



Five Rivers

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Five Rivers Weed Management Area Receives Extension on NETF Grant!

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Rivers Weed Mgmt Area

....Building Partnerships



The Five Rivers Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. has received \$39,000 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the "Native Grassland Protection against Invasive Weeds" Project. This money is in use by the Five Rivers Weed Management Area (WMA) to utilize a cost share program that assists in making effective weed control affordable for landowners, land managers and other entities. This program is available on a rating basis; dependent on severity of invasion, type of invasive weed(s), native prairie in an identified Biologically Unique Landscape, and cash match (minimum requirement of 25%). The fee for the chemical and application minus the cash match would be funded through this grant. A ten (10) year maintenance agreement will be required on any entity acquiring grant funds.

The Five Rivers Weed Management Area (WMA) plans to do project promotion workshops throughout the WMA area. The WMA consists of 9 counties in Southeast Nebraska (Saline, Jefferson, Gage, Pawnee, Johnson, Otoe, Cass, Nemaha and Richardson).

If anyone is interested in applying for grant funding to control Sericea Lespedeza, St. Johnswort, Garlic Mustard, Cutleaf Teasel or Caucasian Bluestem, please contact Lyle Weber, Chairman of the Five Rivers Weed Management Area at 402.821.3326 or salineweed@diodecom.net or feel free to contact your local Weed Superintendent in your County.

Applications are still being accepted for spraying next spring and fall!!! Call for your application today!

Applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis at our Five Rivers WMA meetings.



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Upcoming Events:

- **Five Rivers Council Meeting & Annual Dinner**
⇒ **December 12th**
10:00am to 1:00pm
The Convent House
B&B
Steinauer, NE
- **SERN Meeting**
⇒ **December 14th**
10:00 am
Chances R
York, NE
- **Christmas**
⇒ **December 25th**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Five Rivers RC&D!!!



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2011 At a Glance

Five Rivers is proud to have been a part of the following organizations and projects in 2011:

Johnson County CAN (JCAN) Coalition

Nemaha Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse (NADAA) Coalition

Statewide Organic Farming

School Lab Chemical Collections

Heritage Highway, By-Way 136

Buy Fresh, Buy Local

Southeast Nebraska Resource Network (SERN)

Community Leaders and Elected Officials Training

Anhydrous Tank-Meth Project (Southeast Nebraska Meth & Other Drug Advisory Board)

Southeast Nebraska Tourism Council (SENTC)

Southeast Nebraska Grassland Association (SENGA)

Business Training-EDGE, QuickBooks Training

Rural Enterprise Assistance Program (REAP)

Five Rivers Weed Management Area

Call2Recycle Battery Recycling

21st Century Grazing Workshop

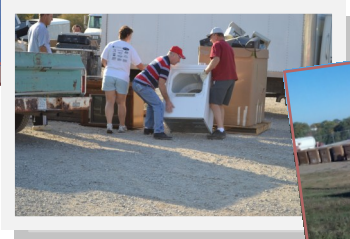
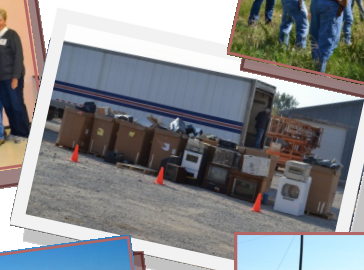
Wine School IX

Steamboat Trace Trail Project

Electronics Recycling Collections

Low-Stress Animal Handling Workshop

2011 Scrap Book





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December 2011 Five Rivers Area Project Updates

5 Rivers Weed Management Area: The Five Rivers Weed Management Area received an extension on the \$39,000 grant from NETF, which will run until December 2012. The remaining funds will be dispersed among award recipients to help eliminate and/or prevent spreading of invasive weeds on their property. Landowners are encouraged to apply now to receive funding in the spring and fall of 2012. If you are interested in applying for the grant, please contact Lyle Weber at 402-821-3326 or salineweed@diodecom.net or contact the Five Rivers RC&D office at 402-335-3347 or 5rivers.meints@gmail.com. Weed ID Guides will also be produced for 12 primary invasive weed species in southeast Nebraska. Stay tuned for more information or visit <http://5riverswma.com> for additional WMA activities in your area.

Nemaha County Drug Coalition (NADAA): For more information on activities of NADAA or to volunteer, please contact the NADAA Coordinator, Laura Osborne, at nadaacoordinator@yahoo.com or 402-274-9485.

Johnson County Can (CAN): For more information on CAN, contact Sandy Weyers at sweyers@esu4.org.

Byway 136-Heritage Highway: The Heritage Highway Byway 136 2011 has been produced and continues to be distributed along the byway. The organization is in the process of updating their website to make navigation more user friendly. For more information on activities of the Heritage Highway, go to www.heritagehighway136.org.

SENTC: Enterprise Publishing is in the process of completing the new 2012 Travel Guide and SENTC will be distributing these soon. To become a member, please contact Yvonne Dalluge at my.blue.heaven@windstream.net. For information on Southeast Nebraska traveling, go to www.visitsoutheastnebraska.org.

Anhydrous Tank: The Southeast Nebraska Methamphetamine and Other Drug Advisory Board, with the assistance of Nebraska Agri-Business Institute, have encouraged 140 Agriculture Retailers in requesting tamper tags and meth watch decals for all anhydrous tanks. All participating Ag Retailers can adhere decals to tanks this spring, as well as promote the use of tags by producers during spring application. Contact Sandy Morrissey at Region V at smorrisey@rpc.region5systems.net.

Steamboat Trace Trail: The Peru Area Development Committee met with the Nemaha County Visitor Committee on August 15, 2011 to request grant funds for the QR Coding of Steamboat Trace Trail, "Next Generation Trail" as well as the Campground Shelters. The Peru Area Development Committee requested \$7,409 for the QR Coding and \$7500 for the shelters and was awarded the full amount. The committee continues to work closely with Five Rivers RC&D, the Nemaha NRD, Peru State College, the Nemaha County Visitors Committee, and the city of Peru.

SouthEast Nebraska Grassland Association (SENGA): For more information or if you are interested in joining the SENGA group contact Paul Rohrbaugh at (402) 869-2396 or Bobbie Meints at (402) 335-3347 for more information.

Happy Holidays!!!





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"Nebraska RC&Ds: Local Effort - Regional Impact"

Vision:

Recognizing the value of the region, the Five Rivers RC&D serves as a model of positive, proactive leadership for continued growth and prosperity.

Mission:

To educate citizens, develop leadership, and revitalize the area through cooperative partnerships and leveraged resources.

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