



Ciudad SWCD Action Plan



FY 2011-2012

Ciudad Soil & Water Conservation District Action Plan

- Organization:** A governmental subdivision of the state of New Mexico organized under state law (Chapter 73, Article 20).
- Function:** To take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user.
- We Serve:** The citizens, land, natural resources, and wildlife of the Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Why:** To promote stewardship, protection, and conservation of natural resources, for future generations within the Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mission Statement

The Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District promotes the conservation, improvement and responsible use of the natural resources on the rural and urban lands within its boundaries.

Critical Natural Resource Issues:

1. East Mountain Forest Health
2. Watershed Restoration (Urban and Rural)
3. Bosque Forest Restoration
4. Local Agriculture

Statements of Intent (outcome) for the natural resource issues:

East Mountain Forest Health

1. By June 2015 the Ciudad SWCD will have Thinned 500 Acres of private and public land in the East Mountains.
2. By June of 2011 the Ciudad SWCD will have updated the East Mountain CWPP
3. By June of 2013 the Ciudad SWCD will develop a public outreach plan for the East Mountain Forest Health and Wildfire Abatement Program.

Watershed Restoration (Urban and Rural)

4. By Dec of 2013 the Ciudad SWCD will have coordinated with all of the agencies in the Middle Rio Grande Watershed to rewrite the WRAS as a watershed based plan.
5. By June 2014 the Ciudad SWCD will establish itself as the coordinating agency for implementation of the watershed based plan and associated funding.

Bosque Restoration

6. By June of 2012 the Ciudad SWCD will establish connections with bosque management agencies including City of Rio Rancho, Coronado SWCD, and pueblos.
7. By June of 2013 the Ciudad SWCD will complete an assessment of bosque restoration needs within the district.
8. By June of 2012 the Ciudad SWCD will coordinate revegetation of 47 acres of the Atrisco Site.

Local Agriculture

9. By June of 2012 the Ciudad SWCD will obtain funding for growers markets promotion and improvements.
10. By June of 2013 the Ciudad SWCD will produce a white paper on farm land protection in the district.
11. By June of 2014 the Ciudad SWCD will obtain funding to implement the Flax Project in the South Valley and other smart crop projects.
12. By June of 2012 the Ciudad SWCD will obtain a written report from NRCS detailing efforts to promote sustainable agricultural projects.

Fiscal Sustainability

13. By June of 2015 the Ciudad SWCD will conduct a mill-levy referendum.
14. By June of 2013 the Ciudad SWCD will establish relationships other entities to insure passage of a mill-levy.

Public Relations

15. By June of 2012 the Ciudad SWCD will develop and implement a public relations plan.

Priority Actions for the next 12 months:

ACTION	WHO	DATE	DATE COMP	BUDGET
East Mountain Forest Health				
Update the East Mountain CWPP	Sue	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2011	
Finish treating at least 100 acres of forest thinning by the end of the FY 2012	Sue	June 30, 2012		
Place ads in East Mountain Papers	Sue	June 30, 2012		
Create an article on Ciudad programs, and have it published in local newspaper	Sue Dale	Nov, 2012		
Brainstorm and organize ideas on East Mountain outreach	Dale Sue	Jan 30, 2012		
Hold outreach awareness work shop in tandem with EMIFPA training	Sue	Feb 25, 2012		
Apply for WUI Grant	Sue Steve	Spring 2012		
Watershed Restoration (Urban and Rural)				
Review Sean's report and review the EPA guidance on watershed based plans	Steve Tom	June 2012		
Acquire 604 (B) grant funding in support of the watershed based MS4 permit planning effort	Steve	Jan 2012		
Find funding to stay involved with the storm water quality team	Board	June 2012		
Rehab Tijeras Creek project	Dale Tom Steve Sue	Summer 2012		
Bosque Restoration				
The Ciudad SWCD will send letter to, and meet with bosque management agencies including City of Rio Rancho, Coronado SWCD, and pueblos.	Tom	Aug 2012		
Meet with City of Albuquerque open space, and state forestry to discuss the Albuquerque Bosque Revegetation Project	Sue Tom	Jan 2012		

Local Agriculture				
Discuss possible funding for growers markets with Ann Simon and Kristen G at MRCOG	David Zoe Sara	Nov 30, 2011		
Apply to McCune Foundation for Flax Project	Zoe	Sept 2011		
Apply to Pierce Foundation for Flax Project	Zoe	Nov 2011		
Steve will work with NRCS to obtain a report detailing efforts to promote sustainable Ag projects	Steve			
Be a presence at local Ag related events	Board	June 2012		
Talk to South Valley Academy about Ciudad support or participation in their Ag Education Program with local high schools	Sara	Dec, 2011		
Fiscal Sustainability				
Talk to county clerk about getting a mill-levy question on the next general election ballot	Zoe	Nov 30,2011		
Talk to Bernalillo County Open Space about possible mill-levy piggy back	Steve	Nov 30, 2011		
Locate Sandoval County point of contact for funding	Sue	Nov 30, 2011		
Public Relations				
Have Noreen Jaramillo speak to the board regarding public relations efforts	Sue	Nov, 2011		
Maintain and update website	Staff	Dec, 2011		
Develop Face book page	Tom	Dec, 2011		
Ciudad SWCD will develop and implement a public relations plan	Sue Board	June, 2012		