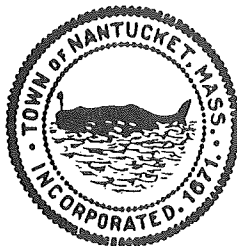


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*AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 MAY 2011 - 6:00 PM
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMUNITY ROOM
4 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD
NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS*

- I. ANNOUNCEMENTS*
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- III. NEW BUSINESS**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WARRANTS AND PENDING CONTRACTS*
 1. Approval of Minutes of 27 April 2011 at 6:00 PM.
 2. Approval of Payroll and Treasury Warrants for May 2011.
- V. OFFICIAL BUSINESS*
- VI. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS/COMMENTS*
 1. 2011 - 2012 Representative Appointments.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT*

** Identified on Agenda Protocol Sheet.*

County Commission Agenda Protocol:

- *Roberts Rules. The County Commission follows Roberts Rules of Order to govern its meetings as per the Town Code and Charter.*
- *Public Comment. Public Comment is for bringing matters of public interest to the attention of the Commission. The Commission welcomes concise statements on matters that are within the purview of the County Commission. At the Commission's discretion, matters raised under Public Comment may be directed to County Administration or may be placed on a future agenda, allowing all viewpoints to be represented before the Commission takes action. Except in emergencies, the Commission will not normally take any other action on Public Comment. Any personal remarks or interrogation or any matter that appears on the regular agenda are not appropriate for Public Comment.*
- *New Business: For topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting.*
- *Public Participation. The Commission welcomes valuable input from the public at appropriate times during the meeting with recognition by the Chair. For appropriate agenda items, the Chair will introduce the item and take public input. Individual Commissioners may have questions on the clarity of information presented. The Commission will hear any staff input and then deliberate on a course of action.*
- *Commissioner Report and Comment. Individual Commissioners may have matters to bring to the attention of the Commission. If the matter contemplates action by the Commission, Commissioners will consult with the Chair and/or County Administrator in advance and provide any needed information by the Thursday before the meeting. Otherwise, except in emergencies, the Commission will not normally take action on Commissioner Comment.*

BOS/CC WORKGROUP/COMMITTEE REPS FOR 2011-12

Selectmen Reps

Ad Hoc Budget Work Group - Chair and Vice-chair
Audit Committee - MK
Board of Health - PR
Bulk Fuel Study Committee - WW/BD
Capital Program Committee - PR
Cemetery Commission Work Group - Allen Reinhard (BOS designee)
Community Preservation Committee - BD
Human Services Contract Review Committee - WW
PEG - NCTV Board - MK

County Commissioner Reps

NP & EDC (County Commissioner rep) -
Pilgrim RC&D -

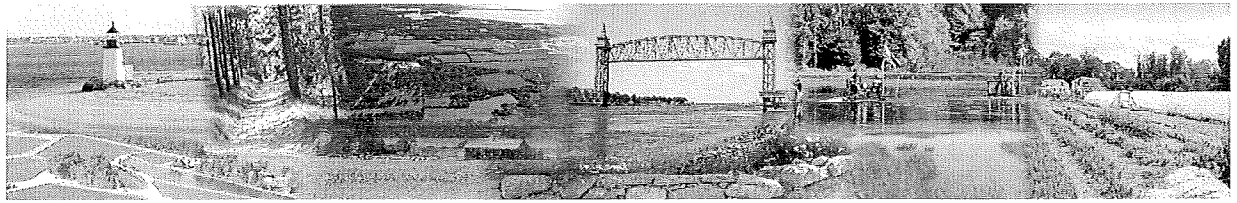
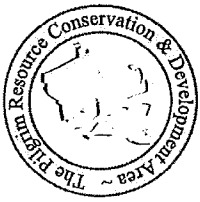
Liaisons

Harbor Plan Implementation Committee liaison - BD
SHAB Liaison - WW

Other

Downtown Revitalization - PD/BD
Cape Cod Selectmen's Association - all

As of 05/11/11



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HOW DOES THE RC&D WORK?

RC&D is an exciting partnership between the Federal government and a local nonprofit organization that is led by local community leaders. To help you understand how RC&D works in this partnership, the following information explains the RC&D Program, the RC&D Area, the Council, and the relationships and responsibilities of each.

