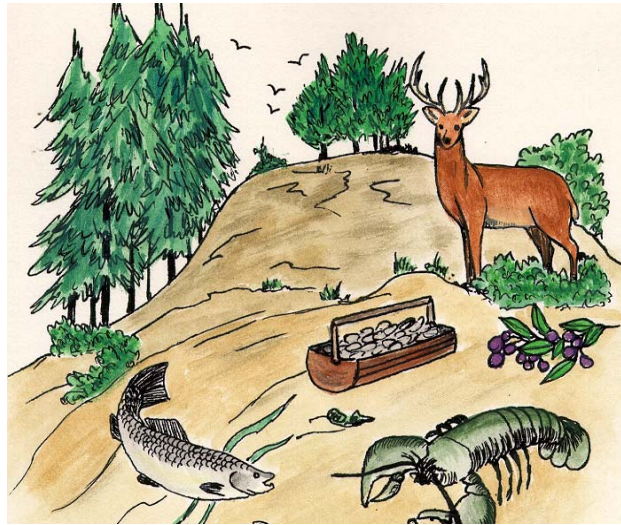


Down East Resource Conservation & Development Area

Annual
Plan of Operations

FY 2008



Serving Washington and Hancock Counties

2008

**Maine's Downeast RC&D Council
Plan of Work**

Council President

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Downeast RC&D verifies that this FY 2008 Plan addresses the Chief's Priorities.

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The RC&D program is based on the philosophy that local people, working together and provided with proper facts, some technical and occasional financial assistance, can best develop and carry out an action-oriented resource conservation and development plan for the enhancement of their area.

THE MISSION

of Down East RC&D is

"resource conservation through systematic wise usage of our natural and human resources to improve the economy while maintaining quality in the natural resource base".

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WORKING FOR PROGRESS IN HANCOCK AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES

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Completed Projects**

Area Plan Goal #	Project Name	Project Number	Sponsor/Partners	Council Member	Project Time Line	Description	Total Cost (\$)	Est. Staff Time (hours)	Est. Volunteers (hours)	Date Adopted	Proposed Completion Date	Progress Notes	Actual Completion Date
FY 2007 Completed Projects													
Goal 2 - Work with local partners, state and federal agencies and landowners to protect and restore water quality in the area.													
Objective 2, Strategy 2	Milbridge Riverside Park	23-6004-029-174	Town of Milbridge		4 years	Technical (grant writing, partnership development and grant administration) and financial assistance (from Special Project Funds) to extend the existing trail in Riverside Memorial Park to connect with the adjoining community Forest.	\$1,957	40	250	1/22/2004	7/31/2007	New manager found. Completed this phase of project. May come back as new opportunity.	6/22/2007
Objective 2, Strategy 2	NEBCO - Northeastern Blueberry Company	23-6004-029-186			2 years	Technical assistance in grant writing for getting into the organic market, irrigation, developing value added products, etc.	\$486	25		9/1/2005	9/20/2007	Client decided not to make a second application to RD.	7/3/2007
Goal 3 - Work with council sponsors, local communities, non-profits and funding organizations to improve the quality of life in the area by improving infrastructure and programs that promote health and the economy.													
Objective 2, Strategy 1	Greater Bucksport Area Chamber of Commerce	23-6004-009-116	Greater Bucksport Chamber of Commerce	Alvion Kimball	1 year	Provide technical assistance via grant writing to fund and promote events surrounding the opening and dedication of the new Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory	\$96,321	100	1200	4/27/2006	7/31/2007	Good Project. Strengthen relationship with Bucksport Chamber.	9/21/2007

