from the Grand Bay Area organized themselves as Citizens For A Better Grand Bay, Inc., and took on the task of renovating and restoring a historic building, the Grand Bay Bank, which was built in 1903, to provide a library for the community and surrounding area. Through this project, plans have been designed and drawn up to ensure environmental stewardship, appropriate use of space, and adequate care of the building. Current plans are for the library to be up and running in 2013.

Mobile County Beach Restoration: Dauphin Island beach restoration efforts have been ongoing since 2006, after Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005. The beach experienced a great deal of erosion. This project stresses the importance of beach vegetation in preventing erosion, and it allows students the opportunity to plant the sea oats. Last year’s restoration efforts were fueled by 180 volunteers providing over 2,880 hours of service.

Fairhope Community Gardens: The Local Food Production Initiative (LFPI) was formed for the purpose of educating the public about the benefits of eating local food and supporting local food production. LFPI took on the task of developing two community gardens. Twenty-one volunteers provided over 480 hours of service to develop these gardens. Now these gardens allow field trip opportunities as well as a means for the community to come together and grow and eat its own food.

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GRAND BAY

LIBRARY: *The old Grand Bay Bank, built in 1903, is being turned into a community library.*

**GULF COAST
RC&D COUNCIL
RESOURCE
CENTER:** *The
RC&D Office
relocated to Atmore
and set up a small
resource center.*

GULF COAST RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED

Gulf Coast RC&D Council Resource Center: Gulf Coast RC&D Council recently relocated its office to Atmore. As part of its growth plan, the Council has set up a small resource center. The purpose of the center is to provide the public with resources that will help with implementing projects and developing project ideas. The center is also open to the public to aid in job searches and job preparation.

Faith and Knowledge Campus After School Enrichment Program: This program was held in Baldwin County. The program's goal is to empower students to excel in the areas of reading, math, and writing. Dance, music, and sports are also part of the program to ensure that the students learn to appreciate culture and learn how to work as a team.

Grazing Field Day: This event was held in Baldwin County for the purpose of educating the public on grazing techniques and raising awareness of the benefits of grass-fed cattle. People from Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and Louisiana attended this event.

Splash Pad: The City of Bayou La Batre took on the exciting task of providing recreational activities for its youth. The newly completed splash pad is fully handicapped accessible, providing ample room for wheelchairs. The Splash Pad will be officially open around the Spring. (See photo below)



Bayou La Batre Splash Pad

MID-SOUTH RC&D COUNCIL

The Mid-South RC&D Council covers the following counties: Autauga, Bullock, Butler, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, and Montgomery. The office is located in Montgomery.

PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2011

Montgomery County Water Festival 2011: Program designed to educate fourth grade students in Montgomery County about aspects of water and other related natural resources. Each year the festival reaches approximately 3,000 fourth grade students. The council provided \$1,500 in assistance.

Got Soil: Class and related teaching aids designed to give teachers and childcare providers the skills they need to establish and sustain successful school garden programs. The purpose of the garden is to harvest and donate fresh vegetables to the elderly and low income residents in Autauga County. The council provided \$2,500.

Autauga County Water Festival: Program designed to teach 4th grade students lifelong skills about conserving and recycling natural resources. Approximately 850 students and 140 volunteers participated to help make this event a success. The council provided \$1,500.

Non-Profit Training and Development: Council members attended meetings and workshops so that they could acquire more detailed knowledge of managing a non-profit organization and to become thoroughly engaged and adept in conducting council business and management. The council provided \$4,696 in assistance.

Black Belt Eye Care Consortium: This project provided eye care screenings and referrals for members of rural communities, and identified prospective individuals in need of health education related to diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma. The council provided \$5,000 in assistance.

Providence & Mount Pisgah Volunteer Fire Department: The council provided \$1,085 to fund needed emergency management training (EMT) for two volunteer firefighters. The training allowed the 200 residents of rural Butler County to have quicker access to trained emergency personnel.

Forest Home Fire Department: The council provided \$3,425 to fund the purchase of communication radios for a medical/service truck and firefighter protective suits for three new volunteer fire fighters who help over 1,800 in their service area.



Mid-South Receives Award

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MID-SOUTH RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED

Butler County Farmers Market: The council provided \$3,900 to fund the development of a handicap ramp and restroom facilities.

Shackleville Volunteer Fire Department: The council provided \$3,291 in funds for the maintenance and repair of fire trucks. These improvements enhanced the safety of both responders and the public.

Redland Volunteer Fire Department: The council provided \$4,002 to fund the purchase of a Turbo Draft Fire Educator and two hoses which enable firefighters to draft water directly from swimming pools, ponds, creeks, and lakes, at a distance of up to 200 feet.