THE WHOLE PICTURE

RC&D was initially started back in the 1960's to address rural poverty and help rural communities generate sustainable natural resource-based economies. Although today, many RC&D Areas are not rural and are not poor, the need for the RC&D concept is just as strong as ever. RC&D is collaborative, action-oriented, and inclusive. Sometimes, "RC&D" is difficult to explain and difficult to quantify. However, the effect of RC&D's approach to solving community problems (involving local people in voluntary, empowering ways) can be felt with almost every RC&D project that happens across the country.

THE RC&D PROGRAM

The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program is a nation-wide U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The purpose of the RC&D program is to accelerate the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic activity, and to enhance the environment and standard of living in designated RC&D areas. Current program objectives focus on improvement of quality of life achieved through natural resources conservation and community development. This leads to sustainable communities, prudent use (development), management and conservation of natural resources.

THE RC&D AREA

RC&D Areas are locally-identified areas designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to receive RC&D technical assistance. In the Pilgrim RC&D Area, there was a local group who worked to establish the RC&D Area which was approved by the Secretary of Agriculture in 1977.

THE RC&D COORDINATOR

Once the RC&D Area has been designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, USDA provides a staff person to assist the local group in developing a "Council". The staff person is the "Coordinator." The Coordinator assists the Council in carrying out its objectives and goals by providing guidance, advice, and "technical assistance." In general, the RC&D Coordinator is a facilitator, advisor, organizer, and coach to the RC&D Council. In addition to the federal RC&D Coordinator, USDA also provides office space and appropriate basic support for program administration to help support the Council.

THE RC&D COUNCIL

The RC&D Council is the heart of the RC&D concept. The Council is a non-profit entity that is established and run by volunteers to carry out the mission of the RC&D. The Council is composed of members who are key community leaders in land conservation, water management, environmental enhancement, and community development. They are a steering committee and action team that implements their "Area Plan." The Area Plan is a community-driven, strategic, long-range plan intended to improve the quality of life in the communities within the RC&D Area. The RC&D Council members are action-oriented volunteers and leaders that help the Council address needs in the community through good planning and project implementation. The Council members represent all the counties of the Area.

THE RC&D COUNCIL'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors manages the affairs of the RC&D Council as an incorporated 501(c)(3). The Board formally approves the Area Plan, mission, policies, budget, projects, and hires Council staff. Board members have legal and fiduciary responsibilities including: Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, and Duty of Obedience. Essentially, the Board of Directors ensures that the organization is well-managed.

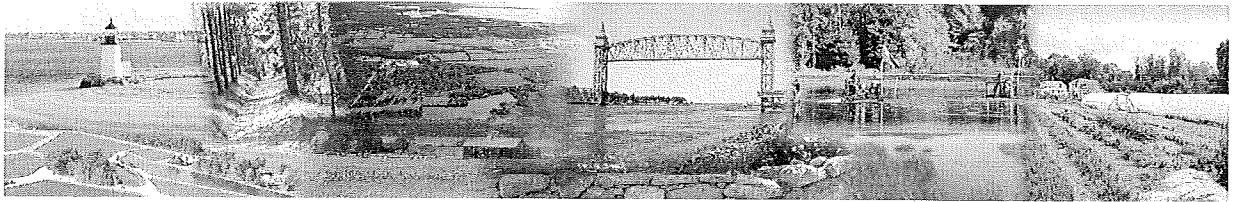
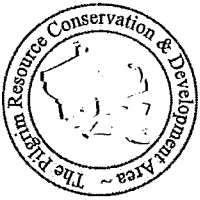
THE RC&D STAFF

The RC&D Staff, along with volunteer Board and Council Members, other volunteers and partners help implement the goals of the RC&D Council. Staff is hired by the Board to implement the long range goals, policies, and organizational operations that have all been approved by the Board.

RC&D

The community-driven collaboration and communication that goes on between the Council, the USDA-NRCS Coordinator, Council staff, Directors, and community leaders is what makes RC&D work. From Washington, DC down to a couple local people brainstorming, the RC&D network is a powerful way to help people change their communities for the better.

Get involved with your local RC&D and help make things happen! Contact us at 508 295 1317 x130 or email us at kim.braaschred@gmail.com.



