



## Sunflower Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.

### Mission Statement

To serve as a grassroots team, coordinating efforts which conserve and develop our natural, economic and human resources, while improving quality of life for the eight county area.

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## Sunflower RC&D FY 2008 Projects, Workload & Activities Summary

51 Projects (updated 10/31/08)

- 565 RC&D Foundation- Capital Campaign-** The Foundation Board has established a Capital Campaign goal to raise \$2 million of which \$1.8 million will be placed in permanent endowment to financially assist projects within the established nine (9) fields of interest.  
**STATUS – To date \$36,805.91 has been received/donated. With \$15,075.00 received in 2008 Brochure & Donor Card developed.**
- 652 RC&D Policy & Procedure Handbook Update –** The Council recognized the need to establish a policy and procedures handbook to help ensure efficient and effective decision-making that results in growth as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.  
**STATUS – Conflict of Interest, one Funding/Financial Management & two Employment policies were developed with help of Executive Committee. The policies were approved July 07 Area Mtg. Conduit and equipment inventory & maintenance policies are next for development.**
- 621 Gyp Hills Scenic Byways-Interpretive Signage –** The Gyp Hills Scenic Byways Committee would like to establish interpretive signage along the Byway corridor as the next phase. As well as develop brochures.  
**STATUS – The committee worked with KS Scenic By-way program and grant contracted engineer to design an interpretive information kiosk for the overlook at Gant-Larson turnout. The construction of the stone base, red steel roofed 2 sided information kiosk took place this spring. Council contacted to approve final construction in June. *Project Completed 7/08***
- 674 KACEE Community Energy Fair –** The Council has been asked to assist KS Association of Conservation Environmental Education (KACEE) with a pilot project focused on hosting a natural resources and energy conservation education in a community fair format.  
**STATUS – Originally planned for Pratt County in conjunction with Earth Day celebration. KACEE still willing to help if local leadership exists. Current consideration of Kingman Co. demonstrated interest in hosting the event.**
- 680 Regional Spay & Neutering Initiative –** To assist with domestic animal population management. The Council agreed to help pursue/establish a regional spay and neutering initiative to benefit local humane society adoption programs.  
**STATUS –Pilot project with Pratt County Humane Society was previously funded (2 yr. implementation). Regional contacts and application need developed and submitted for funding. Regional application not submitted, lack of local sponsor. *Project Cancelled 7/08***

- 681 Sunflower Regional H2O Systems** – Based on the growing water quantity and quality issues, the council agreed to partner with interested local, state and federal entities to evaluate the possibilities of a public wholesale water district development.  
**STATUS** – To date at least 30 entities from the 60 mile radius have signed on. \$12,500 matching grant awarded by KDHE with contract awarded. 2 engineering firms (KS & OK) partnered to complete Phase I, report completed May. Next steps: to fundraise and network with KS & OK water offices for Phase II. *Project Complete 7/08*
- 701 Regional Recycling Program/2007 Round #15** – Assisted with planning and implementation of all 9 project components associated with the \$90,542.80 recycling grant submitted to KDHE Sept. 30, 2006.  
**STATUS** – \$50,000 awarded March 2007. All 9 components completed with only minor reallocations through KDHE. Final Report and reimbursement affidavit submitted May 30, 2008. *Project Complete 7/08*
- 737 HHW & Waste Oil Program/2008 Grant** – Committed to Environment Conservation the council will assist with local collections and help coordinate regional disposal events during 2008 to reduce HHW entering the landfills serving the Sunflower RC&D Area.  
**STATUS** – Greensburg related – assisted with disposal of HHW collected during salvage efforts since June after the May tornado. 5 counties participated in April 29 & 30 regional clean sweep at Pratt Hub with approx 24,000 lbs of HHW properly disposed, bill still pending. Another approx 4800 lbs have been swap N shopped within the area. Three community HHW clean sweeps completed at Conway Springs, Kingman and Cunningham during 2008. *Project completed September 2008.*
- 713 RC&D Website** – Maintain the homepage and internet presence for Sunflower RC&D Area, Inc. to expand communication within the council and public relations with citizens and partnerships in the area.  
**STATUS** – Web service domain name and contracted web development in place. Background and core organization press releases, promotions and Annual Report submitted for hosting regularly. [www.sunflowerrcd.com](http://www.sunflowerrcd.com)
- 738 Non-Profit Management & Board Dev. Training '08** – The council has recognized the need to participate in non-profit management board development opportunities thru RC&D, Kansas Conservation Partnerships, KNPA, etc. to improve council effectiveness.  
**STATUS** – Council attendance at SW States RC&D Conference, National Leadership Forum, KS RC&D Association workshops in addition to specific Sunflower training will help with project completion. An introduction to the Trinity of Capacity Building and overview of the new National RC&D Council Member Guidebook were shared at the Jan 2008 mtg. KS RC&D Capacity Training Workshop held in Salina in April 2008 with 6 attending from Sunflower Region. Training 4 Sunflower attendees at KS RC&D conference in Junction City. *Project completed 9/08.*
- 739 Bikes for Kids '08** – The Council recognized the need and opportunity to help with coordination of old bike collections for rehab and distribution of refurbished bikes to children and adults in the region.  
**STATUS** – Three shipments of bikes approx 110 delivered to Ellsworth. Approx 20 good, used bikes on hand and available with approx 100 bikes needing shipped. 5 bikes provided in Cowley County, 1 bike to Caldwell, 12 bikes in Kiowa County and 2 in Harper County.