Restoring Green Infrastructure during Urban Redevelopment: The council provided the City of Montgomery with \$5,350 so that 56 trees could be purchased and installed along the downtown city streets. These trees helped to beautify and attract new businesses to the downtown area as well as remove pollutants from the local environment.

Albert Harris Community Garden & Back Porch Demonstration Site: This project generated a new interest within the community to have vegetable gardens incorporated into one's everyday lifestyle and healthy eating habits. The project created 3 jobs, helped 3 organizations, and yielded enough produce to feed over 340 seniors and low-income families in Lee, Montgomery and Elmore counties. The council provided \$2,000.

Hayneville Police Department: The council provided \$3,395 to fund the purchase of video equipment for patrol units to help ensure that all citizens are protected and treated fairly.

Fort Deposit Volunteer Fire Department: The council provided \$3,895 to fund the purchase of a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to improve the rescue efforts.

Classroom Field Day: Miniature cotton bales and cotton gins were purchased for the Butler County teachers to use in their classroom that showed 700 kindergarten and first graders how the seeds are removed from cotton, combed, and baled to produce food and clothing. The council provided \$1,500.

Bullock County Groundwater Festival 2011: The council provided \$3,800 to teach 136 fourth grade students the importance of groundwater so that at an early age they can start becoming family champions for a safe and secure water supply for future generations.

Computers for Redland Elementary School: The council provided \$17,460 to assist 34 teachers and 750 students at the newly opened Redland Elementary School. The funds were used to purchase 34 computers.

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Assist the Teachers: Program designed to expand the visual and performing arts program within the Elmore County Schools. Over 400 K-12th grade students and at least 8 teachers were assisted with this \$3,500 grant which provided students with the opportunity to explore the arts of using higher order thinking skills.

8th Annual Lee County Water Festival 2011: This hands-on educational program that reached approximately 1,893 fourth grade students by using interactive activities to teach general environmental awareness and stewardship ethic. The council provided \$1,500.

Lowndes County Youth Forestry and Safety Field Day: Presentations and hands-on training were provided to inform 182 fourth grade students about the contributions that forests make to the environmental quality and economy of Alabama. The council provided \$1,500.

Edgewood Plus Tutorial Program: Program dedicated to help improve academic achievement and social functioning for youth in K-12th grade in the Fort Deposit Community and surrounding areas. The council provided \$10,200 and over 500 children and their families were served.

The Learning Zone: The council provided \$5,000 to assist the Lowndes County Community Life Center in reaching over 75 pre-school through twelfth grade students with their homework, enrichment, and physical fitness.

HIPPY in Lowndes County: Program designed to empower parents with knowledge and tools so that the home provides a quality learning experience for children by helping parents discover how to teach and instill in their children a love of learning. Over 60 families of children age 3-5 were reached. The council provided \$5,851.

Alabama Cares Family Caregiver Program: The Council provided \$3,100 in funds to address needed outreach and education and assistance to over 196 grandparent or relative caregivers, age 60 and over, who are caring for a family member with Alzheimer's disease/dementia, and to relative caregivers age 55 and older caring for a child with severe physical or mental disability.

Conservation Education Field Day: This program offered 125 Eclectic Elementary School students the opportunity to experience a more in-depth look at our state's most vital natural resources. The council provided \$1,500.

Autaugaville Police Firearms Instructor: The council provided \$3,884 to train an officer to become a certified NRA firearm instructor in handgun, shotgun, and patrol rifles so that they can provide professional training and recertification to the officers within the agency.

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HIPPY in Lowndes County



Autauga County Farm Week





THE GREENVILLE AREA YMCA

received a \$4,798 grant. Greenville Area YMCA received a grant for regulation diving blocks for the swim team. Pictured above:YMCA Director Amanda Phillips receiving the check from Phyllis Dantzler, Mid-South RC&D Council member.

MID-SOUTH RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED

Autauga County Farm City Week Safety Day Camp: The council provided \$1,800 to help make youth aware of the rich agricultural heritage in Autauga County.

2011 Leadership through Conservation Internship: The council employed two interns over the length of four academic semesters to implement the administrative requirements of project management which included overseeing project activities, and working directly with project sponsors and volunteers. Grant amount \$10,000.

Fort Deposit Police Department: The council provided \$5,000 to assist in purchasing technical surveillance equipment for patrol cars.

Bullock County Humane Society: Project designed to reconstruct the formerly outdated animal shelter to provide adequate facilities. The council provided \$5,000.

Alabama Sports Festival (ASF) XIX: The council provided \$50,000 in community development funds to help execute the game's opening ceremonies and leadership summit held in Birmingham, Alabama. (ALS)



The Crump Center

The Crump Center: The council provided \$5,000 in community development funds to purchase a sink for the newly developed senior center.

