

# **Great Salt Lake Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council Inc.**

## **2004 Annual Report**

**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.

### **Accomplishments:**

Articles of Incorporation: July 11, 2003  
Bylaws: adopted October 16, 2003  
Application for nonprofit 501(c)3 status: December 18, 2003  
Advanced Ruling Determination: February 3, 2004  
Featured on KRCL RadioActive Program, January 5, 2004  
Sponsored organizational meetings for CSAs in January 2003 and 2004  
Opened bank account, March 18, 2004  
Entered in to Assistance Agreement with NRCS, March 5, 2004  
Reviewed USDA and NRCS Civil Rights Policy Statements, March 15, 2004  
Adopted "Equal Opportunity Provider" statement  
Outreach for Area Plan  
Area Plan adopted July 2004, acknowledged by State Conservationist  
Submitted grant application to Rural Development Non-Construction Grant for bleachers in Ibapah in partnership with Tooele School District, August 2004  
Submitted grant application to NRCS Conservation Partnership Initiative for Deep Creek Watershed, September 10, 2004  
One of six entities that received awards from NRCS CPI grant in Deep Creek Watershed, \$150,000, November 2004  
Submitted "Pulling Together Initiative" from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, December 2004  
Consulted with Utah Forestry, Fire, and State Lands about Community Fire Plan coordination, September 9 and 16, 2004  
Annual Plan of Work Adopted  
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**Projects:**

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) links farmers with local customers or shareholders along the Wasatch Front. Farmers are able to reduce their marketing risk and obtain a price closer to retail rather than wholesale, CSA allows them to take control of prices thus increasing the viability of their operations. Consumers have a unique opportunity to interact directly with the people and places where their food is grown. A diverse offering food challenges shareholders to eat a more balanced and healthful diet while allowing them to directly support farmers and farms in their community.

The Great Salt Lake RC&D Council sponsored this second annual workshop in January 2004 in Salt Lake City and Ogden. Farmers and local customers came together to share their interests and concerns. Over 125 people attended these two sessions.

Cooperative Weed Management Associations in Weber River Basin & Bonneville were sponsored, in part, by the Great Salt Lake RC&D in 2003 and 2004. By blurring administrative boundaries, these multi-county associations can more effectively focus on invasive plant species along the Wasatch Front. By leveraging the efforts of several counties together, more effective cost-matching was achieved. Specific projects for the Weber CWMA included Bag O'Woad that awarded "bounties" of \$10 per 40 pound bag of Dyer's Woad to children 16 years old and younger, over \$10,000 were given out in counties that participated. Other projects include: intensive goat grazing of weeds on Antelope Island the release of insects that targeted Leafy Spurge. "Pulling Together Initiative" is a grant that helps to provide funding for this effort.

Jordan River Natural Areas Forum (JRNAF) is a voluntary group of municipalities, agencies, and organizations that work cooperatively to preserve, enhance, restore and educate the public about the Jordan River Corridor. The Great Salt Lake RC&D Council has partnered with this group to address a wide range of conservation and development issues on an on-going basis. The Great Salt Lake RC&D has sponsored the annual Get into the River: Celebrate the Jordan event for 2003 and 2004 in Murray and Taylorsville, activities included: a 5 K fun run, canoeing, tours, displays and guided walks. Recently, trails issues have also come to the forefront, which the GSL RC&D has provided leadership for.

Bonneville Shoreline Trail Coalition is another multiple agency and organization association that is concerned with the needs of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail along the Wasatch Front, which is sponsored, in part, by the Great Salt Lake RC&D Council. Mapping resources on the internet and in paper form has been an issue that is being addressed by this group. In addition,

Parley's Rails, Trails and Tunnels (PRATT) is an organization of individuals, groups, and agencies working to complete a bicycle and pedestrian link between the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and Jordan River Parkway Trail. The Great Salt Lake RC&D has agreed to work with this organization to help realize ambitious and vital objective by providing leadership and support roles for PRATT. Progress is being made on several fronts including the tunnel under 1300 East from Sugarhouse Park to the Hidden Hollow Park and the completion of the Master Plan for the approximate 10 mile segment.

Bleachers for Ibapah were found to be a need when members of the Great Salt Lake RC&D visited the area in the Fall of 2003. The Council has sponsored a grant with USDA Rural Development, Community Facilities program for 3 sets of metal bleachers. The Council has coordinated this effort with the Tooele County School District, who has agreed to provide the 25% match for this effort.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Frank J. Cumberland, Chair)

This action authorized at an official meeting of the Great Salt Lake RC&D Council, Inc. on October 21, 2004.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

(Avis Light, Second Vice Chair)