- 730 Farm Safety Day–Implementation ’08** – Committed to education and safety, the council agreed to co-sponsor and assist with planning and implementation of 2008 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day (Camps) within the area.  
**STATUS** – **Comanche supported Clark County last Oct, Kingman held in April 08, Sumner and Harper Counties to be held Sept 19<sup>th</sup> in Caldwell with 268 students participating.** *Project Complete 9/08*
- 740 Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry ’08** – In an effort to provide food to those in need and manage the deer populations in SC KS, the council committed to coordinate deer processing and distribution through area food banks underneath the umbrella of the KS FHFH Program.  
**STATUS** – **During 07-08 deer season 3 processors have received and processed approx 90 deer. To date, 18 community food banks have received 1 or more shipments totaling 5669 lbs with approx 100 lbs currently available.** *Project Complete 7/08*
- 741 SC KS Tourism Region Assistance-’08** – Supportive of Tourism and Agritourism development, the Council will actively participate in the 22 County SCKTR organization activities including coordination of brochures, displays and workers for the Wichita Garden Show March 5-9, 2008, Kansas Sampler Festival, May 3 & 4 and Kansas State Fair, Sept 12-21, 2008, etc.  
**STATUS** – **Attended Regional SCKTR mtgs, assisted with brochures, photos and display materials plus workers schedules for Wichita Garden Show, supported Regional tent at Sampler Festival and helped with display and schedules for all 10 days of State Fair in Sept.** *Project complete 9/08*
- 742 KDWP Upland Game Bird Habitat Initiative ’08**– Interested in wildlife habitat development and enhancement, the council will administer funds from KDWP, Quail Unlimited and Pheasants Forever targeted to walk-in hunting, CRP acres within a 14 County service area.  
**STATUS** – **a new contract has been signed with KDWP providing \$30,000 to 2008 program activities, Paid out \$24,602.40 in 2008, with approx 1300 acres treated with conservation BMP’s.** *Project Complete 9/08*
- 728 Enterprise Facilitation Implementation Phase V ’08** – Supportive of Small Business Development, the council will serve as fiscal agent for the Sunflower Regional Enterprise Facilitation Initiative currently serving five (5) RC&D Counties and actively participate in EF Program Activities.  
**STATUS** – **funding support through KDOC and Rural Business Tax Credit Programs is now in place; 2008 sponsorships for local partners mailed in February, to date have received \$21,284.00 in sponsorships and \$21,294.82 from the State.** *Project Complete 9/08*
- 726 SC KS Residue Alliance Chapter** - The Council, supportive of information and education programs for best management practices of residue management, will assist the Chapter (which involves 5 to 6 counties in south central Kansas) by exploring grant opportunities; provide assistance with information/education events; coordination and promotion of workshops, tours and field days and other ways that assist the Chapter in the execution of activities that support Residue Management change.  
**STATUS** – **Approx 30 producers gathered at the No Till on the Plains Conference. Approx 40 attended 1 day soil improvement workshop in Harper County. Group leadership organized with goal to hold quarterly workshops/field days & trainings. A field day was also held in Kingman County on August with approx. 25 in attendance.**

