

*De-Go-La Resource
Conservation & Development
2008
Annual Report*



**1897 DeWitt County
Courthouse Restored**

Front Cover:
1897 DeWitt County Courthouse,
Restored Cuero, DeWitt County



DeWitt County Courthouse 1939.



Courthouse Clock and Bell.

De-Go-La wishes to thank the following sponsors for their participation during the year 2008:

Bee County Commissioners Court
Bee SWCD
Calhoun County Commissioners Court
Calhoun SWCD
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City of Goliad
City of Hallettsville
City of Port Lavaca
Copano Bay SWCD
DeWitt County Commissioners Court
DeWitt SWCD
Fayette County Commissioners Court
Fayette SWCD
Goliad Economic Development
Goliad County Commissioners Court
Goliad SWCD
Gonzales County Commissioners Court
Gonzales SWCD
Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative
Guadalupe Blanco River Authority
Jackson County Commissioners Court
Jackson County Drainage District
Jackson SWCD
Karnes County Commissioners Court
Karnes SWCD
Lavaca County Commissioners Court
Lavaca SWCD
Lavaca-Navidad River Authority
Live Oak Commissioners Court
Live Oak SWCD
McMullen County Commissioners Court
McMullen SWCD
Nueces SWCD
Port O'Connor Chamber Of Commerce

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Sponsors Continued:

Refugio County Commissioners Court
Refugio County Community
San Antonio River Authority
San Patricio County Commissioners Court
San Patricio SWCD
Town Of Refugio
Town Of Woodsborro
Victoria County Commissioners Court
Victoria SWCD

2008 De-Go-La RC&D Officers and Directors:

President, Gary Burns
Vice-President, Latty Deyton
Secretary/Treasurer, Darrell Blaschke,

Frank Montez, Bee County
Neil Fritsch, Calhoun County
Curtis Afflerbach, DeWitt County
Albert Nunn, Fayette County
Bill Janecek, Goliad County
Bud Wuest, Gonzales County
Larry Deyton, Jackson County
Darrell Blaschke, Karnes County
Dennis Kocian, Lavaca County
Richard Lee, Live Oak County
Linda Henry, McMullen County
Harvey Buehring, Nueces County
Lenny Anzaldua, Refugio County
Fred Nardini, San Patricio County
Gary Burns, Victoria County
Rhonda Stastny, At Large
Karen Opiela, At Large

Welcome To New Directors 2008-2009:

Albert Nunn, Fayette County
Sandra Lewis, Goliad County
Carl Hummel, Karnes County
Dennis Kocian, Lavaca County
Harvey Buehring, Nueces County
Karen Opiela, At Large

New Officers elected for the 2009 fiscal year:

President, Gary Burns
 Vice-President, Larry Deyton
 Secretary/Treasurer, Neil Fritsch

2008 Projects completed and on going:

San Patricio SEP DEG003	8,950.00
DeWitt SEP DEG008	20,200.00
San Patricio SEP DEG012	5,000.00
Nueces SEP DEG015	70,000.00
Small Business Workshops	15,000.00
Cox Prairie Restoration	952.00
Rother Prairie Restoration	7,208.00
Fuller Prairie Restoration	15,640.00
Georgie Prairie Restoration	2,176.00
Goebel Prairie Restoration	2,176.00
Hardesty Prairie Restoration	2,856.00
Motal Prairie Restoration	5,440.00
O'Connor & Hewitt Prairie Restoration	1,904.00
Shouse Prairie Restoration	19,856.00
Spann Prairie Restoration	8,296.00
Sacred Heart Catholic School Water Quality Study	1,150.00
Helping Hands & Hearts Of Yoakum Community Garden	900.00
Plant Identification Book	30,000.00
Hallettsville VFD Supplies	1,040.00
Refugio VFD Fire School	2,100.00
Muldoon VFD Education Center	500.00
Goliad VFD Equipment	1,000.00
Olivia-Port Alto Community Center	3,000.00
Falls City VFD Wildland Equipment	1,050.00
Jackson County 4-H Educational Gardens	10,875.00
San Patricio SWCD Ag in the Classroom 2007	1,500.00
Revolving Loan Fund-area wide	105,000.00
Farm And Ranch Management Electronic Resources	17,000.00
Beeville VFD Training Equipment	1,078.00
Copano Bay SWCD Earth Science Field Day 2009	2,096.00
Ellinger VFD Equipment	
Total Amount:	\$365,093.00

