

**2009 Plan of Work
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I. ADVANCING MUTAL UNDERSTANDING OF WETLAND CONSERVATION COMPLICANCE AND REGULATORY ACTIVITIES.					
<u>WETLAND DELINEATION:</u> Request NRCS funding to conduct 2 NRCS Courses in 2009 at \$10,000 per course.	\$20,000				
<u>USACE WETLAND DELINEATION MANUAL UPDATES.</u> Follow up and assist as needed with NRCS and USACE Project/Program Managers on status of manual update.	NA				
<u>NATIONAL LIST OF VASCULAR PLANT SPECIES UPDATE.</u> Follow up and assist as needed with NRCS and USACE Project/Program Managers on status of manual update.	NA				
<u>404 PERMITTING PROCESS.</u> Follow and assist as needed with scheduling regular annual and/or biannual meetings to allow agencies to stay abreast of current regulatory /conservation compliance issues. And Follow and assist with setting up Impromptu teleconference as needed to resolve immediate concerns.	NA				
II. ADVANCING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WETLAND CREATION, RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT					
<u>WETLAND RESTORATION AND</u> NRCS and USACE each provide funding to fund at least 1 course in 2009 at \$10,000 per course.	\$ 20,000				
<u>USACE/EPA NATIONAL WETLAND DATABASE.</u> Follow and assist with establishing additional discussions as needed to explore potential uses and/or collaborative uses of individual agency databases.	NA				

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III. ENHANCING COORDINATION OF NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY					
<u>NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY.</u> Follow and assist as needed implement actions identified by both agencies during quarterly Partnership Coordination Meetings. The next Partnership Coordination meeting is planned for January 22, 2009.	NA				
<u>INTERAGENCY FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.</u> Follow up and assist as needed with the interagency collaboration via the Interagency Flood Risk Management Committee.	NA				
<u>INTERAGENCY LEVEE TASK FORCE.</u> Follow up and assist as needed to coordinate individual agency efforts concerning repairing damaged levees as a result of a disaster event.	NA				
IV. ADVANCING COLLABORATION IN WATERSHED PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION					
<u>DESIGN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT.</u> NRCS review USACE testing proposal for consideration to engage in RCC testing with USACE ERDC. Based on proposal from ERDC, NRCS would need funds to pay ERDC to carryout the RCC testing.	\$30,000				
<u>PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF USACE FLOOD DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL DAMAGES.</u> Follow up and assist NRCS to provide fund support to USACE to have Agricultural damages included in HEC FDA tool (Est. at \$50,000) and technical support of HEC FDA (Est. at \$3,500). Including how NRCS agronomic expertise at state level can be incorporate in HEC FDA process.	\$53,500				

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<p><u>USACE HEC RAS (River Assessment System): Re-establish NRCS technical support for HEC RAS at NRCS state level.</u></p> <p>Follow up and assist NRCS partnership agreement to continue the appropriate level of NRCS Funding for USACE support of HEC Support. 15,000 for HEC RAS Technical Support; 15,000 for training per Jon Fripp</p>	\$ 30,000				
<p><u>WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (P&G REVISION).</u></p> <p>Follow up and support partnership effort to draft Principles and Standards by Nov. 2008. And Draft Procedures by Sept. 2009. Complete Document by Nov 9, 2009 to meet Congressional deadline.</p>	NA				
<p><u>National Inventory of Dams:</u></p> <p>NRCS & USACE NHQ level staff discuss how to coordinate on f National Inventory of Dams & develop actions needed to implement coordination</p>	NA				
<p><u>MISSOURI RIVER BASIN REQUEST FOR NRCS PARTICIPATION.</u> Identify and Evaluate NRCS resource needs for participation in Missouri River Basin Activities in order to provide an Agency Response to the USACE invitation to participate</p>	NA				

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V. IMPROVING FEDERAL COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN AGENCIES					
<u>NRCS/USACE NATIONAL CONTACT LIST.</u> Continue to update National Contact List information as needed to accommodate changes in personnel.	NA				
<u>SUCCESS STORIES.</u> Collect additional partnership stories from both agencies and post on website.	NA				
<u>PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE.</u> Update Website quarterly.	NA				
<u>NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION.</u> Provide support for NCER 2009. Submit proposal for special session on partnering. If accepted organize speakers and conduct partnering session at 2009 NCER. Secure financial support for 2009 Conference. USACE submitted request for \$50,000 for support of 2009 NCER	\$20,000 (NRCS); USACE- Pending approval \$50,000				
<u>MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION.</u> Develop informational materials/displays, and, when needed, cover travel for NRCS personnel to participate in partnership activities. (\$6,500.) USACE request for support of this action item is \$5,000.	\$6,500				

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<u>USACE/NRCS SENIOR LEADER'S ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP REVIEW:</u> Provide overview of partnership agreement accomplishments and facilitate open dialogue among leadership of both agencies.	NA				
<u>USACE/NRCS Partnership Coordination Meetings:</u> Provide input and feedback to partnership activities as identified in the Partnership Action Plan	NA.				