- 744 Area Plan Update FY08/FY09** – The council has recognized the need to stay current and update the Area Plan of Work to meet the needs of the citizens of the community and comply with requirements of the USDA NRCS.  
**STATUS – Public input and participation included surveys at the Annual Dinner Mtg and Dec. County Council mtgs. Surveys continue to be distributed at information meetings to civic groups, organizations and partners for input. Area plan update due by Sept 09.**
- 745 Stafford County Recycling Expansion** – Committed to solid waste reduction as a positive Natural Resource Conservation initiative. The Council will assist with education, program development, grant writing, collection, processing and marketing of recyclables from Stafford County.  
**STATUS – Loads are being received through Pratt Hub and tracked at the Sunflower RC&D office. 3<sup>rd</sup> period of 2007 - Volume marketed was 27,904 lbs, paid out \$954.40. 1<sup>st</sup> period of 2008 - Volume marketed was 51,495 lbs & paid out \$1673.59. 2<sup>nd</sup> period of 2008 volume marketed was 40,078 lbs and paid out 1,355.56. *Project complete 9/08***
- 747 Youth Involvement Initiative** – The Council has recognized that in order for the RC&D to have a future, there must be youth involvement with many of the projects to build a base for future leadership.  
**STATUS – Discussion in Sept lead to Oct county Council level input and attendance by one youth at the Nov Annual Mtg. Several opportunities to involve youth with local and area projects. Involvement in Area planning still a focus of interest. At least 20 (39%) of 51 projects directly benefit or involve youth.**
- 748 Wind Energy Awareness** - The Council, supportive of information and education programs, will partner with the Barber County Development, Inc. and other interested partners to plan/organize, advertise and promote seminars to prepare land owners in our area by providing informational meetings to help them make wise decisions about leases and other wind farm activities.  
**STATUS – First 2 meetings held Jan 15<sup>th</sup> in Medicine Lodge and Norwich with approx 350 in attendance, 1 day workshop hosted in Kingman March 26<sup>th</sup> with 95 in attendance. Sumner County hosted Wing Farm Tour and scheduling another producer lease meeting. Producer coalitions evolving in the area with growing interest in community wind also. Flat Ridge Wind Farm ground breaking at Barber County took place in June. *Project Complete 9/08***
- 749 KDWP Prairie Chicken Habitat Initiative '08** - Interested in wildlife habitat development and enhancement, the council will administer funds from KDWP and other wildlife support groups targeted to building, restoring or improving Prairie Chicken habitat, within KDWP's Regions 4 & 5 in SC and SE portions of Kansas. Includes 4 Counties from the Sunflower RC&D service area.  
**STATUS – Contract signed, \$30,000 received, no other activity as of this date**
- 753 Regional Renewable Energy** - Biomass Project - Committed to alternative sources of energy as a positive Natural Resource Conservation initiative the Council will assist with education, program development, grant writing, collection, processing, and marketing of the development of a Biomass Project within the service area.  
**STATUS –Active participation continues with representation from Pratt County EDC, Farm Credit, Queal Enterprises, NRCS, RC&D, NREL and growing interest with producers. One direct mailing to approx. 90 producers complete, one information meeting held 20 attended, one community meeting held in Greensburg. Feasibility Study is primary focus.**