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Marva Beck,, President of the Texas Association of RC&D Councils, presented Larry Deyton, Vice President of De-Go-La, with a proclamation designating the week of September 21-27, 2008 as Texas Resource Conservation and Development Week. The proclamation was sponsored by State Senator Glenn Hegar.



Ms. Lisa Craven, Chief of Staff for State Senator Glenn Hegar, provided Annual Meeting attendees with a legislative update on issues concerning rural communities. Thirty-three directors and sponsor representatives attended the Annual Meeting held in Cuero.

Following the Annual Meeting we had a tour of the restored DeWitt County Courthouse. Remodeled in the early '60s, much of the original oak and mahogany woodwork was removed and discarded. The restoration effort brought the 1897 courthouse back to its original beauty and grandeur.



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Financial Report Year Ending September 30, 2008

Revenue		
Dues	\$	4,680.00
Salary & Operating Grants		8,000.00
EnSave Training		467.72
Silent Auction		271.00
Grant Workshop		2,197.50
Revolving Loans		31,350.00
Misc. (Equipment Refund)		49.99
Total	\$	47,016.21

Expenditures

Dues	\$	825.00
Consumable Supplies		39.00
Postage		81.71
Director Travel & Meeting		2,036.90
Clerical Services		1,342.81
Salary		4,650.77
Payroll Taxes		1,086.46
Internet Service & Website		1,235.39
Matching Grant Awards		2,800.00
Professional Fees		345.00
Projects		1,502.65
Director Bond		1,050.00
Revolving Loans		33,007.14
Misc.		<u>00.00</u>

Total Expenditures \$ 50,002.83

Gain/loss \$ (2,986.62)

Fund Bal. October 1, 2007 \$ 29,753.02

Fund Bal. September 30, 2008 \$ 26,766.40

Assets	
Cash in bank	\$ 26,766.40
SEP Accounts	7,344.98
Revolving Loan Account	<u>1,163.62</u>
Subtotal current assets	\$ 35,275.00
Office furniture/equipment	8,765.60
Rental equipment	0.00
Land & Buildings	0.00
Accounts receivable	0.00
Subtotal fixed assets	<u>\$ 8,765.60</u>
Total assets	\$ 38,518.62
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 0.00
Notes payable	<u>0.00</u>
Total liabilities	\$ 0.00
Fund equity:	
Investment in fixed assets	\$ 8,765.60
Unreserved fund balance	<u>35,275.00</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$ 44,040.60</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$ 44,040.60

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San Patricio County

Revenue

Interest		<u>39.15</u>
Total Revenue	\$	39.15

Expenditures

Texas Assoc of RC & D Councils	\$	6,854.46
Texas Assoc of RC & D Councils		<u>3.83</u>

Total Expenditures	\$	<u>6,858.29</u>
Gain/Loss	\$	(6,819.14)
Fund balance October 1, 2007	\$	6,819.14
Fund balance September 30, 2008	\$	00.00

San Patricio County SEP 003

Revenues

Total Revenue	\$	0.00
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Expenditures

Texas Assoc of RC&D Councils	\$	<u>1,754.75</u>
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Total Expenditures	\$	1,754.75
Gain/Loss	\$	(1,754.75)
Fund balance October 1, 2007	\$	1,754.75
Fund balance September 30, 2008	\$	0.00

SEP San Patricio County 012

Revenues

Interest	\$	<u>5.23</u>
Total Revenue	\$	5.23

Expenditures

Texas Assoc of RC&D Councils	\$	2,232.33
Texas Assoc of RC&D Councils	\$	<u>.74</u>