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INSIDE THE RC&D

The Pilgrim Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides leadership, coordination, partnership development and technical assistance for projects that promote strong communities, natural resource management and conservation, and sustainable agriculture. We do this by bringing people together to create and carry out solutions to community-identified problems, recognizing that locally-driven economic and social opportunities are integral to healthy, vibrant, and truly sustainable communities.

A UNIQUE COMBINATION

RC&D is a unique combination of private enterprise and federal assistance that encourages the blending of natural resource use with local economic and social values. The Pilgrim RC&D Council responds to the needs of their local communities for conservation, community development and economic development issues.

THE NATIONAL RC&D PROGRAM

RC&D is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and local nonprofit organizations led by local community leaders. The USDA provides a portion of an RC&D's basic operating support, along with an experienced staff person, called a Coordinator, to serve as a facilitator, advisor, coach and technical resource for the RC&D Council.

RC&D was started in the 1960s to address rural poverty and help rural communities generate sustainable natural resource-based economies. Although today, many RC&D areas are no longer rural or predominantly poor, the need for the RC&D concept is as strong as ever: local people solving local problems. RC&D provides a mechanism for people to partner with other community members and organizations to identify, create and carry out ideas which improve the community in a meaningful way.

THE RC&D AREA

RC&D areas are approved for national RC&D program participation by the Secretary of Agriculture, but initiated by local people to improve the quality of life in their communities. The founders worked with the USDA-NRCS to complete the rigorous application process after which the Pilgrim RC&D Area, of Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Counties, was officially designated by the USDA in 1977. The Pilgrim Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc. was formed as a nonprofit corporation in 1978.

THE RC&D MISSION AREAS

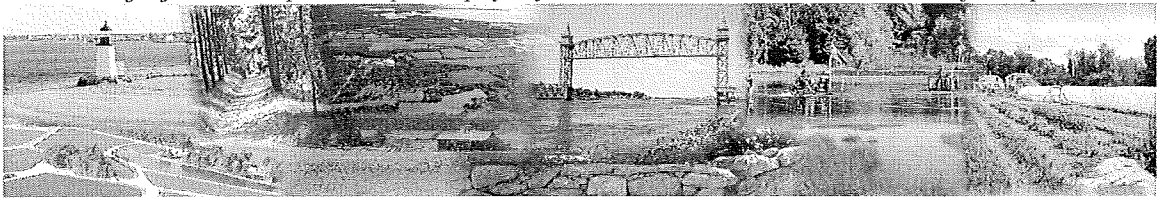
The national RC&D program has established the strategic mission areas of Water Management, Land Conservation, Land Management, and Community Development for all RC&D councils nationwide.

THE RC&D AREA PLAN

Nationally, each RC&D Council develops and adopts an Area Plan, which serves as the long-term business plan for the organization. The Pilgrim RC&D's Area Plan details the group's mission, vision, goals, objectives and strategies for the RC&D area counties and mission areas, with stated needs derived from a variety of community sources.

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WHAT IS RC&D?

Pilgrim RC&D Provides:

Technical Assistance

RC&D identifies and brings together public and private resources to help address natural resource management and community development challenges.

Planning Assistance

RC&D assists with the planning, strategy development, and provides support needed to see a project or activity through to a successful completion.

Grant Writing Assistance

RC&D staff assists with writing public and private grant proposals to fund local projects.

Organizational Support

RC&D offers broad-based (five-county) support of local projects.

Fiscal Agent/ Financial Management Assistance

RC&D assists state, regional, and local organizations by providing financial and administrative assistance services.

Information/ Education Activities

RC&D assists local organizations with planning and conducting educational conferences, workshops and gatherings to promote rural development and natural resource conservation efforts.

Referral Assistance

RC&D assists in referring requests to the correct existing government agency, similar project, or private consultant.

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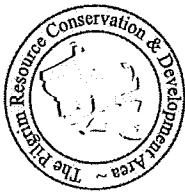
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Providing assistance to communities, groups, and organizations with:

- Community Development
- Land Conservation & Management
- Water Conservation & Management
- Energy Conservation & Renewable Energy Promotion

OUR VISION

Natural resource protection in a way that improves the economy, the environment, and the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts' communities.

OUR MISSION

The Pilgrim RC&D Area Council, Inc. assists locally elected officials, civic leaders and community organizations to plan and implement projects for natural resource conservation and community development.

VIEW OUR DOCUMENTS

- [2008 -2012 AREA PLAN](#)
- [CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS](#)
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