

# Cawaco RC&D Annual Plan of Work 2016

## WORK PLAN PRIORITIES

The Cawaco RC&D Council ranks and prioritizes projects according to the 5-Year Area Plan, as well as conducting Needs Assessment Meetings in each county every two years. Goal and priority rankings listed coincide with the goals set forth in the 5-Year Area Planning Document. The Cawaco Plan of Work is a working document to be updated and revised as necessary.

County	Project Name	Project Description	Funding Amount	Value Added	Progress Made	Completion Date
Area Wide	2016 USDA/NRCS OUTREACH	Host a series of ten outreach meetings within the Cawaco five county area, in order to educate the public about NRCS/USDA programs and services.	10,000.00		x	
Area Wide	2016 AARC&DC STATE CONFERENCE	To educate board members and staff about tax issues, policies and procedures, strategic planning, fund raising, grant writing and council sustainability.	10,000.00		x	5/4/2016
Multiple	Black Warrior CWP Facilitation	Facilitation service of the Black Warrior Clean Water Partnership.	24,500.00			
Blount	2016 AARC&DC Community Garden	As part of a state-wide initiative, Cawaco RC&D will partner with the USDA/NRCS to provide technical assistance and outreach and development of a community garden.	1,000.00			
Multiple	Greenhouses for Schools	To provide greenhouses to qualifying schools throughout the Cawaco five county area. Schools who apply for the greenhouse award will be selected to receive a greenhouse from Cawaco free of charge.	43,500.00			
Blount	Fire Tower Palisades	To restore and preserve a historic fire tower located at Palisades Park in Oneonta.	2,500.00			

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Jefferson	Woodlawn HS Bioretention	Fall 2015 a bioretention and pond ecosystem will be constructed contiguous to a new urban farm center for Woodlawn High School.	4,000.00			
Walker	Hope for Women Van Project	Hope for Women take women off the street or directly from jail and provide them shelter, food, and life essentials. These women will then complete job readiness training, attend parenting classes, learn about personal management, take GED classes and take	5,000.00			
Jefferson	Skulls and Skins	The Urban Forestry and Conservation Fair is an annual event that hosts 24 classes of 5th grade students from the metro-Birmingham area. This grant will cover the purchase of pelts and skulls of animals found in Alabama's urban environment for use in an ac	1,400.00			
Blount	Volunteer Fire & Rescue Enhancement	To obtain emergency, fire & rescue training and classroom equipment; replace outdated radios so that we may better serve the needs in our community and surrounding area.	2,500.00	3,936.00		3/25/2016
Jefferson	Personal Protective Equipment for Glennwood VFD	To provide our firefighters with turn out gear that is N.F.P.A. safety compliant to ensure their safety on every call they attend.	2,500.00	2,485.00		5/5/2016
Walker	Equipping our Firefighters	To purchase personal protective gear for three firefighters.	3,500.00			

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Shelby	Presidents Outdoor Scholars Program	With the help a professional consultant, students will evaluate the University lake, to determine overall health of the fish and habitat. Funds from this grant will help pay for the pond management project of the Outdoor Scholar Program.	2,500.00			
Jefferson	Polaris Ranger Bed Insert	Purchase a MedLite Transport Deluxe bed insert fot the Polaris 4X4 Ranger 900. The districts covers 9 miles of terrain along the Cahaba River that is only accessible by the Polaris vehicle. With these funds, patients can be transported with the Polaris vehicle in a safe and time efficient manner.	4,796.00	18,796.00		3/1/2016
Blount	Equipment Upgrade	To purchase equipment to bring both fire engines up to NFPA equipment standards.	2,500.00			
Jefferson	Revive East Lake	To purchase mature, low-maintenance trees, shrubs and plantings, decorative trash cans and benches for the 7600 block of 1st Avenue North.	2,500.00			
Shelby	Ebenezer Swamp Ecological Interpretative Center	This project will allow the University of Montevallo to upgrade the house that is to become the Interpretative Center to the existing city water and sewer.	3,000.00			
Area-Wide	Summer BASIC 2016	This funding will allow ABF to conduct one BASIC program for 70-75 children to target summer learning loss in under-served children in the Birmingham Metro area.	4,000.00			
Jefferson	Turkey Creek Nature Center	Add heat/air, fix wood rot and gutters, and do other needed repairs and upgrades to the existing Nature Center at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve.	4,000.00			

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Blount	Training Tower Construction	To build a training tower to train firefighters and first responders in our department and surrounding departments on search and rescue evolutions as well as high angle rescue situations.	4,000.00			
Jefferson	Habitat Restoration	Removal of non-native, invasive plants and other non-desirables and replanting with appropriate native grasses and herbaceous plants.	5,000.00	12,710.00		3 /15/2016
Walker	Blackwater Blueway	Funds will be used to purchase supplies needed to improve access to the river from shore at 2 access points: AL 257 (put in) and at N Walston Bridge Rd (take out) Additional funds will help support campsite improvements, such as construction of a fire ring	4,200.00			
Jefferson	Palmerdale Fire Hose	To purchase 10 sections of 4 inch fire hose and four sections of 1.75" fire hose, or what can be funded with allocated funds.	2,500.00	3,150.00		12/1/15
Shelby	Showcasing the Future of Automotive	Customize the interior and paint the exterior of the All electric VW 1974 Bradley GT2	2,000.00			
Walker	Fire Communications	To provide communications equipment to our firefighters so they may have outside communications with other agencies.	2,000.00			
Walker	Try Trail	To create a suite of trails, with the longest being over 3.5 miles long, including the supplies for building the trails, marking paint, gasoline, etc; foot bridge construction, educational kiosk, trail head markers. And birding signage.	5,000.00			