The Small Business Resource Center

Foyer Renovation: The organization renovated the foyer. The council provided \$5,000 in community development funds to assist with the renovation.

Small Business Development Resource

Center: The Alabama State University (SBDC) provided technical assistance to start up, existing and expanding businesses and prospective business owners. The council provided \$10,000 to help carry out its daily operations and outreach supportive services to its rural business clients.

NORTHWEST RC&D COUNCIL

The Northwest Alabama RC&D Council consists of five counties: Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, Marion, and Winston. The Council concentrates on four areas: rural job development, forestry, water quality, and community services.

PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2011

Hackleburg High School Stadium upgrades: \$1,000 Grant funds purchased stadium sound system and gym upgrades.

Franklin Co. Courthouse Repairs: \$7,000 Grant funds were used to repair roof on Franklin County Courthouse.

Safeplace: \$20,000 Grant funds purchased playground equipment to be used at residential facility for battered women and children.

Colbert Heights Outdoor Classroom: \$4,208 Grant funds were used to implement outdoor classroom.

Lauderdale Co. Foster Grandparent Program: \$1,800 Grant was used to support Foster Grandparent program in Lauderdale County.

Marion Co. Foster Grandparent Program: \$3,660 Grant funds were used to support Foster Grandparent program in Marion County Schools.

Northwest AL RC&D Outdoor Classroom Initiative: \$15,208 Grant funds were used to implement council-wide program sending a staff member to local schools to provide technical assistance to develop outdoor classrooms.

Marion Co./City of Haleyville Junior Leadership Program: \$3,000 Grant funds were used to hold a leadership program for Marion County and Haleyville High School students.

Haleyville Senior Center: \$1,500 Grant funds were used to purchase equipment to upgrade senior center.

Tharptown Elementary School Math & Reading Project: \$2,000 Grant funds were used to purchase math and reading materials for elementary school classrooms.

LaGrange Living Historical Assoc. support: \$3,000 Grant funds were used to provide support for LaGrange College Site Park.

Franklin Co. Imagination Project: \$4,500 Grant funds were used to provide books to approximately 240 children in the Franklin County area from birth to 5 years old to promote literacy and encourage parents to read to small children.



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NORTHWEST RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED

Phil Campbell High School Baseball field renovations: \$12,500 Grant funds were used to renovate baseball field and upgrade to meet AHSAA guidelines.

Town of Lexington Water & Sewer Project: \$9,270 Grant funds were used to repair and upgrade water & sewer lines in community.

Vina High School Outdoor Classroom: \$3,000 Grant funds were used to implement outdoor classroom at high school.

Assign-A-Highway Project: \$30,000 Grant funds were used for program designed to use probationers for roadside litter removal in Winston and Marion Counties.

Phillips High School Technology Project: \$4,212 Grant funds were used to purchase equipment to upgrade technology in high school classrooms.

Phillips Elementary School "Play It Safe" Project: \$4,000 Grant funds were used for new intercom system to upgrade the method by which teachers and administrators can communicate while in 2 different parts of building for safety issues.

Hackleburg High School Baseball Project: \$4,000 Grant funds were used to construct handicap assessable restroom and concession area at high school baseball field.

Franklin Co. Extension Farm-City Banquet: \$1,000 Grant funds were used for purchasing materials and supplies for Farm-City Banquet which educates students on the link between food they eat and the people who grow it.

Town of Arley Ballfield Project: \$4,635 Grant funds were used to complete initial grading on site where ballfield will be constructed.

Town of Lynn Ballfield Project: \$4,635 Grant funds were used to construct pavilion at ball park for area youth and families in community.

Franklin Co. Envirothon: \$1,000 Grant funds were used for environmental education competition for Franklin County students.

Cypress Cove: \$2,690 Grant funds were used to purchase supplies needed to begin readying site for waterfowl observation deck.

Haleyville Fire/Rescue Project: \$1,272 Grant funds were used to purchase training materials for CPR and First Aid classes for the Fire and Rescue Department in the surrounding area.

Rain Barrel Workshop Project: \$4,571 Grant funds were used to purchase rain barrels and supplies for Rain Barrel Workshops in Lauderdale County and Franklin County at no charge to participants. RC&D coordinated with

the Alabama Forestry Commission and the Alabama Cooperative Extension Systems.

Colbert Co. Extension Farm-City Awareness: \$1,000 Grant funds were used for educational supplies/materials for Farm-City Parade activities for Colbert County Students.

Hackleburg High School Technology Project (Phase II): \$1,289 Grant funds were used to purchase smart board for technology upgrades in high school.