BARBER County

**323 Union Chapel (RWD #4)** – Interested in Community/Economic Development and adequate water/water quality, the Council will assist RWD #4 pursue feasibility, development, implementation of a rural water system for that region of Barber County.  
**STATUS – RWD #4 is an active partner in Regional H2O project.**

**731 Barber County Community Recycling '08** – Committed to solid waste reduction as a positive Natural Resource Conservation initiative the Council will assist with education, program development, grant writing, collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables within the service area.  
**STATUS – Active participation and volumes continue through both Kiowa and Medicine Lodge recycle programs. County Recycle brochures and display are now available. Medicine Lodge recycling program moved to the old City Shop in May. 3<sup>rd</sup> period 2007 – volume marketed 53,270 lbs, paid out \$2,443.86. 1<sup>st</sup> period 2008 – volume marketed 81,669 lbs, paid out \$2608.69 2<sup>nd</sup> period 2008- volume marketed 65,408 lbs, paid out \$1,789.50. *Project Complete 9/08***

**752 Barber County Veterans' Memorial** – Supportive of the original project which included the acquisition of land and the development of this Memorial, the Council will continue to support this project by serving as a fiscal agent for funds that might be received on behalf of the Memorial to provide the donor(s) with a means of giving a tax-deductible donation to the Memorial.  
**STATUS – Received \$2000 paid out \$2000**

COMANCHE County

**732 Comanche County Recycling – 2008** - Committed to solid waste reduction as a positive Natural Resource Conservation initiative the Council will assist with education, program development, grant writing, collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables within the service area.  
**STATUS – Active participation and volumes continue through efforts in Coldwater and Protection. Newer recycle truck in operation and new recycle bins at High School. 3<sup>rd</sup> period 2007 – volume marketed 18,922 lbs, paid out \$877.14. 1<sup>st</sup> period 2008 – volume marketed 47,706 lbs, paid out \$2,221.10. 2<sup>nd</sup> period 2008- volume marketed 52,996 lbs, paid out \$2,182.93. *Project Complete 9/08***

COWLEY County

**679 ABCD East Cowley County Rural Life Task Force (RTLTF) Community Project** – Interested in Rural Community sustainability, the Council will assist the four (4) communities (Atlanta, Burden, Cambridge & Dexter), rural citizens and partners to help ensure this Rural Life Task Force Pilot Project is successful with its organizing, planning and implementation during the two (2) year project period.  
**STATUS –The 2 year pilot project hosted a celebration event held in Oct and is taking next steps with the group which includes a regional Pride Program application. New officer elections were in January. The group meets monthly focused on community and economic development efforts. The group recently received a grant to host a series of 4 Ag tourism related tours.**

**727 License to Tag** - Valuing the development and economic benefit of tourism activities, the Council will assist the Burden Senior Class and other community organizations, in completing project activities to paint the drainage ditch south of Burden by helping to furnish paint through the HHW “swap and shop” program.

**STATUS – Cowley County Council member followed up with local project supporters to ensure the project is on track. The Council provided 83 gallons of exterior latex paint/base valued at \$1740.00. The first 4 pieces of the mural were completed by 5 students summer of 08. Art teacher is still involved, design is more than ½ developed and project has been passed on to this year’s Senior class.**

#### HARPER County

**530 Anthony Lake Improvement Project** - Concerned about water quality/quantity and recreation development, the Council agreed to assist the City of Anthony, Anthony Lake Board and other partners with education, watershed assessment, grant writing, planning and implementation of demonstration projects as the first steps toward improving the future of the lake and 13,000 acre watershed.

**STATUS – In Nov a shoreline protection demonstration completed addressing 270 ft of shoreline erosion. RC&D office worked with KDHE and local partners to reallocate funds within demonstration projects; complete reports and submit affidavits for reimbursements through 2007. All grant funds, \$10,000, were utilized. Quarterly reports, affidavits and final report have been submitted to KDHE.**

**704 Leadership Harper County** - Recognizing the need for Leadership capacity development, the Council agreed to assist the Leadership Harper County board with program planning, promotion and implementation of leadership training and education sessions.