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Goal 1 - DERC&D will work with local partners and the agriculture industry to promote sound land management and conservation practices for Washington and Hancock Counties.													
Objective 2, Strategy 1 (Also listed under Goal 3)	DESTINY 2010 - Refinement, Marketing and Implementation of Sustainable Tourism Package Tours	23-6004-999-226	VRC	Judy East	3 years	Technical assistance via grants, research and staff time	\$8,000	2008 (56)	2008 (127)	10/23/2005	10/30/2008	Continue to work on sustainable tourism in DE RC&D Area.	
Objective 1, Strategy 2 (see also Goals 2 and 3)	Greenland Point Outdoor Education Center	23-6004-999-222	Sunrise County Economic Council	Jennifer Peters	2 years	Provide technical assistance in the formation of a non-profit organization to own and operate the Greenland Point outdoor education center to continue the property as an education facility.	\$40,000 in 2008	2008 (40)	2008 (1200)	8/23/2004	9/30/2008	Working on obtaining grant funds for continued growth of GPC.	
Objective 1, Strategy 2 (Also listed under Goal 3)	Ice Age Trail	23-6004-999-216	Project SHARE Education Committee	Dave Libby, Nate Pennell	4 years	Helping to develop a guide and informational brochure to the significant glacial features of the area.	\$500 in 2008	10	10	5/22/2002	3/15/2007	Project essentially done.	
Objective 1, Strategy 1 and Objective 2, Strategy 1	Indian Township Value Added Forestry Project	23-6004-029-175	WCSWCD	Nate Pennell	3 years	Providing technical assistance to the Passamaquoddy Tribe to develop a business plan (including marketing) and to write grant proposals to secure funding for equipment needed to increase profits on products harvested from forest lands.	\$40,000	2008 (20)	40	2/26/2004	2009	Project has been on hold and is now getting on track again.	
Objective 1, Strategy 2 (see also under Goal 4)	Maine Seacoast Mission Trails	23-6004-029-185			3 years	Providing technical assistance to the Maine Seacoast Mission to develop the trail system behind their facility for after school and community use.		(2008) 25	250	7/23/2005	8/30/2008	Worked on two grant requests.	
Objective 1, Strategy 1 (Also listed under Goal 3)	Sunrise Trail Business Conference	23-6005-999-229	WCCoG	Judy East	2 years	Provide an educational conference for businesses and communities on how to maximize opportunities with the coming of the multi-use trail system on the rail road beds.	\$2,000	45	280	7/26/2007	9/30/2009	Will be completed by June 1.	

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Goal 2 - Work with local partners, state and federal agencies and landowners to protect and restore water quality in the area.													
Objective 1, Strategy 1 (also listed under Goal 3)	Greenland Point Outdoor Education Center	23-6004-999-222	Sunrise County Economic Council	Jennifer Peters	2 years	Provide technical assistance in the formation of a non-profit organization to own and operate the Greenland Point outdoor education center to continue the property as an education facility.	\$40,000 in 2008	2008 (40)	2008 (1200)	8/23/2004	9/30/2008	Working on obtaining grant funds for continued growth of GPC.	
Objective 1, Strategy 1 and Objective 2, Strategy 3 (also listed under Goal 2)	Maine Seafood Alliance	23-6004-999-226	Eastern Maine Development Corporation		3 years	Technical assistance in forming this organization to advocate for the shellfish industry	\$4000 in 2008	300	900	1/26/2006	1/30/2009	Organization making good progress toward independence.	
Objective 2, Strategy 2 (also listed under Goal 4)	Washington County Conservation Association	23-6004-029-189	WCSWCD	Nate Pennell	2 years	Providing technical assistance, seed money and grant writing to this association that is working to conduct plantings in the 160 acre area along the power line right of way and maintain wildlife habitat	\$500	25	25	2/23/2006	11/20/2007	Has been on hold - recent activity	