Haleyville City Lake Park Electrical upgrades: \$12,540 Grant funds were used for electrical upgrades as well as road widening for events at park in the City of Haleyville.

Addison High School Technology: \$2,947 Grant funds were used to purchase laptop computers for classrooms at high school to upgrade technology in school.

Double Springs Historic Library Project: \$3,000 Grant funds were used to restore front door and flooring in historic library.

Phil Campbell High School Football field/Equipment: \$8,473 Grant funds were used to upgrade football equipment and facilities.

Smith Lake Signage Project: \$3,175 Grant funds were used to purchase and place directional signs on Smith Lake.

Marion Co. Extension Service Industry Project: \$2,000 Grant funds were used to implement program for senior high school 4-H students to learn and develop skills on how to meet and greet public in their service jobs in a businesslike and professional manner.

Oka Kapassa Native American Festival: \$10,000 Grant funds were used to implement council-wide 2 day Native American festival. One day is dedicated to elementary students to learn about Native Americans and the second day is open to the public.

Red Bay Outdoor Complex Remodeling: \$5,000 Grant funds were used to upgrade the Red Bay Outdoor baseball and softball complex.

Cherokee High School Outdoor Classroom: \$4,000 Grant funds were used to implement outdoor classroom at high school.

Covenant Christian School Outdoor Classroom: \$2,375 Grant funds were used to implement outdoor classroom.

AL A+ Biomedical Pilot Study: \$2,000 Grant funds were used for pilot program to document proper collection of rabbit compliment.



Colbert County High School



Florence Lauderdale County Public Library



*Imagination Library
(In Memory of Howard Grissom)*

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OKAKAPASSA FESTIVAL:

*Provided funding for
the annual Native
American Festival.
\$10,000.00.*



NORTHWEST RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED

Colbert Alloys Park Project: \$5,000 Grant funds were used to partially fund the purchase of a manufactured home for caretaker at Park.

Haleyville High School Weather Station: \$13,000 Grant funds were used to establish a weather station at Haleyville High School for educating students and keeping community safe through communication of weather forecast.

Franklin Co. Cool Runnings: \$1,000 Grant funds were used to implement day long environmental education event for Franklin County students.

Florence/Lauderdale Co. Public Library Early Literacy Project: \$17,825 Grant funds were used to purchase teaching materials and provide staff for Early Literacy program.

Community Raised Garden Beds Project: \$30,000 Grant funds were used to develop community raised garden beds in each county within the Northwest AL RC&D area.

Cherokee High School Outdoor Classroom



Cherokee Senior Center Raised Beds



Below: Oka Kapassa Festival



TOMBIGBEE RC&D COUNCIL

The Tombigbee Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) is a part of a special program to conserve our natural resources and to improve the overall economic condition of our local citizens. The Council is composed of representatives from County Commissions, Soil Conservation Districts, and one member-at-large in each of the following eight counties: Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Pickens, Sumter and Tuscaloosa.

PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2011

Creating Bibb County Auntie Litters (Bibb): This project provided training, uniforms and compensation for two Bibb Co residents to assume the persona of Auntie Litter, so that they can provide environmental education and awareness programs for elementary school students in Bibb County. Primary focus of the program is to get students to practice the “three R’s”, reuse, reduce waste, and recycle. Project value: \$1,800.

Brent Elementary School Playground Improvement Phase II (Bibb): The updates in the playground area, with the inclusion of a walking/running track, helped the school offer K-4 students a safe area to exercise and play. The objective of this project is to see an improvement in students’ physical fitness which will in turn improve their cognitive development and decrease obesity and sedentary lifestyles. Project value for 2011 was \$7,000.

Berry Elementary School Outdoor Classroom (Fayette): The school constructed an outdoor classroom to enable students to have class outdoors and learn science, math, language, and 4-H curriculum in a safe outdoor setting. This outdoor classroom utilized an unused area of the school campus by covering area with a permanent canvas type awning and installing tables for activities to take place. Project value: \$4,000.

Fayette Railroad Depot Museum Phase II (Fayette): This educational project provided funding to complete enhancements to the existing Railroad Museum. Additional lighting, weatherproof windows, and flooring was installed in the caboose to insure safety and preserve the caboose. Project value for 2011 was \$4,000.

Fayette Middle School Health & PE Activity Area (Fayette): This project involved constructing a physical education activity area which consisted of installing a concrete/asphalt slab, basketball goals, tetherball sets, and four-square playing



Science Lab Upgrade

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areas. This area provided middle school students a variety of enjoyable physical fitness activities which are outlined in the Alabama Course of Study. Project value: \$7,000.

