

COOSA VALLEY RC&D ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2014

Kellyton Volunteer Fire Department Training Materials for Search & Rescue: Purchased quadrant topographical maps, GPS units and compasses to locate and rescue lost or missing persons.

Hatchet Creek Festival: Hosted a two day festival to educate participants about the fish, plants, and ecology of the stream habitat.

Ray Volunteer Fire Department Erosion Control: Placed gravel on parking lot at fire station to eliminate erosion during rainy weather.

Coosa County Community Life Center Technology Resource Center: Purchased a laptop, projector, projector screen and a digital camera to be used by youth and adults in surrounding communities.

Emergency Communications Reserve Power: Replaced a manual military generator, used for back-up power, with a new generator to eliminate down time due to power failure.

Community Health Fair: Provided free health screening to increase knowledge and awareness of health issues.

Walkway/Driveway to Building used as Morgue: Poured a concrete driveway for better access.

Robotic Class/Competition: Purchased cortex vex robot kit, robot C program license and training material for students to explore programming, building robots and CAD drawing.

Cotton Class: Included a mini cotton gin, a pair of jeans, a shirt, a dollar bill, and other products produced from cotton as well as additional material to create an educational display. A computer was used to allow the children to choose games developed for students to use agriculture as they learn math, reading, and language skills. Provided students an opportunity to learn that cotton is a plant and see firsthand how cotton is ginned. The Cotton Class was used on the Ag in Action Trailer traveling to surrounding counties.

Sardis High School Baseball: Remodeled dugouts to make safer.

Cedar Bluff Town Park Improvements: Funds were used to construct shade structures, and add landscaping and lighting to the park.

Kiwanis Amphitheater: Replaced outdoor seating at the Kiwanis Amphitheater.

Veteran's Hospital Hanging Planters: Constructed hanging wooden planters, with an adjustable suspended system above ground level, allowing the wheelchair bound to plant vegetables.

Classroom in the Forest/Forest in the Classroom: Paid for forestry education at the school and transportation to an arranged location for student participation in outdoor learning.

William Intermediate outdoor Classroom: Purchased storage building to store tools and supplies for outdoor gardening.

St Clair County SWCD Maggie the Milk Cow: Funds were used to purchase “Maggie the Milk Cow”, an educational tool used for hands on experience. Maggie is a life-size cow, eats, and comes with a working udder. Students can squeeze the udder to get the feeling of milking a cow. Project gives students an opportunity to learn where their milk comes and experience the milking process.

Playground Improvement: Installed a chain link fence around playground to better secure area as a safe place for students to receive instructions on how to be physically fit.

STEM-It’s Not a Flower Part: Purchased 13 LEGO Mindstorms Education NXT base kits to enhance the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program.

Munford Recreation-Tables & Chairs: Utility tables and chairs were purchased for community events.

Farm to Business: Hired trainers to teach local farmers to develop their expertise into a business.

Lincoln farmers Market & Hometown Harvest: Purchased canopies, folding tables and chairs, banners, caps for first time vendors, and advertising for the selling of home grown and homemade products.

Classes-Chambers Co. Museum Farm & Industry Building: Replace museum building roof, and host instructional tours of the Chambers County Museum.

Rosewood Community Center: Funds used to make existing bathroom larger and handicap accessible to meet federal laws.

Cleburne Co. & Ranburne High School FFA Forestry Judging Team: Equipment (compasses, clipboards with calculators, tree scale sticks, identifying trees books, judging t-shirts, forestry awards) purchased for the FFA Forestry Judging team to compete with other schools in Alabama.

Cane Creek Conservation Room & 4-H: The grant helped fund the replacement of outdated windows with new energy efficient windows, a drop ceiling, a new energy efficient Eco-Smart hot water heater, and new energy efficient heating and cooling units.

Birmingham Children’s Theater for Students in Calhoun County: Funds were used to present 2 plays, “Country Mouse, City Mouse” and “Tom Sawyer,” giving Calhoun County children an opportunity to attend live theater.

Digital Piano for Oxford Elementary School Music Department: Purchased a digital piano for Oxford Elementary School Music Department.

Wedowee Community Garden: Wood, screws and bolts purchased to build a vegetable garden. Fertilizer, plants and seeds were purchased for the garden, and food harvest given out in the community.

College of AG Exploration: Students learning about farming and careers in farming.

Roof Replacement for Folsom Community Center: Funds were used to pay part of the cost to replace the roof on Folsom Community Center.

Coosa River CWP Project Support: Support of a Coosa Basin facilitator to go to a minimum of eight meetings of the Coosa River Basin Stakeholders. The funds covered the expenses of the facilitator.

Computer & Software for Robotics: Solid works software for 3D design for robots designed by students.

4-H Opportunities in Science & Technology: Purchased materials and books to increase science and technology opportunities to 4-H youth.

Coosa Valley RC&D National Capacity: Funds used to pay for trip to the National RC&D in Mobile, Alabama. Expenses included registration, hotel and parking, meals, mileage, door prizes, and all other expenses related to the National RC&D Meeting. Coosa Valley had thirteen in attendance.

Fire Prevention for Kids: Educational materials bought to educate children on fire safety.

Weathering of Emergency Vehicles: Building constructed to protect fire department vehicles from the weather.

Mobile AG Carts: Mobile carts built from plastic drums attached to metal frames that hooked together to make a ride for children.

Coosa Valley RC&D Capacity Building: Funds were used to purchase office supplies and equipment, pay dues, mileage, and expenses associated with workshops and meetings.

4-H Program to Develop Eco Tourism for Future Leaders: 4-H programs designed to develop leadership skills through working with others and interacting with community/state leaders.

Lakeside Memorial Garden: Built a raised flower bed around the gazebo and planted flowers to create a serene, peaceful environment for teaching coping skills to those who have experienced tragedy or trauma.

Educational Materials for Ag in Action: Purchasing of educational materials to go along with agricultural lessons presented at the AG in Action trailer.

Pleasant Grove Elementary School Playground Improvement: Purchased mini bark nuggets to help stop playground soil erosion.

Pens for Pigs and Lambs: Purchased show pens to allow students to show their livestock.

Phase 1 Site Prep for Amphitheater: Funds paid for grading and dirt work to prepare for building site of pavilion and bleachers.

Randolph County AG Center: Purchased panels to build a show ring and allow students to show livestock.

Electric Car: The purchase of Electric vehicle kits, bringing young engineers from across Alabama together for a race held at Barbers Motorsports Park.

Tunnel House Education: Funds were used to create a hands-on environmental learning space for education on gardening,

Resource Books & Materials for Clay Co. Career Tech Health Science Program: Purchased modern reference materials and textbooks, audio visuals and other supplies for health science high school students to enhance their understanding of the human body structures and functions.

Green Scene Stewardship & Conservation Education Classes: Purchased conservation education materials, waste and reuse Activity Model, and Non-point Source activity Model to conduct multi-purpose classroom studies for environmental and conservations which include soil, water, and other natural resources.

St Clair County Arena: Panels were purchased to form pens for participates to show livestock.

Conservation Grows Jobs: Funding used to implement an Agro/Economic Press Conference with Governor Robert Bentley and Commissioner John McMillan at Clearview Farms in Newell, Al. on October 28, 2013. The purpose of press conference was to announce and make the public aware of the economic impact the poultry expansion (Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan) will have on surrounding counties.