



LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION

Goal A: Generate conservation gains on 200 farms and increase knowledge of 6,000 citizens by 2020.

- ❖ A1: Delivered on-farm conservation planning and treatment for **17** landowners.
 - Completed **17** BMP projects.
 - Provided conservation planning on **17** farms and **1,379** acres.
 - Treated **1,379** acres.
 - Protected **3.2** miles of streams.
 - Protected or recovered **24** fish and freshwater mussel T&E species.
 - Provided **\$195,388.70** to landowners for land protection.
 - Protected **0** acres through conservation easements.

- ❖ A2: Delivered conservation education and training to **165** citizens.
 - Educated **90** landowners and **75** students.
 - Conducted **1** workshop and field days featuring fencing and grazing improvement.

- ❖ A3: Improved **3,517** acres of private and public lands and reduced negative environmental impacts of **13,527** individuals through Appalachia CARES partnerships.
 - Engaged **5,455** individuals in energy efficiency and conservation education.
 - Conserved **159** miles of trails and maintained educational facilities through partnerships with **8** state parks.
 - Provided environmental education and access to experiential education to **7,747** youth.
 - Propagated **300** species of native grasses, perennials, trees, and shrubs with **55** of those being restoration species.
 - Improved conservation practices on **51** farms and **3,517** acres through partnerships with **4** Soil Conservation districts.

- ❖ A4: Completed **46** dam assessments, with **0** dam assessments underway.
 - Assessments complete. No additional subcontracts.

Additional Information:

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Goal B: Provide housing solutions that strengthen 1,200 families and support communities through 2020.

- ❖ B1: Expanded access to affordable housing finance through Clinch-Powell, providing \$**1.3 million** in loans.
 - Maintained required licensure and certifications necessary for successful housing programs. New certifications obtained: *n/a*
 - Packaged (and closed) **10** affordable mortgage loans, totaling \$**1,267,874** (\$20,666 additional in grant funds).
 - Packaged **15** Home Repair Loans, totaling \$**23,301** (all grant funds).

- ❖ B2: Provided counseling services to **270** families that will both promote and sustain quality housing in the communities we serve and beyond.
 - Provided Foreclosure counseling to **38** clients.
 - Provided Pre-Purchase counseling to **40** clients (including eHome).
 - Provided High-Cost Mortgage counseling to **63** clients.
 - Provided Household Budgeting and Credit Repair counseling to **5** clients.
 - Provided rental counseling to **124** families.

- ❖ B3: Conducted education and training workshops, reaching **285** people.
 - Organized Homebuyer Education Classes for **00** individuals.
 - Provided Financial Literacy Education to **182** students.
 - Provided Student Loan Debt Education to **100** students.

- ❖ B4: Expanded and maintained a rental property portfolio in good repair and in compliance with funder guidelines with a positive flow and vacancy rate of **13%**.
 - Maintained **39** rental property units.
 - Maintained occupancy rate of **92%**.
 - Conducted **106** property inspections.
 - Provided Transitional Housing program with **0** units to serve extremely- to very-low income persons and families and/or those with emergency needs. *Program not started yet*

- ❖ B5: Increased production of new and renovated quality housing units by **5**.
 - Built **3** new Energy Star homeownership units.
 - Renovated and upgraded **2** units for resale and/or rental.

- ❖ B6: Established and deepened **8** community partnerships through outreach efforts.
 - Initiated **0** commercial and industrial contacts for employee services.
 - Developed relationships that resulted in **0** banking partners annual support grants.
 - Broadened connections and deepened participation with **8** related agencies / groups/networks.

- ❖ B7: Improved housing conditions for **2,411** citizens through partner organizations and Appalachia CARES AmeriCorps program.
 - Placed **13** members with affordable housing organizations.
 - Engaged **2,411** individuals in housing services (resource support, assessment, education, identification of appropriate housing, and home repairs).

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Goal C: Strengthen 30 Middle and East Tennessee Counties through 32 Community Based Organizations (CBO's) by expanding their capacity to provide Conservation and Housing services by 2020.

- ❖ C1: Expanded the capacity of **31** CBO's by providing AmeriCorps placements.
 - Created **36** MSYs from **8/1/15** (program year start date) to **9/30/16**.
 - Recruited **1,408** volunteers to serve **12,942** hours, increasing outreach and education in the community.

Goal D: Sustainable Economic Development Grows by \$5 million by 2020

- ❖ D1: Facilitated access to affordable capital through a small business revolving loan fund with **0** existing loans and **0** new loans.
- ❖ D2: Promoted and operated River Place on the Clinch, a model sustainable ecotourism enterprise.
 - Supplied **20** staff positions.
 - Expanded net profits by **82%** since last FY.
 - Increased rentals of Outfitter, Cabin and Retreat by **73%** since last FY.
 - Developed **2** new trails/attractions/access.
 - Hosted **48** music events featuring local and regional musicians.
 - Hosted **2** special events.
 - Hosted **43** group reservations/parties.
- ❖ D3: Coordinated Appalachian Quilt Trail for more than **850** venues.
 - Maintained dynamic www.vacationAQT.com website.
 - **20,000** AQT rack cards in circulation at Welcome Centers.
 - Distributed **8,000** rack cards directly to tourism partners in 28 counties with assistance from East Tennessee Foundation.
- ❖ D4: Stimulated the local economy by supporting **153** vendors through purchases of **\$1.5 million**.
 - Supported **152** local businesses through vendor purchases of **\$1,566,583**.
 - Actively supported local business through **158** subcontracts of **\$611,891**.
 - Supported **0** minority owned businesses and **1** women owned businesses (MBE/WBE).

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Appalachia CARES: 100% utilization of awarded positions. 95.1% retention rate (61 positions, three exits without award).