**STATUS – \$8656.81 available to support leadership program delivery and youth project implementation. No training activity delivered but connection to KHF and KLC are being maintained.**

**654 Harper Co. Preservation & Tourism Alliance** – Valuing the heritage of the area and economic benefit of tourism activities, the Council will assist with organization, planning and project activities of the Harper County Preservation and Tourism Alliance (PTA) board.

**STATUS – Group meets monthly with active participation with historic preservation projects in Harper County, KS. Local focus is currently on the purchase and restoration of the Anthony Theater. The group will be asking the Council to bring this on as a new project at the July meeting in order to possibly purchase the lot adjacent to the Theater. The group is also actively supporting the Courthouse Centennial Celebration.**

**733 Harper County Recycling –’08** - Committed to solid waste reduction as a positive Natural Resource Conservation initiative the Council will assist with education, program development, grant writing, collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables within the service area.

**STATUS – Active participation continues. Recycling expansion includes local businesses in Harper and USD 361 in recent months. The Harper hub currently processes for 10 other local programs. New county recycle brochure available. 5 of 9 Cardboard Collection Cages (C<sup>3</sup>) currently in use and special event containers used at July 4<sup>th</sup> event and planned at the County Fair. 3<sup>rd</sup> period 2007 – volume marketed 43,053 lbs, paid out \$1,436.90. 1<sup>st</sup> period 2008 – volume marketed 58,151 lbs, paid out \$1,598.29 2<sup>nd</sup> period 2008- volume marketed 60,719 lbs, paid out \$1456.61. *Project complete 9/08***

- 729 2008 Harper County 4<sup>th</sup> of July** - Supporting cultural events and community-based recreational opportunities, the Council will assist the partnering organizations with planning, fundraising, and implementation of the Harper County 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.  
**STATUS – 2008 event ended in the black and structure in place for 2009 planning. Several new components added this year, perhaps best fireworks yet. *Project complete 7/08***
- 721 Helping Kids & Parents – Planning Grant** – “Helping Kids & Parents” is the name of the local Interagency Coordinating Council that serves Harper Co. & meets on a regular basis. A sub group of this council, Harper Co. ICC was formed in 2004 and meets on a bimonthly basis. In Sept., 2006, with HCICC as a foundation additional partners were invited to become the “System Plan group” in order to submit a joint Planning Grant to the KS Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund.  
**STATUS – The last of 4 planning meetings was held Dec 13<sup>th</sup> to wrap up this grant. The planning document and final reimbursements submitted. Jan 2008 Additional grant applications have been submitted to begin addressing issues identified during the planning process. *Project complete 7/08***
- 724 Harper Wellness Path Fitness Points** - Work with City, Wellness Center, local businesses and local Boy Scout to establish 2 -3 fitness points  
**STATUS – Memorial & brick funds, \$3866.75 transferred to this project. Project involved a local Boy Scout pursuing Eagle Award. The project established 2 fitness points and a memorial point along the wellness path. Design & location approved and implementation completed. Pursuing additional engraved brick sales and donations to close this project in the black. Fitness point signage complete. Total cost \$6,322.90. In Red by \$827.17. *Project Completed 9/08***
- 750 Plumb Thicket Nature Conservancy** - Supportive of natural resource conservation and education, the Council will work with the Conservancy Planning Committee to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Committee as outlined in the Host agreement between Harper County commissioners and Waste Connections of Kansas, Inc. Working in partnership as a committee, the group will plan, develop, and manage the screening and buffer areas adjacent to the Plum Thicket Land fill in north central Harper County and provide assistance by serving as fiscal agent of any funds distributed for the purpose of developing the land into an educational, nature centered conservancy for area  
**STATUS – A core planning group has met several times with increasing participation. Current focus is organizational representation, structure and mission.**
- 755 Anthony Theater Initiative** - Supportive of historic preservation and tourism development, the Council will assist the Anthony Theater Committee with acquisition of the Historic Anthony Theater, the adjacent lot and fundraising activities in order to once again open the Historic Theater. The Council will serve as a conduit for the two properties and for funds received as donations.  
**STATUS –Active participation through Harper County Preservation and Tourism Alliance. Recent fundraisers including Alumni mailing have generated approx. \$20,000.00 toward the \$42,000.00 purchase price.**