Leadership Greene (Greene): Leadership Greene is an outstanding community leadership program that advances educational opportunities through citizen involvement. Participants are taught to assume responsibility and get involved in the public-decision making process. In addition, Leadership Greene helps build linkages that sustain diverse partnerships, collaborations and networks for effective action within the county. Project value: \$7,200.

United Memorial Park (Greene): This historic park is being reconstructed to beautify the Eutaw community and to provide entertainment to the citizens of Greene County. A partnership of local organizations provided funds to provide a safe, beautiful place to play tennis, enjoy the new playground equipment, or just relax in the beautiful setting. Project value is \$7,200.

Walking Track at Stewart Community (Hale): A walking track was installed around the community center which provides a safe and enjoyable environment for senior citizens and youth to exercise. Project value: \$7,000

Sulligent High School Greenhouse (Lamar): Sulligent High School constructed a fully operational greenhouse for the students of the Agri-science department. Students will be given the opportunity to have hands on experience with greenhouse and horticulture procedures. Project value - \$5,000

Vernon Elementary School Kindergarten (Lamar): The school purchased three laptop computers for making real-world connections with technology, and to utilize educational websites to enhance instruction in the kindergarten classrooms. By incorporating technology into daily instruction, all children will benefit regardless of their socioeconomic status or learning style. Project value: \$2,000

Sulligent High School Technology Update (Lamar): Project will incorporate 21st century teaching technology into agricultural curriculum with the use of a Promethean Board. Modern agricultural content will be introduced to classes with the use of CEV Introduction to Agriculture Pathway. The Promethean Board is an interactive, collaborative, multimedia experience that will be utilized to capture the imagination of all types of learners, from auditory, visual, kinesthetic and everywhere between. The CEV Pathway is a multimedia set that covers all introductory core agricultural classes and also meets the State of Alabama core content standards. Project value: \$4,000

Lamar County Lake Pavilion (Lamar): The Lamar County Commission has constructed a pavilion at the Lamar County Lake. Lamar County Lake is a 68 acre lake which has facilities for camping, picnics, and cabin rentals. A pavilion was

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TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

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needed where citizens could gather to have family and group outings, reunions, meetings, and picnics. Project value is \$7,000.

Sulligent High School Life Science Project (Lamar): School purchased new microscopes, slides, and other scientific tools to stay up to date in today's educational system. Project value is: \$4,000.

FAWN (Forestry Awareness Week Now) (Pickens): This program to improve forestry awareness was given to all 6th grade students in Pickens County. Students learned the basics of tree identification, importance of soils to tree growth, forest wildlife, how trees grow and develop, products made from trees and water safety. This program also compliments science curriculum in school. Project value: \$2,200.

Pickens Academy Erosion Project (Pickens): Repaired erosion problem on school grounds in preparation for developing an outdoor classroom. Also plans are to construct raised gardens so that students will be able to learn to plant, manage, and harvest vegetables that are produced. Project value is \$7,000.

Panola Outreach Community Adventures (Sumter): Citizens of Panola participated in six community projects, giving them a better understanding of available community resources. Alabama Cooperative Extension Service and other agencies helped in the planning and implementation of activities. The six projects were: Mother's Daughter Tea, Community Fun Day, Father's and Young Men Awareness Day, Back to School Rally, Christmas Gala - Human Nutrition, and Christmas Gala Concert. Project value: \$4,000.

Sumter/Marengo Water Festival (Sumter): A water festival was held at the University of West Alabama, creating an awareness of groundwater and other natural resources in an effort to develop the knowledge base and sense of stewardship of students, teachers, and future teachers. Students participated in three hands-on activities (Watershed in a Box, Edible Aquifer, and Filtration Activity) that will give them a better understanding of the importance of water. Project value: \$4,000

Science Lab Upgrade at Sumter Academy (Sumter): The objective of this grant was to upgrade equipment in the science lab in order to meet OSHA safety guidelines. Upgrades included repairing/replacing plumbing in sinks in lab, purchasing and installing new fume hood unit, installing equipment for emergency shower and eyewash station, and purchasing safety equipment such as protective eyewear and aprons for students. Project value is \$7,000.

Verner Butterfly Garden Pond Project (Tuscaloosa): Verner Elementary School created a hands-on, service learning outdoor classroom with aquatic pond where enrichment classes in grades 3, 4 and 5 have an opportunity to study native butterflies and other wildlife. Project value: \$2,000.

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*Sulligent High School
Technology Update*





CREATING BIBB COUNTY AUNTIE LITTER:

*Training and uniforms
for Bibb County
residents to assume
the persona of Auntie
Litter.*

TOMBIGBEE RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED

Hillcrest High School Plant Initiative (Tuscaloosa): Created an outdoor classroom, planted a fruit orchard, provided lessons on horticulture management and career development at Hillcrest High School. Project value is \$2,700.