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Goal 3 - Work with council sponsors, local communities, non-profits and funding organizations to improve the quality of life in the area by improving infrastructure and programs that promote health and the economy.													
Objective 1, Strategy 2	Ark Animal Shelter	23-6004-029-190		Jim Wait	3 years	Technical assistance in raising funds to build a new dog kennel for this no kill shelter. Assistance to include applying for federal grants, private foundation grants or loans.	\$500	5	25	4/27/2006	7/15/2009	Project on hold waiting for client board.	
Objective 2, Strategy 1 (Also listed under Goal 4)	Association for the Preservation and Protection of the Lubec Environment (APPLE)	23-6004-029-183	APPLE		2 months	Acting as fiscal Agent for Community Development Foundation Grant.	\$0 in 2008	5	100	4/28/2005	6/28/2005	Will complete in 2008.	
Objective 3, Strategy 1	Caterpillar Hill Initiative	236004-009119		Bill Donnell	3 years	Assist the Caterpillar Hill initiative with organizations and capacity building	\$100,000	35	120	12/14/2006	12/31/2009	CHI board is making progress.	
Objective 1, Strategy 2	Cherryfield Academy Restoration	23-6004-029-172	Cherryfield Academy Trustees	James Wait	3 years	Assisting Academy Trustees with Historic preservation and program development for the facility	\$5,000	10	100	7/24/2003	7/24/2008	Not much activity, possible leadership change.	
Objective 2, Strategies 1 and 3, Objective 3, Strategy 1	DART 2007/2008	23-6004-999-227	DART	Fred Cook	1 year	Technical assistance via grant management for the MTMPP 2007 Grant from the Maine Office of Tourism to market tourism in Washington and Hancock counties.	\$85,000	50	300	10/26/2006	7/1/2008	Good project, good partner.	
Objective 1, Strategy 1	Dennysville Pedestrian Bridge	23-6004-029-179			3 years	Helping the committee in Dennysville that is developing a foot bridge and trail system.	\$300,000	0	0	9/23/2004	9/15/2007	No activity. Will be cancelled.	
Objective 2, Strategies 2 and 3	DESTINY 2010 - Refinement, Marketing and Implementation of Sustainable Tourism Package Tours	23-6004-999-226	VRC	Judy East	3 years	Technical assistance via grants, research and staff time	\$8,000	2008 (56)	2008 (127)	10/23/2005	10/30/2008	Continue to work on sustainable tourism in DE RC&D Area.	

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Goal 3 - (Continued) Work with council sponsors, local communities, non-profits and funding organizations to improve the quality of life in the area by improving infrastructure and programs that promote health and the economy.													
Objective 1, Strategy 2	FDR Trail	23-6004-029-192	WCCoG	Judy East	3 years	Technical assistance through grant writing to plan trail route and for conservation and interpretive elements on this thematic, recreational and interpretive trail project relating to the Roosevelt estate and heritage of the area.	\$30,000	36		6/22/2006	9/30/2009	No activity.	
Objective 3, Strategy 1 (also listed under Goals 1 and 2)	Greenland Point Outdoor Education Center	23-6004-999-222	Sunrise County Economic Council	Jennifer Peters	2 years	Provide technical assistance in the formation of a non-profit organization to own and operate the Greenland Point outdoor education center to continue the property as an education facility.	\$40,000 in 2008	2008 (40)	2008 (1200)	9/30/2008	9/30/2008	Working on obtaining grant funds for continued growth of GPC.	
Objective 1, Strategy 1 (Also listed under Goal 4)	Hancock County, Washington County Clam Initiative	23-6004-999-228	UMM	Kevin Atheam, Frank Batson	1 year	Facilitating communication in local communities that want to improve opportunities for harvesting soft shell clams and develop local control of the resource.	\$15,000	20	180	4/26/2007	9/30/2008	First phase completed. Working on funding for phase 2.	
Objective 2, Strategy 3 (Also listed under Goal 1)	Ice Age Trail	23-6004-999-216	Project SHARE Education Committee	Dave Libby, Nate Pennell	4 years	Helping to develop a guide and informational brochure to the significant glacial features of the area.	\$500 in 2008	10	10	5/22/2002	3/15/2007	Project essentially done.	
Objective 1, Strategy 2	Jonesboro Grange	23-6004-029-181	Town of Jonesboro	Sanford Kelley	3 years	Provide technical assistance for upgrading the historic grange building for today's standards to use as a community building	\$0	20	100	12/1/2005	5/15/2008	No activity.	
Objective 3, Strategy 1	The Julio Society	23-6004-999-219	City of Calais	Jim Porter	4 years	Helping a non-profit to organize for the purpose of recognizing good citizenship by local youth and awarding scholarships.	\$1,000	25	75	10/24/2002	10/1/2007	Provided two scholarships.	