KINGMAN County

**743 Riggs/Waterloo Arboretum – 2008** – Supportive of natural resource conservation, education, historic preservation and tourism development, the council is committed to assist the Riggs Arboretum Planning Committee with planning, funding and implementation of restoration and utilization efforts at the Historic Riggs Arboretum at Waterloo, KS.

**STATUS – Committee met to plan spring & fall workdays and Walk In The Woods for 2008 in March. Spring workdays held May 2 & 3 with approx. 20 volunteer workers. Fall workdays and Walk In the Woods held Sept 19 & 20 and 25 & 26 respectively. Another 23 volunteer workers helped with clean up. 237 students and teachers from 6 area schools participated in Annual Walk in the Woods. *Project complete 9/08***

**746 Kingman County Recycling Initiative** – Committed to solid waste reduction as a positive Natural Resource Conservation initiative the Council will assist with education, program development, grant writing, collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables within the service area.

**STATUS – 3 information & planning meetings have been held, with the next planned for Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm. Attendance has been 12-15 representing 6(+) local & county entities. First event held March 15<sup>th</sup> with monthly events held since. Recyclable shipments now every 10-14 days from Conservation District shed. New baler in process. 1<sup>st</sup> period 2008 – volume marketed 5,350 lbs, paid out -\$58.10. Very first recycling period was only in the Red by \$58.10. 2<sup>nd</sup> period – volume marketed 16,373 lbs. , paid out (- \$ 195.00) . *Project Completed 9/08***

KIOWA County

**620 Big Well Preservation Project** – Supportive of historic preservation and tourism development, the Council agreed to provide leadership and assistance to the City of Greensburg, the Big Well Board and Greensburg Area Chamber of Commerce with planning, funding and implementation of activities that will enhance and sustain the Big Well for the future.

**STATUS – Supporting City and KS Sampler Foundation with rebuilding effort. Can-Do Committee selected this project as recipient for \$10,000 award from Make A Difference Day efforts.**

**734 Kiowa County Recycling '08** -Committed to solid waste reduction as a positive Natural Resource Conservation initiative the Council will assist with education, program development, grant writing, collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables within the service area.

**STATUS – Working with Kiowa county, Greensburg Green Team and other local supporters to re-establish and expand recycling in Kiowa County. KDHE awarded \$100,000 grant to rebuild. 3<sup>d</sup> period 2007 – volume marketed 3,584 paid out \$-12.13. 1<sup>st</sup> period 2008 – volume marketed 14,336 lbs, paid out \$249.21. 2<sup>nd</sup> period 2008- volume marketed 19,305 lbs., paid out \$842.49. *Project Completed 9/08***

**703 Greensburg Airport Expansion** - To assist Greensburg and Kiowa County leadership with pursuit of funding for airport expansion.

**STATUS – Recent word is airport property provided for new manufacturing business expanding to Greensburg from California.**