Special Day for Special Kids (Tuscaloosa): Special needs individuals participated in a riverboat ride on the Warrior River to observe river front activities and be exposed to water issues. Project value: \$875.00

Education Outreach (Area Wide): Educated youth at several area schools and environmental festivals about the importance of sustaining our natural resources. Live honeybees in a demonstration box were used to share information about pollination and its value in our world. A table top model of a watershed, EnviroScape, was used to show how pollution can affect our water supply in surprising ways. Project value: \$13,000.

Organic Gardens



WIREGRASS RC&D COUNCIL

The Wiregrass Resource Conservation and Development (WRC&D) Council serves the following Southeast Alabama counties: Barbour, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike and Russell.

PROJECTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2011

Leadership Barbour: Development Program (Barbour): WRC&D provided \$4,522 to Barbour County to train and educate citizens so they can lead Barbour County into the future in local government. Project value \$10,500.

Barbour County Youth Leadership (Barbour): WRC&D provided financial assistance to the Barbour County Extension Service to present classes to selected students to prepare them for future leadership positions. WRC&D allocated \$1,500 toward the cost of this project. Project value \$5,200.

Eufaula Heritage Association (Barbour): WRC&D provided financial assistance to Eufaula Heritage Association to replace existing rotten balustrade system on the roof of the Shorter Mansion porte co-chere. WRC&D allocated \$5,700 toward the cost of this project. Project value \$11,245.

Elba City School (Coffee): WRC&D provided financial assistance to Elba City Schools to develop a Greenhouse Project to conduct educational activities focusing on horticulture, natural science, environmental science, biology, and economics. WRC&D allocated \$6,645 for this project. Project value \$8,000.

Coffee County SWCD Education Support (Coffee): WRC&D provided financial assistance to the Coffee County Soil and Conservation District to provide various educational hands-on activities for all Coffee County elementary schools. WRC&D allocated \$4,850 for this project.

Coffee County 5th Annual Groundwater Festival (Coffee): WRC&D provided a grant to the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District to purchase materials to conduct water conservation education activities. WRC&D allocated \$2,423 toward the cost of the groundwater festival. Project value \$11,977.

Coffee County Cogongrass Control (Coffee): WRC&D provided funds to the Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee to spray areas of cogongrass to control and reduce the spread of this highly invasive species in Coffee County. WRC&D allocated \$2,423 toward the program cost of \$3,138.

Covington County's Coastal Envirocape Demonstration (Covington): WRC&D provided financial assistance to Covington County Soil and Water Conservation District to demonstrate to Covington County students, grades 3-5,



Senator Billy Beasley and Rep. Dexter Grimsley present a check to the Henry County ACES office for an education project.

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point and nonpoint source pollution and its effects on wetlands, estuaries, the ocean, beaches and coral reefs. WRC&D allocated \$2,534 toward the program.

Covington County's Envirothon Team Support Program (Covington):

This grant to the Covington County Soil and Water Conservation District provides an educational forum and training opportunity to promote conservation and resource education for high school students and teachers. This program develops students' ability to understand the difference between renewable and nonrenewable sources. It increases the involvement of Covington County students, grades 9-12 in environmental education, conservation concepts and hands-on stewardship practices. WRC&D provided \$1,492 of the \$2,678 project cost.

Creative Conservation Programming For Elementary Schools

(Covington): WRC&D provided financial assistance to the Covington County Soil and Water Conservation District to support classroom instruction and increase the involvement of Covington County students, grades K – five, in environmental education experiences and conservation concepts. WRC&D allocated \$2,619 toward the groundwater festival's cost. Project value \$11,000.

Farmers Cooperative Market Rainwater Redirection (Covington):

WRC&D provided financial assistance to the Pleasant Home School to develop and strengthen the local Pleasant Home community and surrounding area by improving the aesthetic appeal and functional use of their recreational facilities. WRC&D allocated \$4,978 toward the cost of this project. Project value \$11,439.

Crenshaw County 4-H Program (Crenshaw): WRC&D provided funds to the Crenshaw County Extension Office to help fund a part time 4-H Agent Assistant. The 4-H program helps develop skills in leadership, conservation and natural resources for 500 Crenshaw County students ages 9 through 18. WRC&D allocated \$6,160 toward the estimated cost of this program. Project value \$12,000.

2011 Crenshaw County Groundwater Festival Program (Crenshaw):

WRC&D provided a grant of \$2,517 to Crenshaw County SWCD to provide hands on activities that will enable children to learn about different aspects of groundwater. Project value \$10,000.

