Southeast Conference
Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program
RC&D Program Refresher

The RC&D Program is a federally assisted program that:

– helps local leaders conserve natural resources,
– improve the environment, and
– develop economic opportunities.
• The purpose of the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program is to:
  – accelerate the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources,
  – improve the general level of economic activity, and
  – enhance the environment and standard of living in designated RC&D areas.
RC&D

• assists State, tribal and local units of government
• helps local nonprofit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop and carry out programs
• improves coordination systems in rural areas.
RC&D = Partnership in the implementation of the Annual Plan of Work
RC&D and the Annual Plan of Work

• Goal 1 - Community Development
  – Road Improvements
  – Emergency Planning
  – Health and Social Services
RC&D and the Annual Plan of Work

• Goal 2 – Economic Development
  – Fisheries Enhancement
  – Recreation/Tourism Planning Assistance
RC&D and the Annual Plan of Work

• Goal 3 – Environmental Assistance
  – Community Watershed Councils
  – Household Hazardous Waste
  – Wood Waste Utilization
  – Invasive Plants Management
RC&D and the Annual Plan of Work

- **Goal 4 – Organizational Development**
  - Community Advisory Councils
  - Interagency Communication
  - Overall Economic Development Planning
Community Watershed Project Update

Two existing councils
– Mendenhall WP (now Juneau)
– Klawock WC

Four additional councils
– Yakutat Salmon Board
– Kasaan Bay WC
– Takshanuk WC
– Taiya Inlet WC
Watershed Councils:

- Plan Rehabilitation, Restoration, Enhancement projects
- Provide P/T or seasonal jobs
- Support local businesses
- Create infrastructure
- Inject money into economy
Watershed Councils:

- Injected $3,500,000 into the Southeast economy in the last ten years
- Rehabilitated miles of streams
- Enhanced spawning habitat
- Provided watershed education
- Assisted with stormwater management
Before

After
During Rehabilitation
After
Result:
Better Habitat and More Fish!!
More Fish =

Higher commercial catch
Higher sport and charter catch
More subsistence success
More results:

More fuel sales
More Hotel/B&B nights
More restaurant visits
More groceries purchases
More sales tax
More fish = more economy
Is RC&D

Environmental Enhancement?  or  Economic and Community Development?