

NRCD Annual Report - 2021

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NRCD-445

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Hereford NRCD

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Paid Staff

Contracted Support
Clerk of the Board

Local Working Group Meeting Date
2021-06-08

Photo 1 Project or Program
Tombstone High School Welding Program

Photo 1 Caption
Student Lucy Agee practicing her welds with former welding inspector Rodney Bynam.

Photo 1 Credit

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Photo 2 Project or Program

Local workgroup and public input meeting was coordinated with the Hereford, San Pedro, and Whitewater Draw NRCDs in support of the local NRCS Douglas Field Office.

Photo 2 Caption

Supervisors Jim Lindsey and Lucinda Earven taking a break during the workgroup meeting in which the Hereford NRCD prioritized nine resource concerns.

Photo 2 Credit

Joanne M. Roberts, Hereford NRCD

Affiliation or Job Title

Tombstone High School Agriculture Teacher

Key Partners

In-Kind;Volunteer;Financial

Quote

"We are very appreciative of the generosity and support that the Hereford NRCD Board has demonstrated in the past, along with their commitment to furthering agricultural education, and we hope that our organizations can move forward together with the common goal of strengthening agricultural education for the next generation of agricultural stewards. "

Quoted Source

Amber Ford

State Financial Information

Beginning Balance (State)

\$6379.94

Salary (State)

\$0.0

State Income

\$12980.0

Office Expenses (State)

\$440.25

Special Plate Fund

\$5433.0

Supervisor Expenses (State)

\$0.0

Total Income (State)

\$18413.0

Program Expenses (State)

\$8291.84

Contract Labor (State)

\$6850.0

Other Expenses (State)

\$0.0

Local Financial Information

Beginning Balance (Local)

\$41900.79

Salary (Local)

\$0.0

Total Income (Local)
\$0.0

Office Expenses (Local)
\$175.51

Local or District Income
\$2500.6

Supervisor Expense (Local)
\$0.0

Sources of Income

Cooperator fees, cooperator additional donations, Arizona Community Foundation grant, sale of field guides, and cooperator signs.

Program Expenses (Local)
\$483.81

Contract Labor (Local)
\$0.0

Other Expenses (Local)
\$0.0

Other Expenses Description

printing, postage, website, conservation program support, newsletter.

Explanation for No Projects

The District strives to sponsor, at a minimum, two workshops annually. Last year was an exception. A Wildlife Attractor's Workshop was scheduled in 2020 and was cancelled due to the SARS-CoV-2 restrictions. This workshop will be rescheduled to a later date in 2021 with our key partners, University of Arizona Sierra Vista Campus, Arizona Game and Fish Department, AACD and NRCS.

NRCD Program Projects

NRCD-Proj-Program-856

Type
District Program

Title
Small Acreage Land Owner Invasive Species
Technical Support

Summary

A trustee for land that was transferring into new ownership contacted the District. The new owners were unfamiliar with range property. The trustee contacted the District Board for guidance on treatment and potential funding to combat an invasive plant species. While the District was unable to provide funds, the Board coordinated efforts between the trustee and the local NRCS field office. The District Soil Conservationist conducted a site visit of the property, provided an analysis of the vegetation condition, and a report to the trustee of best management practices for future land planning by the new owners.

Importance

This was important for the District's exposure to a potential new cooperator and ability to provide technical support and contact resources for the landowner. It is important to expose the HNRCD name to the public as much as possible and in multiple venues for purposes of encouraging land owners to participate in land management conservation practices that are economically feasible and environmentally responsible.

Key Partners
USDA-NRCS Douglas Field Office

NRCD-Proj-Program-857

Type
District Program

Title
Tombstone High School FFA and Local 4-H Programs

Summary

The Hereford NRCD has been a supporter of Tombstone High School agriculture program for many years. Due to the SARS-CoV-2 restrictions, much of the planned use for the funds was delayed until 2021-2022 school seasons. Limited advancement in the school's welding program was achieved while the Board of Supervisors reached out to the San Pedro Spirits 4-H Club to discuss how the District may be able to assist the youth in 4-H. Through this contact, an animal tattoo kit was donated to the Club and discussions are ongoing for future collaboration in 2021 and 2022 to support the eight 4-H Participation Pathways for youth engagement programs.

Importance

This program is an essential investment in the local FFA and 4-H student programs. District funds provide extra funding for the agriculture and FFA programs so the students can accomplish classroom and outdoor activities that they would otherwise be unable to do. For instance, required clothing assistance, welding equipment, classroom materials, greenhouse and livestock assistance.

Key Partners
Tombstone High School, Agriculture Program, San Pedro Spirits 4-H Club, and Brookline Ranch.

NRCD-Proj-Program-858

Type
District Program

Title
Cooperator, Stakeholder, and Interested Party Resource Concerns

Summary

While this is an on-going effort, the District sent out a questionnaire to 180 individuals, organizations, municipalities, department of defense, and county and state agencies in an effort to identify resource concerns within the District across landowner communities. Responses were received from four cooperators in good standing, one non-governmental organization, USAG- Fort Huachuca, and three state agencies. While the response was timid for the effort exerted, the responses that were received provided a good picture of similar resource concerns across the various land managers.

Importance

Identifying the resources of greatest concerns will enable the District to work more effectively with the local NRCS Soil Conservationist when looking for funding to implement individual and land-scale projects.

Key Partners

USDA- NRCS Douglas Field Office and Arizona
Association of Conservation Districts

NRCD-Proj-Program-859

Type
District Program

Title
The National Association of Conservation
Districts Technical Assistance Grant Award

Summary
The Hereford and Whitewater Draw NRCDs sought funding through NACD's grant to hire a contractor to assist its local District Conservationist with the backlog of required cultural resource surveys, rangeland inventories, and data collection, designing practices, GIS mapping, and other contracting work.

Importance
Because the numbers of technical assistance requests that come into the local NRCS field office, which is one of the highest in the state for support requests, this grant was important to support the field office with greatly needed technical assistance and staff support to improve customer service and reduce workload pressure on the District Soil Conservationist.

Key Partners
Arizona Association of Conservation Districts,
National Association of Conservation Districts,
NRCS Douglas Field Office, Whitewater Draw
NRCD.