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Grant Writing and Community Development

Laurentian RC&D is providing grant writing and strategic planning on several area projects in and around St. Louis County. These projects will generate economic growth and increase interest in each community.

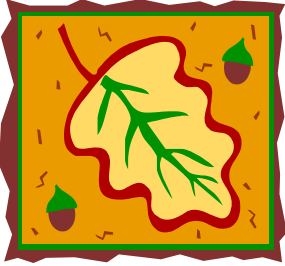
The St. Louis County Fairgrounds is comprised of several exhibit buildings and an extensive amount of cleared property in Chisholm, Minnesota. The fairground currently provides Chisholm, surrounding Iron Range community, adjoining counties, and neighboring states with a physical space that encourages and promotes recreational activities, business forums, and community events. Laurentian is working on grants to fund construction and installation of underground sewer/water lines and restroom facilities.

The Backus/AB building in International Falls, Minnesota is in need of restoration to increase use of the facility. This historical building houses the only auditorium with a 1000 seat capacity in a 100 mile radius. BackusA/B has also requested strategic planning on board organization and fiscal management.

The South St. Louis Fairgrounds is located in Proctor, Minnesota, and serves the population of Proctor, Duluth, Hermantown, and Esko. This site contains industrial buildings, soccer fields, grandstand, racetrack, hockey building, and horse arena. This multi-purpose area serves residents and visitors from a population of over 100,000 people and the major emphasis in this phase of the project is to improve public safety issues in regard to water run-off and create a composting area. Laurentian is working with South St. Louis Fairgrounds on grant writing and strategic planning.

Laurentian RC&D has also written grants for a community center in Finland, Minnesota, funding for RECAP in International Falls, a green energy building in Carlton County, and a Superior Grown food processing facility in Duluth.

Renewable Energy Clean Air Project (RECAP)



Laurentian RC&D continues to partner with Koochiching County and Coronal in the Renewable Energy Clean Air Project (RECAP) in International Falls, Minnesota. This project utilizes the environmentally clean technology of plasma gasification to use all forms of biomass as feedstock to produce synthetic gasses and other value added byproducts. The project will focus on promoting municipal solid waste as the main renewable feedstock. All forms of woody biomass will also be included into the feedstock supply.

Interest in RECAP has dramatically increased. Laurentian RC&D and Coronal have made several presentations locally and nationally on this project. In Fall 2006, RECAP was presented at the Biocycle Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. RECAP has also been presented in Louisiana as an alternative to assist with hurricane Katrina clean-up. Further meetings are anticipate in this hurricane-stricken area.

Laurentian has utilized the RC&D network by contacting several RC&Ds to promote and educate on the benefits of this project. Current information on RECAP is ongoing. For more information on Laurentian's RECAP project, visit www.lrcd.org/energy.

What is RC&D?

Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D), is a program that works with local community members to identify and solve human, economic, and environmental needs in their communities. An RC&D can work on many types of rural development. Examples may include: creating a park, renovating a community facility or tourist attraction, promoting an industry, or cleaning up a waterway. Many types of economic and natural resource development opportunities exist and are being promoted throughout Minnesota via the RC&D program. Once a need is identified, RC&D works as a consultant to provide assistance to local community members. The type of assistance depends on the type of project and may include technical or planning development, informational and educational activities, grant writing, and/or administrative support.

RC&D's partner with the private sector, corporations, foundations, and all levels of government to secure assistance for projects. Each RC&D Council is sponsored locally and voluntarily in each county by the Board of Commissioners and the Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD). Other sponsors may include Indian Tribal Councils, cities, towns, townships, civic organizations, or economic development organizations.

Laurentian receives support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Project funding must be found through grant writing, fundraising, fees, and other means consistent with the goals of the Council and 501(c)(3) laws.

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Cook County

James Hall - SWCD

Jim Johnson - County Commissioner

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Catherine McLynn -County Commissioner,

Darrell Lauber - SWCD, Ted Lovdahl - At-Large,

Don Simons - SWCD (Alternate)

Koochiching County

Kevin Adee - County Commissioner,

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Lake County

Lenore Johnson - County Commissioner

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St. Louis County

Steve O'Neil - County Commissioner,

Peggy Pearson - SWCD (North),

Albert Moline - SWCD (South), Gerald Wick - At-Large,

Jerry Flaschberger - SWCD (North - Alternate)

Grand Portage Reservation

Norman Deschampe, Bill Vogel - (Alternate)

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Dry Hydrant Grants



Fall 2006 four dry hydrants were installed in the Laurentian RC&D area. Brimson, Finland and Balsam Fire Departments received grants for installation. The Minnesota Association of RC&Ds (MARC&D) provided funding for the newly installed dry hydrants. A new round of grants in 2007 will pave the way for future dry hydrants to be installed.

MARC&D

Winter and Summer Meetings

Laurentian will host the 2007 Minnesota Association of RC&Ds (MARC&D) Winter and Summer Meetings in 2007.

MARC&D Winter Meeting

February 21, 2007 Winter Meeting
Best Western Kelly Inn
St. Cloud, Minnesota

MARC&D Summer Meeting

September 11-12, 2007
Holiday Inn
International Falls, MN

Laurentian RC&D 2006 Plan of Work

GOAL 1: LAND CONSERVATION

Obj. A. Promote Forestry and Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs).

GOAL 2: LAND MANAGEMENT

Obj. A. Promote the Agro-Forestry Council through the St. Louis Watershed projects and other programs.

GOAL 3: WATER MANAGEMENT

Obj. A. Promote watershed Best Management Practices by assisting watershed groups to achieve their goals.

GOAL 4: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Obj. A.** Education the public regarding sewage treatment issues in Laurentian's area.
- Obj. B.** Assist community groups/individuals to create and develop economic opportunities.
- Obj. C.** Promote the RC&D program throughout Laurentian's five county areas.

2007 Election of Officers

Council elections were held during the January 2007 Annual Meeting. Officers for 2007 are:

- Ted Lovdahl - President
- Lenore Johnson - Vice President
- Albert Moline - Treasurer
- Phillip Goutermont - Secretary

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2007 Council Meetings

- January 22, 2007 - Virginia, Minnesota
- March 26, 2007 - Virginia, Minnesota
- May 21, 2007 - Floodwood, Minnesota
- July 23, 2007 - Grand Portage, Minnesota
- September 24, 2007 - Floodwood, Minnesota
- November 26, 2007 - Virginia, Minnesota