Total Expenditures	\$	2,233.07
Gain/Loss	\$	(2,227.84)
Fund balance October 1, 2007	\$	2,227.84
Fund balance September 30, 2008	\$	0.00

SEP Nueces County 015

Revenue		
Interest	\$	<u>348.26</u>
Total Revenue	\$	348.26
Expenditures		
Ivy Construction	\$	4,700.00
Septic Pro-System	\$	5,200.00
Ivy Construction	\$	4,900.00
Yepez	\$	5,200.00
Septic Pro-System	\$	5,675.00
Norveto Garcia	\$	450.00
Yepez	\$	4,700.00
Yepez	\$	4,800.00
South Texas Colonia Initiative	\$	328.35
Ivy Construction	\$	9,800.00
Yepez	\$	10,200.00
Total Expenditures	\$	<u>55,953.35</u>
Gain/loss	\$	(55,605.35)
Fund _balance October 1, 2007	\$	56,315.26
Fund balance September 30, 2008	\$	709.17

SEP Victoria County 016

Revenues		
Texas Assoc of RC&D Councils	\$	6,624.00
Interest	\$	<u>11.81</u>
Total Revenue	\$	6,635.81
Expenditures	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	0.00
Gain/Loss	\$	
Fund balance October 1, 2007	\$	0.00
Fund balance September 30, 2008	\$	6,635.81

Total Worth of SEP Projects

San Patricio County SEP (004)	\$	0.00
San Patricio County SEP 003		0.00
SEP San Patricio County 012		0.00
SEP Nueces County 015		709.17
SEP Victoria County		<u>6,635.81</u>
Total	\$	<u>7,344.98</u>

Revolving Loan Account

Balance as of June 30, 2008	\$	0.00
Revenue	\$	1,390.86
Expenditures		827.24
Balance July 31, 2008	\$	563.62
Balance Sept 1, 2008	\$	563.62
Revenue		
Mi Familia Restaurant		500.00
Expenditures		<u>0.00</u>
Balance as of Sept 30, 2008	\$	1,163.62

The Mission of De-Go-La RC&D

The mission of De-Go-La RC&D is to provide coordination and leadership to provide quality of life and quality of environment for residents of rural communities.

De-Go-LA RC&D Installs Septic Systems in Colonias To Protect Water Quality and Improve Way of Life

The holidays will be brighter this year for families in five Nueces County colonias as they enjoy an early Christmas gift of 14 new septic systems installed with the help of the De-Go-La Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) through the Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) program. The colonias are Primavera, Spring Garden, Cindy Park, La Paloma Ranch and Fiesta Ranch.

To enhance communities within Nueces County, one of the goals of the De-Go-La RC&D is to improve the surface water quality by five percent in six streams feeding the bay and estuary systems in the mid-Gulf Coast area of Texas by 2012. To accomplish this goal, plans are to reduce the number of inadequate household septic systems in Nueces and El Oso watersheds by replacing the outdated systems of low and very low income families through the SEP program.

De-Go-La staff worked with Lionel Lopez, director of the South Texas Colonia Initiative, Inc. and Sinoel Contreras, Nueces County Colonia Ombudsman, Office of the Secretary of the State, in locating low to very low income individuals/families who would be eligible to apply for the installation of the septic systems.

De-Go-La RC&D contacted septic installers in the area to provide turn-key bids on installing the septic tank systems with lateral drain lines and fields. Depending on the work involved on each site, the bids ran from \$4,500 to \$5,200 per installation.



On the left is the cesspool where raw sewage used to be dumped from the home of Mr. Dionisio Castillo. On the right, Lionel Lopez, Mr. Castillo, Jerry Pearce and Sinoel Contreras view Mr. Castillo's new septic system installed using SEP funds.

**The Vision of De-Go-La Resource
Conservation & Development**

**To make the Coastal Bend of Texas a better place
to live and work through effective partnerships**



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