- 723 Greensburg Area Relief Fund** – Assist area tornado victims with collection and distribution of storage bins, gloves, tape, waterless soap, cleaning supplies and funds.  
**STATUS** – received \$4800 cash, \$23,423 goods donated. Attended Greensburg Resource Conference Feb 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Funds used to assist with local park renovation and Enterprise Facilitation, \$500 from Ashland Volunteer group to be designated by Dea Corns at a later date. \$500.00 recently approved as part of annual KS Communities Membership. \$2,427.33 in account.
- 725 Greensburg Community Trees** – Working with Kansas Forest Service and other conservation services to re-establish the tree population in Greensburg following the devastating may 4, 2007 Tornado. The Council will be accepting donations and services toward the project.  
**STATUS** – \$66894 received-to-date, organization and planning beginning with Forest Service and Extension involvement. Approx \$3200 spent on re-establishment of Sunset Park trees & landscaping in October. \$63885.75 in account
- 751 Greensburg GreenTown Initiative** – To further assist with the rebuilding of Greensburg, the Council will provide technical assistance and financial management to the GreenTown committee.  
**STATUS** – Financial conduit each payable period. A High School Green Club has been established with mentor relations from GreenTown Board. Opportunities to assist and grow partnership continue to evolve in rebuilding green, alternative energy and conservation. The organization received 501c3 determination in August. Approx \$82,000.00 handled for the group in 6 months. *Project Complete 9/08*
- 754 Kiowa County Commons (Media Center)** - Committed to continuing assistance to the rebuilding of Greensburg and its building green initiative the Council will provide technical assistance and financial management for the Media Center being built to support the technology needed to create an internet based, county-wide, rural communication system for Kiowa County and provide a means for donors to give to a tax-deductible entity in support of the Media Center.  
**STATUS** –Active participation through local committee. \$ 3,959.38 in Account.

PRATT County

- 735 Pratt Co. Recycling '08** - Committed to solid waste reduction as a positive Natural Resource Conservation initiative the Council will assist with education, program development, grant writing, collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables within the service area.  
**STATUS** – Active participation continues, Pratt County hub currently processes for 5 local recycle programs. 3<sup>rd</sup> period 2007 – volume marketed 225,035 lbs, paid out \$10,424.33. 1<sup>st</sup> period 2008 – volume marketed 266,145 lbs, paid out \$11,210.72. 2<sup>nd</sup> period 2008- volume marketed 205,420 lbs, paid out \$8,728.19. *Project Completed 9/08*
- 700 Pratt Co. Humane Society Assistance** – Committed to providing adequate housing and protection for homeless animals, the Council will assist with fundraising, grant research and administrative assistance for grant funds as well as assist with marketing and implementation of the PCHS programs and services.  
**STATUS** – Humane Society Board has aligned with Hutchinson Area Humane Society for financial/grant assistance. *Project cancelled 7/08.*

SUMNER County

- 678 Bartlett Arboretum Historic Restoration** - Supportive of natural resource conservation, education, historic preservation and tourism development, the council is committed to assist the Bartlett Arboretum Planning Committee with planning, funding and implementation of restoration and utilization efforts at the Historic Bartlett Arboretum at Belle Plaine, KS.  
**STATUS – Received grant from Kansas Arts Commission for \$7,500, Fall 07. Fundraising efforts resulting in 102 supporters contributing \$25,619.00 during 2007. Received 2<sup>nd</sup> grant from Kansas Arts Commission for \$7,500, Summer 08. Fundraising efforts for spring and summer 2008 resulting in 209 supporters contributing \$38,836.00. New CD produced and current focus on flooding issues. Recent National Award of \$25,000.00 from Markam's Vinyard announced. *Project Complete 9/08***
- 736 Sumner Co. Community Recycling '08** - Committed to solid waste reduction as a positive Natural Resource Conservation initiative the Council will assist with education, program development, grant writing, collection, processing, and marketing of recyclables within the service area.  
**STATUS –Active participation continues with 5 community based recycle programs at work. Expansion efforts with Belle Plaine, Conway Springs & Wellington completed. New balers being pursued for Belle Plaine and Argonia. 3<sup>rd</sup> period 2007 – volume marketed 226,807 lbs, paid out \$11,709.81. 1<sup>st</sup> period 2008 – volume marketed 244,942 lbs, paid out \$7,281.90. 2<sup>nd</sup> period 2008 – volume marketed 216,934 lbs. paid out \$7455.57. *Project Complete 9/08***