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Blount	Expanding Horizons 2016	Acquire supplies and materials for the Expanding Horizons summer program in Blount County.	4,000.00			
Multiple	State Meeting 2016	Cawaco RC&D will be hosting the 2016 AARCDC State Meeting. This meeting will be attended by RC&D Councils and SWCD's, NRCS, senators and others. The purpose in the meeting is to provide education, resources, planning activities and fellowship.	10,000.00			
Jefferson	Guiding Light Community Garden	To construct 7 raised vegetable beds, constructed with foundation blocks and gravel, concrete mix and organic soil.	2,210.66			
Blount	One-On-One Technology	To help provide technology devices to 9-12th grade students as well as learning management software and instruction/technology integration through professional development of teachers.	5,000.00			
Multiple	BW/Cahaba CWP Support	Provide facilitation services to the Black Warrior and Cahaba River Clean Water Partnership groups. The goal is to improve water quality by utilizing cooperative local partnerships.	2,500.00			
Chilton	Chilton County Expo	Tours of fruit production, fish management, research projects, cooking demonstrations, goat herd management, portable sawmill demo, etc. This grant will help fund materials for the event as well as cover some of the rental fees.	1,500.00			
Chilton	Westend Leadership Program	Teach job readiness skills; provide life skills instruction and equip each participant with leadership skills to assist and guide them to a positive future. This grant will be used to purchase office equipment and supplies.	3,000.00			

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Walker	In School Art Education	To facilitate a four part educational program by collaborating with the Walker County School Board. Subjects include native American pottery, music and visual arts, and creative storytelling. This grant will help fund the instructors and purchase material	5,000.00			
Blount	They Will Grow	The Blount County SWCD will partner to provide educational workshops to promote a healthier way of life for people of Blount County while providing an outdoor community garden for the residents of the TLC Nursing Center.	4,000.00			
Blount	Forest in the Classroom	Members of the Blount County Resource Planning Committee will visit multiple classrooms to present actual, specific, detailed lesson plans developed for fifth graders, to discuss and explore Alabama's world-class natural resource diversity.	4,000.00			
Chilton	Demonstration Garden	To redesign a demonstration garden in an effort to increase and improve the quality of horticulture education.	1,871.25			
Chilton	Raise the Roof	To help repair the roof on an historic structure. Much of the funds have already been donated. These funds will help cover labor expense.	4,000.00			
Blount	ACCESS for ALL	To provide public restrooms that meet AFDA standards and ICC A 117 accessible usage building and restroom facilities at Blountsville Historical Park.	5,000.00			
Chilton	Smile Chilton County	To provide dental prevention in low income eligible clients. To be provided every 6 months by a local dentist professional.	4,500.00			

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Blount	Upgrade/Retest Equipment	To upgrade/replace broken flashlights, thermal imaging camera batteries, purchase GPS units for the trucks, and to re-certify SCBA bottles.	3,500.00			
Blount	Walking Track for Townley	To create a walking track for the community	2,500.00			
Multiple	Tool Trailer for Trails	Cawaco maintains and keeps available a utility trailer that is stocked with tools for trail building purposes. The trailer is made available to volunteer groups. This grant helps keep the trailer maintained and covers misc. expenses and management.	4,000.00			
Area Wide	Kayaks for Kids	Kayaks for Kids is an ongoing initiative that makes kayaks available to various groups (boy scouts, YMCA's, etc.) for educational and recreational purposes. The goal is to make the kayaks available to underprivileged children.	1,400.00			
Shelby	Greenhouse Thompson HS	Thompson HS is a recipient of a Cawaco greenhouse.	0.00	20,000.00		
Blount	Greenhouse Southeastern HS	Southeastern HS is a recipient of a Cawaco greenhouse.	0.00	20,000.00		
Jefferson	Kitchen Learning Garden	To create a seamless integration between the Kitchen Learning Garden and the newly opened training kitchen. This grant will cover some of the material cost for the gardening and kitchen supplies.	1,500.00			

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Walker	PAW Park	To establish a fenced in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens can exercise in clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property or pets.	5,000.00			
Blount	EMT Academy	To purchase supplies to develop and maintain a yearly Basic EMT course. The course will be located in Oneonta and benefit the entire county by preparing first responders with greater knowledge and skills to provide emergency care to citizens.	2,500.00			
Area Wide	Cawaco Project Support	To provide staff support through reimbursement of travel expense, as well as meeting, office and other expenses incurred while developing projects and providing various free (non-funded) services.	10,000.00			
Multiple	Cahaba CWP Facilitation	To facilitate the Cahaba Clean Water Partnership.	24,500.00			
Multiple	Seeds for Gardens	To distribute, free of charge, hundreds of pounds of vegetable seeds to community and school gardens throughout the state of Alabama.	1,400.00			
Blount	Security System for Agribusiness Center	To provide maximum security for the events held at the Agribusiness Center and to provide protection for the facility. Installed 17 fixed cameras, 3 30x PTZ cameras, a video recording system, 2 televisions for monitoring purposes, and associated network interfaces.	11,989.00	567.00		1/14/2016
Jefferson	Housing Redevelopment	Provide technical assistance with revitalization efforts in the western areas of Birmingham.	1,500.00	0.00		



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Multiple	Cottonwood Creek	Development of a Watershed management Plan for Cottonwood creek. Cottonwood creek is a tributary to the Black Warrior River and is located in the counties of Hale, Marengo and Perry Counties of Alabama.	25,000.00			
Jefferson	TNC Urban Forestry Plan	To develop an Urban Forest working group and action plan for the City of Birmingham. The objective is to create actionable items to improve tree canopy and to consolidate area resources and programs.	7,000.00			

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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Paul McCaleb, Chairman