Bullock Fire Department Equipment Project Program (Crenshaw):

WRC&D provided a \$1,445 grant to Bullock Fire Department to equip the newest pumper truck with a Vulcan Monitor Deluge Nozzle, which helps attack large fires from a safe distance, maintaining a safe fire scene. Project value \$2,018.

Jan Cook Community Center Project Program (Crenshaw): WRC&D provided a \$3,400 grant to the Town of Dozier for enhanced entrance ways into the Senior Center, making it an easier and safer access for the senior citizens and/or the physically challenged to enter or leave the facility. Project value \$5,400.

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Dale County Soil and Water Conservation District Ed. Project (Dale):

WRC&D provided a \$6,645 grant to the Dale County SWCD to help educate youth and adults about soil, water and other related resources and instill in them a general environmental awareness and stewardship ethic. Project value \$9,000.

Camp Oz (Dale): WRC&D provided a grant of \$595 to the City of Ozark after school program to help educate children the proper way of raising and taking care of a garden. Children are growing up without the knowledge of where vegetables come from or an appreciation for fresh vegetables. Project value \$2,500.

Trail and Erosion Repair at Pedestrian Walking Trail at Ed Lisenby

Lake (Dale): WRC&D provided a grant of \$2,000 to maintain and enhance the walking trail as safe recreational haven for Citizens and Visitors to the Ed Lisenby/Dale County Lake Facility. Project value \$4,200.

Echo Fire Department (Dale): WRC&D will provide a grant for \$2,550 to build a wall to separate the vehicle bay area to create a multi-purpose room that can be used for the community. Project value \$3,550.

2011 Geneva County Groundwater Festival (Geneva): WRC&D provided \$1,500 to Geneva County Extension for hands on activities that will enable children to learn about different aspects of groundwater. Project value \$11,450.

Hartford Recreation Park Lighting Project (Geneva): WRC&D provided a \$4,700 grant to the City of Hartford to install lights for a girls softball field. The field currently has no lights, restricting use to daylight hours. Project value \$20,700.

Upgrade Facilities for the Merle Wallace Purvis Center (Geneva):

WRC&D provided a \$1,000 grant to the Geneva County Association of Retarded Citizens to repaint the exercise room. This also helps provide electronic equipment and supplies that will teach their students hand and eye coordination as well as teaching health, mobility, and fitness skills. Project value \$3,580.

Henry County Ground Water Festival (Henry): WRC&D provided a grant of \$1,000 to Henry County Extension Office to present a Ground Water Festival to area students and teachers. The festival helps to educate fourth graders on ground water, by holding a field day to expose, educate and demonstrate water quality management. Project value \$10,900.

Henry County 4-H Program (Henry): WRC&D provided a grant of \$5,675 to the Henry County Extension Office for the purpose of funding a part time 4-H Agent Assistant. This education will provide life- long skills in leadership, conservation and natural resources. Project value \$6,100.

Abbeville Farmers' Market (Henry): WRC&D provided a \$4,845 grant to the City of Abbeville for a Farmers' Market to promote agriculture, economic

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Education Grant for Dale County



Rep. Steve Clouse looks over the gardens the children planted for the Camp Oz project.



Representative Steve Clouse was awarded Outstanding Representative of the Year at the local Farm-City Banquet.

WIREGRASS RC&D COUNCIL PROJECTS CONTINUED

development and tourism. Abbeville and Henry County citizens will all benefit from the availability of nutritious, locally grown fresh to market products as well as local crafts. Project value \$6,300.

Entrance Improvements (Houston): A \$4,845 grant to Landmark Park to continue renovations to the Landmark Park entrance at US Hwy 231 includes removing the current (and rotting) crossties which formed terraced walls/planters and replacing them with split-face concrete block. Project value \$7,042.

Extending Conservation With 4-H (Pike): WR&D provided a grant of \$6,645 to Pike County Extension Office for presenting programs in conservation of natural and human resources to 4-H club members. This will also instill a greater appreciation for our area's bountiful resources. Project value \$10,000.

Poultry Breeder Composting Research Project Phase II (Pike): WRC&D will provide a grant of \$3,825 to the Pike County Soil and Water Conservation District for composting. The project objective is to provide an alternative means of proper disposal of poultry mortalities (breeder or layers). Project value \$9,880.

Organic Food Security System (Russell): WRC&D provided a \$1,700 grant to Alabama Council on Human Relations. This project provides a means for the citizens (intergenerational) of Russell County to improve their quality of life by promoting a healthier lifestyle. Project value \$3,788.

