

Fiscal Year 2006 Plan of Work

Clinch-Powell RC&D Council, Inc. is a nonprofit 501C3 entity formed in 1989 blending rural community development with environmental protection while meeting the needs of people in Claiborne, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins and Union counties in northeast Tennessee.

As we have grown and expanded over the years, we have maintained a commitment to excellence and integrity while tackling ever tougher issues like low income housing and economic diversification. Our primary activities for FY 2006 are outlined in this plan.

Governance

A 15 member citizen Board of Directors serve as trustees representing the diversity of interests in the communities. No less than one-third represent low-income and no more than one-third may be public officials. Board members serve six years and govern the policy, direction and activities of the RC&D Council.

Officers and Directors

Cherry Acuff, Grainger
David Lietzke, Grainger
Bill Rhea, Hancock
Joyce Hopson, Claiborne
John Gentry, Union
Dennis Shipley, Claiborne
Sandy Columer, Hancock
Vacant, Union

Kim Belcher, Hancock
Jenny Lawson, Hawkins
Nancy Barker, Hawkins
Sheldon Livesay, Hawkins
Vacant, Grainger
Joe McNew, Claiborne
Vacant, Union

Vision

Every person deserves to live in a healthy and vital community where families are valued, youth are celebrated, education is a priority, the environment is clean, jobs are plentiful and leadership is not only visionary, but shared.

Mission

The mission of the Clinch-Powell RC&D Council, Inc. is to demonstrate regional leadership, secure resources and deliver programs and services that build strong, vibrant communities where conservation and development are in balance with the needs of people.

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Clinch-Powell RC&D Staff

Candy Barbee, EC Program Assistant
Trenna Brown, Appalachia CARES Program Director
Erin Evans, Evaluation Specialist
Sara Knight, Financial Manager
Ronald Lambert, Clinch River Community Field Representative
Chris Osborn, Technology/Housing Manager
Lindy Turner, RC&D Coordinator, NRCS
20 AmeriCorps FTE positions

Clinch Powell Construction Company

Michael Jordan, General Contractor



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Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.



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GOAL: SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Provide direct aid and assistance in economic development
 - Close two small business loans (Barbee, Shipley)
 - Counsel 5 small business in EC (Price)
 - Hold 3 business training classes via video conferencing (Osborn)
 - Seek funding for Heritage Crafts Enterprise building on Quilt Trail (Barbee)
 - Renovate store building and build cottages in Kyle's Ford (Jordan)
- Provide support and funding for industrial development through EC
 - Recruitment and consulting services with 4 businesses (Price)
 - Finalize EC \$80,000 with Grainger Industrial Board (Price)
 - Work with other partners on financial package for Keifer Built in Hancock (Price)
- Train community and business leaders through leadership programs.
 - Advise/conduct Leadership Grainger—8 participants (Turner)
 - Advise/conduct Grainger Youth Leadership Day - 21 participants (Acuff, Turner)

GOAL: EDUCATION AND ARTS

- Conduct Appalachia CARES/AmeriCorps program
 - Engage 2,720 students in experiential service-learning (Brown)
 - Provide academic enrichment services for 500 elementary students (Brown)
 - Complete 136 student-led community service projects with students (Brown)
 - Create 20 FTE AmeriCorps positions
- Enhance science education through hands-on enrichment in schools
 - Hold Conservation Camp for 500 sixth grade students (Barbee, Lambert)
 - Hold Envirothon for 50 high school students (Barbee, Lambert, Turner)
- Support other nonprofit organizations with complementary missions.
 - Conduct two Nonprofit Management courses for 20 organizations (Knight, Turner)
 - Evaluate Project SUCCESS for Clinch Powell Educational Cooperative (Evans)
- Actively educate public regarding RC&D programs and services, community activities and environmental issues.
 - Renovate house for Kyle's Ford Environmental Education Center (Lambert, Jordan)
 - Execute lease with TWRA on Kyle's Ford Ed Ctr (Acuff)
 - Raise community awareness of RC&D services through multi-media campaign (Evans)
 - Hold Lunch and Learn sessions at The Bryan House (Evans, staff)
 - Manage website and provide updates as needed (Osborn, staff)

GOAL: QUALITY COMMUNITIES

- Facilitate United Way contributions for fire protection in Grainger (Acuff, Knight)
- Provide financial support for two programs like Boys/Girls or similar organization (Barbee, Turner)

GOAL: BASIC NEEDS

- Assist First Wheels program in placing 200 cars
 - Manage weekly financial operations (Knight)
 - Assist FW staff and TN RC&D with management input (Columber, Turner, Knight)
- Support and enhance emergency services
 - Provide leadership and teambuilding training to Grainger E911 staff (Turner)
 - Help Washburn VFD to apply for 501C3 status (Turner)
- Help modest to moderate income families purchase a home through Community Housing Development Organization
 - Work with 100 people through one-on-one counseling and homebuyer education - (Osborn, Evans, Turner)
 - Build 9 new affordable homes (Jordan)
 - Provide loan packaging for at least 50 families (Osborn, Turner)
 - Provide counseling to families to combat foreclosure (Osborn)
- Provide property management and rental operations for Gilley's Annex (Osborn, Jordan)
- Provide 9-10 rehab loans for low income families in Hancock County (Osborn, Acuff, Lietzke)

GOAL: TOURISM

- Promote and encourage nature-based and heritage tourism
 - Complete 20 quilt block murals for the Quilt Trail (Barbee, committee)
 - Work closely with ETF and multi-state Quilt Trail effort (Barbee, Acuff, Dixon)
 - See funding for major marketing and promotion of Quilt Trail (Osborn, Barbee)
 - Prepare plans and marketing for Kyle's Ford properties (Barbee, Turner, others)
- Organize activities and link with Honda Hoot
 - Make connections with Honda Hoot (Acuff, Barbee)
 - Coordinate with Chambers (Barker, Acuff, Shipley)

GOAL: INFRASTRUCTURE

- Maintain upgraded Clinch-Powell Network Centers
 - Set up unit in RC&D office
 - Maintain equipment and schedule programming (Osborn)
 - Promote technology to community hold 30 conferences (Osborn)
- Build GIS capacity for community development (Osborn)

GOAL: CONSERVATION

- Expand established conservation efforts
 - Educate 20 landowners, 1 community group and 200 students (Lambert)
 - Complete 12 BMP projects protecting five miles of streams (Lambert)
 - Enroll 50 acres in conservation easement program (Lambert, Rhea)
- Attain funding to support conservation efforts
 - Complete watershed plan and request 319 funding (Lambert)

GOAL: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Serve as Lead Entity and Fiscal Agent for Enterprise Community (Turner, Knight)
- Provide statewide financial services for First Wheels and TN RC&D Council (Knight, Lietzke)
- Serve in leadership on TN RC&D Council (Columber, Lietzke, Acuff)
- Hold annual training meeting and awards program (Board)
- Arrange and conduct annual audit of financial records and insurance needs (Knight, Board)
- Review/revise personnel and financial policies as needed (Board)
- Support RC&D training on a national level (Turner)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Clinch-Powell RC&D Council, Inc. receives an annual independent audit. In FY 2005 our general and administrative costs were less than 15% of our \$1.6 million budget with at least 85% of support devoted to programs. Grants represented roughly 38% of revenues in FY 2005 with the balance being service income, public support, interest and reimbursed expenses. Our FY 2006 budget is \$2.4 million.

Donations to Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation & Development Council are tax deductible.