

**Great Salt Lake Resource Conservation and  
Development Council, Inc.**

**Annual Plan of Work**

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With Assistance From:

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And Cooperating Federal, State and local governments and other groups

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by Public Law 101-624, section 1452

This Annual Plan of Work is the guiding document for the Great Salt Lake Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. It identifies needs/opportunities and goals/objectives that will lead the Council in its work. The Great Salt Lake RC&D Council, Inc., is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization that addresses natural resource conservation and development issues in Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Weber counties and on the Skull Valley and Goshute Indian Reservations in Utah.

**VISION:** *The Great Salt Lake RC&D will promote conservation, development and stewardship of natural and human resources; promote sustainable economies; and enhance the quality of life.*

**MISSION:** *Promote partnerships that improve and protect communities and the environment.*

**Become a community fixture that connects resources with needs and opportunities.**

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**Goal 1. Assist other organizations and groups to fulfill objectives that are consistent with the Great Salt Lake RC&D Mission and Vision.**

Objective: Assess needs and opportunities within the Great Salt Lake RC&D area and facilitate the completion of specific projects that address them.

*Strategy 1: Facilitate meetings and coordinate resources in partnership with the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Coalition*

*Strategy 2: Facilitate and coordinate resources in partnership with Parley's Rails, Trails, and Tunnels Coalition, especially focusing efforts on Congressional earmark funds for trail completion.*

*Strategy 3: Facilitate and coordinate resources in partnership with the Foundation for the Provo-Jordan River Parkway.*

*Strategy 4: Facilitate meetings and coordinate resources in partnership with Weber and Ogden River water recreation groups.*

*Strategy 5: Facilitate meetings and coordinate resources in partnership with UTAH Gardens, Wasatch Community Gardens, Utah Slow Food and other community gardening and food organizations.*

*Strategy 6: Meet with Soil Conservation Districts, local workgroups, NRCS District Conservationists, Utah State University and local extension personnel, USDA Rural Development personnel, and State, Regional, and National RC&D Association representatives.*

*Strategy 7: Assist Utah Biodiesel Co-op and related sustainable energy organizations in becoming self-sufficient and act as a conduit for resources that achieve compatible goals and objectives.*

*Strategy 8: Facilitate meetings and coordinate resources in partnership with other interests and provide assistance on an "as needed" basis.*

**Goal 2. Promote surface and groundwater protection efforts.**

Objective: Participate in advisory groups that focus on water quality and quantity issues in the Great Salt Lake RC&D area, including the Jordan River Natural Areas Forum, Weber Watershed Committee, and Jordan Watershed Council.

*Strategy 1: Assist communities, agencies, organizations, river keepers, and lake keepers in restoration, preservation, education, recreation, management, and volunteer cleanup efforts including, World Water Monitoring Day October, 2006.*

*Strategy 2: Provide technical and financial assistance to the Jordan River Natural Areas Forum (JRNAF). Provide organizational and administrative assistance for the annual "Celebrate the Jordan!" event in 2006.*

*Strategy 3: Provide technical and financial assistance, as available, to the Weber Watershed Coalition and Jordan Watershed Council.*

*Strategy 4: Review and provide comments, as necessary, on Stream Alteration permit applications for the watersheds in the Great Salt Lake RC&D area.*

*Strategy 5: Support community efforts to improve the Hooper Slough ponds and Parrish Creek in Weber and Davis Counties.*

*Strategy 6: Provide assistance to promote the expansion of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Garden Expansion.*

*Strategy 7: Provide assistance to Great Salt Lake keeper to administer grants for assessment of presence of methyl mercury in the Great Salt Lake and its watersheds.*

**Goal 3. Promote the improvement of natural ecosystems, wildlife habitat, local agriculture production and rangeland health.**

Objective: Facilitate the expansion and creation of existing groups and resources addressing threats to these objectives by filling facilitation and leadership roles, such as fiscal agent and fund raising capacities.

