

Element – Land Conservation

Goal-Encourage Sustainability of Land Resources

Objective No. 1 – Increase protection of sensitive and critical areas

Strategy 1.Create Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) for the Delaware River Watershed

Project

Delaware River Watershed CREP

Action

Sponsor 3 Planning Meetings

Objective No. 3 – Support the use of Best Management Practices

Strategy 3. Identify and demonstrate innovative BMPs

Project

No-Till Vegetable Farming Demonstration

Action

Purchase horse drawn planter for Amish farmers. Make available No-till vegetable equipment to other farmers in the Council Area. Update No-Till brochure. Apply for NRCS CIG

Element – Water Resources

Goal-Promote Sound Management of Surface and Ground Water

Objective No. 1 – Support water resource protection

Strategy 1.Support watershed restoration projects

Project

Radnor Valley Country Club Stream and wetland restoration

Action

Serve as financial administrator of project funds

Consortium of Scientific Assistance to Watersheds (C-SAW)

Promote availability of services and process assistance requests

Eastern Delaware County Council of Governments (COG)

Coordinate project efforts and ensure EPA grant requirements are Stormwater Project met. Apply to William Penn Foundation for matching grant funds.

Element – Water Resources (Cont.)

Goal-Promote Sound Management of Surface and Ground Water

Objective No. 1 – Support water resource protection

Strategy 1.Support watershed restoration projects

Project

Water Resources Awareness

Action

Contact municipalities and groups to determine stream signs and storm drain inlet markers needs. Seek project funding.

Element – Community Development

Goal-Supports efforts to preserve the quality of life in the region

Objective No. 1 – Promote the use of new technologies

Strategy 1.Sponsor alternative energy projects

Project

Solar Energy

Action

Assist farmers in securing grants and loans to install solar energy systems

Alternative Crops for Biofuels

Provide information to farmers and landowners interested in growing alternative crops for use in creating biofuels

Objective No. 2 – Support rural communities

Strategy 1. Improve fire suppression and safety response

Project

Dry Fire Hydrants

Action

Partner with fire companies and local municipalities to install 5 dry fire hydrants in areas not served by pressurized water systems

Objective No. 2 – Support rural communities

Strategy 2. Encourage efforts to keep agriculture viable in region

Project

Lehigh Ag Incubator

Action

Assist local efforts to establish training site for new small farmers

Element – Community Development (cont.)

Goal-Supports efforts to preserve the quality of life in the region

Objective No. 3 – Provide training, fundraising, and technical support to community leaders and organizations

Strategy 4. Target limited resource, minority, and disabled individuals and their communities

Project

Food Stamp Promotion

Action

Apply for grant to provide information to individuals and groups on the availability of food stamps to assist with meeting daily nutritional requirements

Transportation- The Missing Link

Conduct at least 3 food preparation demonstrations of PA grown fruits and vegetables for WIC participants. Assist WIC participants in completing project questionnaire

Element – Administration

Goal-Operate in efficient, effective, and accountable manner

Objective No. 1 Strengthen Board of Directors

Strategy 2. Provide training opportunities

Project

Board Training

Action

Conduct at least 1 training workshop for SEPA RC&D Directors and leaders of other nonprofits in the Council Area

Objective No. 2 Expand Council Membership

Strategy 3. Invite individuals and groups representing minorities, limited resource, and disabled to participate in the SEPA RC&D Council

Project

Council Diversity

Action

Contact at least 3 groups and invite to Council Meetings

Element – Administration (cont.)

Goal-Operate in efficient, effective, and accountable manner

Objective No. 3 Ensure operational needs are met

Strategy 4. Secure and maintain adequate human resources

Project

Personnel Management

Action

Conduct employee performance review

Objective No. 4 Evaluate the SEPA RC&D Council and its programs

Strategy 3. Annually conduct a financial audit

Project

2007 Financial Audit

Action

Audit 2007 financial activities

Objective No. 5 Encourage partnerships that accomplish Council goals

Strategy 4. Create opportunities for internships and volunteers

Project

Council Helpers

Action

Develop a volunteer program for students and others interested in working for the Council

Objective No. 6 Increase the awareness of the Southeastern PA RC&D Council's existence

Strategy 2. Ensure recognition of its efforts

Project

Website Update

Action

Update the Council's and PA Assoc. of RC&D Councils' website.

Objective No. 7 Comply with USDA Civil Rights Guidelines

Strategy 1. Ensure current statements are used on handouts and program

Project

Civil Rights Compliance

Action

Include civil rights statements on all handouts, press releases, and website.