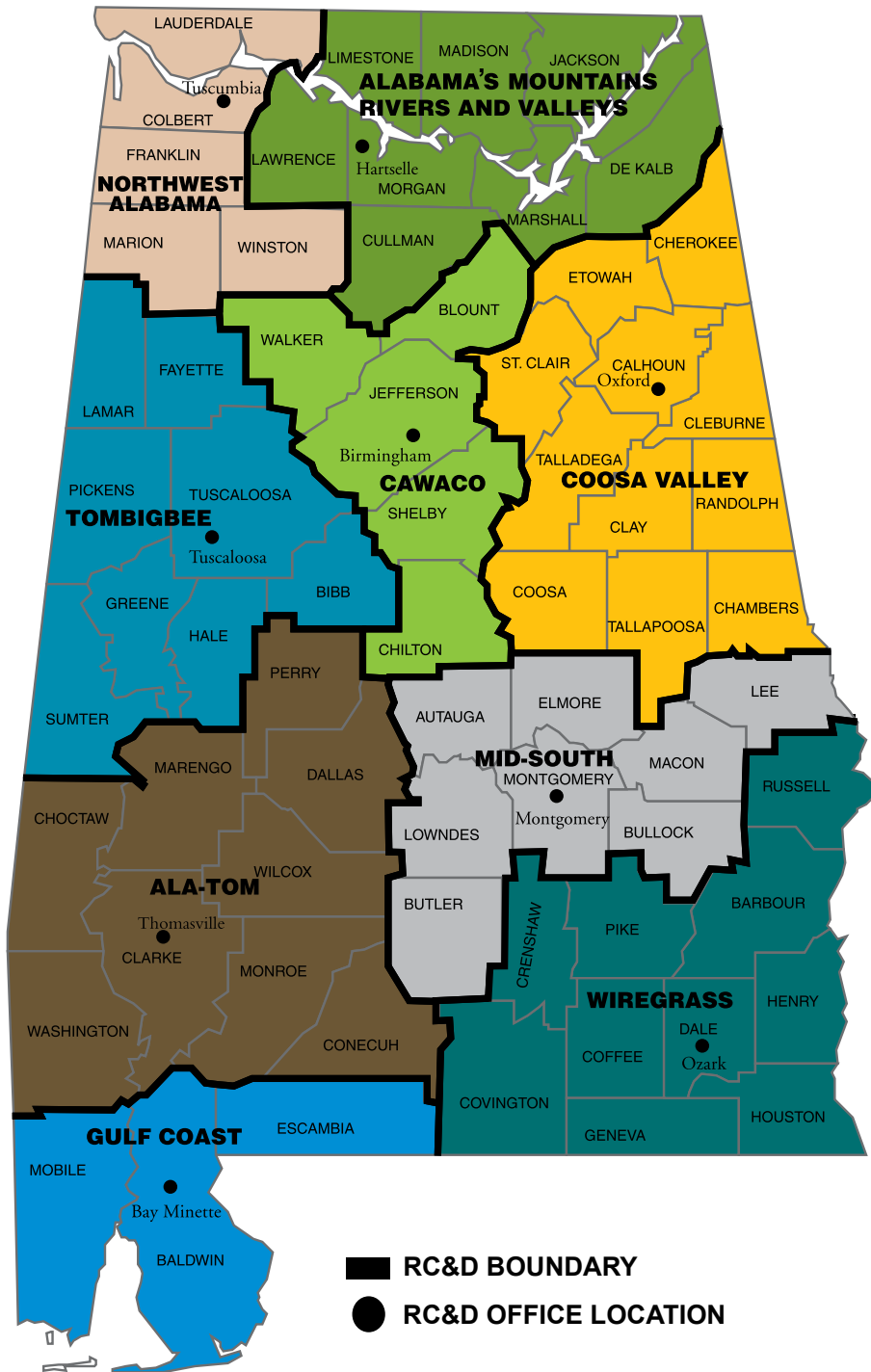
Cooling the Greens (Russell): This \$3,541 grant to Lakewood Elementary Science Magnet School is a continuation from the earlier greenhouse project and helps students continue to learn in a hands-on environment. Project value \$4,000.

Motivating High Poverty Students to Value Hard Work and Success (Russell): This \$3,104 grant is to Phenix City Elementary School. PCES has a poverty rate of 89%. This project provide funds to motivate students to learn, be responsible, and respectful.

Playtime Safe At Home in Seale, Alabama (Russell): This \$3,145 grant to The Russell County Commission for the Russell County Sports and Recreation Complex gives children and families in rural Russell County a safe, suitable and well-located place to play, exercise and socialize. Project value \$11,145.

Rural Enforcement Training Facility Covington County (Area-Wide): The Andalusia Police Department is developing a new Andalusia Law Enforcement Training Facility for small rural law enforcement agencies throughout South Alabama and Northwest Florida. They are developing a state of the art facility for regional law enforcement training activities. Total Grant \$8,265.00. Project value \$15,000.

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