*Strategy 1: Create new and expand existing Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operations using fiscal and technical resources.*

*Strategy 2: Facilitate open house for farmers and consumers to learn more about the CSA concept and provide a venue to recruit new members in 2006.*

*Strategy 3: Continue to provide fiscal and technical resources for Weber Basin and Bonneville Coordinated Weed Management Areas (CWMA).*

*Strategy 4: Manage resources for the Utah Sagebrush-Steppe and Sage Grouse initiative. Seek resources for assessment of Columbia Spotted Frog, Least Chub, Greater Sage grouse, and Pygmy Rabbit in Deep Creek Watershed through NRCS Conservation Partnership Initiative (CPI) grant in partnership with Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Utah State University and Brigham Young University.*

*Strategy 5: Promote public awareness of potential uses of biodiesel in cooperation with Utah Biodiesel Co-op.*

**Goal 4. Make the RC&D program available to under-served communities.**

Objective: Ensure that the five counties served, and the political subdivisions and volunteer organizations therein, are aware of the Great Salt Lake RC&D and of the ways in which it can assist them to fulfill their needs.

*Strategy 1: Use existing members and regular solicitation efforts to increase membership and active participation in the RC&D from as broad a cross section of the area served as possible.*

*Strategy 2: Seek additional means to promote economic development in Ibapah.*

**Goal 5. Ensure that at-risk communities are aware of resources and education to create defensible space and ways they can mitigate wildfire threats to property and life.**

Objective: Provide “survivable space” determination information to residents threatened by potential wildfires.

*Strategy 1: Continue to work with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and federal agencies to help local (particularly rural governments) to establish good development guides.*

*Strategy 2: Continue to work with local citizen groups to educate residents in at-risk areas concerning mitigation techniques; assist in obtaining funding as needed to implement plans.*

**Goal 6. Increase the effectiveness of the Great Salt Lake RC&D Council, Coordinator and Administrative Assistant by participation in Applicable State, Regional and National meetings and training.**

Objective: Become a functioning member of the RC&D network at all levels.

*Strategy 1: Train and educate Council members, the Coordinator, and the Administrative Assistant in the ways and means of successful RC&D Councils; adopt proven techniques of other Councils; attend, host, and actively participate in inter-Council meetings and other activities.*

*Strategy 2: Discuss with Council and Board members advantages of membership in state, regional, and national RC&D organizations.*

*Strategy 3: Maintain and expand website to provide information to the public at large on Great Salt Lake RC&D activities.*

**Goal 7. Improve the Great Salt Lake RC&D’s economic viability through fund raising efforts that generate the capital needed to implement the objectives in this Area Plan.**

Objective: Attain fiscal stability with adequate controls to assure availability of general operating funds on an ongoing basis, and develop working relationships with area and regional foundations and other sources of funding for project-related opportunities.

*Strategy 1: Continue to utilize the services of knowledgeable, experienced accountants and auditors; increase membership; engage in revenue-producing activities; contact area and regional foundations to apprise*

*them of the existence and mission of the RC&D in order to gain their ongoing trust and support.*

***Conservation means development as much as it does protection. I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us."***

Teddy Roosevelt, "The New Nationalism" speech, Osawatomie, Kansas, August 31, 1910

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The Great Salt Lake RC&D Council, Inc. agrees that the RC&D program will be conducted in compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions as contained in Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-259) and other nondiscrimination statutes; namely, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture (7CFR-15, Subparts A&B) which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, age, gender, religion, marital status or handicap/disability be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial (or technical) assistance from the U.S Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof.

The Great Salt Lake RC&D Council, Inc. agrees that the signing of this document constitutes agreement to comply with federal laws concerning restriction on lobbying, a drug-free workplace, and responsibilities for nonprocurement, suspension, disbarment and state review.

The Great Salt Lake RC&D Council, Inc. hereby adopts this RC&D Area Plan and agrees to effectively use the assistance provided by the United States Department of Agriculture to realize its goals and objectives outlined herein.

Great Salt Lake RC&D Council, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Frank Cumberland, Chair)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Avis Light, Second Vice Chair)

This Plan adopted at an official meeting of the Great Salt Lake RC&D Council, Inc. on October 14, 2005.

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The State Conservationist hereby acknowledges the attached Area Plan of the Great Salt Lake RC&D as meeting the requirements under Public Law 97-98 to receive assistance from USDA.

Acknowledged by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(State Conservationist)

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