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Goal 3 - (Continued) Work with council sponsors, local communities, non-profits and funding organizations to improve the quality of life in the area by improving infrastructure and programs that promote health and the economy.													
Objective 1, Strategy 1	Machias Station '98	23-6004-029-178	Town of Machias	Sanford Kelley	3 years	Technical assistance to turn (restore or replicate) a historic railway station into a useful facility for the community.	\$100,000	20	110	9/23/2004	11/30/2008	Still looking for money. STC increasing interest.	
Objective 3, Strategy 1 (Also listed under Goal 2)	Maine Seafood Alliance	23-6004-999-226	Eastern Maine Development Corporation		3 years	Technical assistance in forming this organization to advocate for the shellfish industry	\$4000 in 2008	300	900	1/26/2006	1/30/2009	Organization making good progress toward independence.	
Objective 1, Strategy 1	Milbridge Soccer Field	23-6004-029-194	Town of Milbridge/ Mano en Mano		2 years	To develop a youth sized soccer field by offering technical assistance	\$15,000	25	250	6/28/2007	6/30/2009	Good progress being made.	
Objective 1, Strategy 1	Pleasant River Transfer Station	23-6004-029-191			1 year	Technical assistance in grant writing to improve facility in cost efficiency and better disposal of waste and recyclables	\$35,000	10		6/22/2006	9/20/2007	Will call completed this year	
Objective 1, Strategy 1 and Objective 2, Strategies 1 and 3 (Also listed under Goal 1)	Sunrise Trail Business Conference	23-6005-999-229	WCCoG	Judy East	2 years	Provide an educational conference for businesses and communities on how to maximize opportunities with the coming of the multi-use trail system on the rail road beds.	\$2,000	45	280	7/26/2007	9/30/2009	Will be completed by June 1.	
Objective 1, Strategy 1	Washington County: One Community	23-6004-029-193	WCCoG, SCEC	Judy East, Jennifer Peters	3 years	County/Community-wide Strategic Planning to help the community build its resources. RC&D providing technical assistance and outreach efforts	\$85,000	300	800	12/14/2006	9/30/2009	Good project becoming less time consuming. RCDI Grant.	
Objective 1, Strategy 2	Whitneyville Regional Library	23-6004-029-186	WCSWCD	Nate Pennell	2 years	Provide technical assistance in grant writing to assist the library in providing funding to purchase land and build a new structure to serve the community.	\$400,000	40	1000	9/30/2009	6/30/2008	Making good progress. Very active client	

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Goal 4 - Work with partners to promote good land management practices, keeping a viable agricultural economy while protecting an improving wildlife habitat and the natural resource base.													
Objective 1, Strategy 2 (listed also under Goal 3)	Association for the Preservation and Protection of the Lubec Environment (APPLE)	23-6004-029-183	APPLE		2 months	Acting as fiscal Agent for Community Development Foundation Grant	\$0 in 2008	5	100	4/28/2005	6/28/2005	Will complete in 2008.	
Objectives 1, Strategy 2 and Objective 2, Strategy 1 (Listed also under Goal 1)	Maine Seacoast Mission Trails	23-6004-029-185			3 years	Providing technical assistance to the Maine Seacoast Mission to develop the trail system behind their facility for after school and community use.		(2008) 25	250	7/23/2005	8/30/2008	Worked on two grant requests.	
Objective 1, Strategy 1	Striking A Balance Workshops	23-6004-009-116	HCPC	Pete Colman	2 years	Technical assistance for this second series of workshops geared to communities, developers and contractors addressing new topics of discussion.	\$4,000	2008 (20)	120	2/23/2006	10/31/2008	Four regular workshops per year.	
Objective 1, Strategy 2	Strout Saltwater Farmstead	23-6004-029-188			3 years	Technical assistance with grant writing and advising (possibly as fiscal agent) to help this group restore and preserve this historic farm as a living history museum and provide educational and tourism opportunities.	\$50,000	9		2/23/2006	6/30/2009	No activity. Will be cancelled.	
Objective 2, Strategy 1 (See also under Goal 2)	Washington County Conservation Association	23-6004-029-189	WCSWCD	Nate Pennell	2 years	Providing technical assistance, seed money and grant writing to this association that is working to conduct plantings in the 160 acre area along the power line right of way and maintain wildlife habitat	\$500	25	25	2/23/2006	11/20/2007	Has been on hold - recent activity	
Objective 1, Strategies 1 and 2 (Also listed under Goal 3)	Hancock County, Washington County Clam Initiative	23-6004-999-228	UMM	Kevin Athearn, Frank Batson	1 year	Facilitating communication in local communities that want to improve opportunities for harvesting soft shell clams and develop local control of the resource.	\$15,000	20	180	4/26/2007	9/30/2008	First phase completed. Working on funding for phase 2.	