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II. ADVANCING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WETLAND CREATION, RESTORATION, AND ENHANCEMENT			
2.1 WETLAND RESTORATION, AND ENHANCEMENT TRAINING: Deliver the NRCS Wetland Restoration and Enhancement Training Course. The original concept during course development was to have 1/3 each NRCS, USACE, & FWS in each training session. Enrollment slots continue to be maintained for each agency.			
	FWS funded this course and it was delivered in New York for all three agencies to participate on May 12, 2008.	9/30	100% (5/12/08)
2.2 USACE/EPA NATIONAL WETLAND DATABASE. Brief NRCS National Leadership and National Wetlands Specialist on the USACE/EPA National Wetland Database in an effort to pursue the expertise of NRCS and explore the potential integration of NRCS wetland data into the USACE/EPA National Wetlands Database. Second meeting needed to explore potential uses/collaboration efforts.			
	Agencies met to learn more about National Databases developed by each agency and discuss potential ways to share data as appropriate.	9/30	100% (4/15/08)
IV. ADVANCING COLLABORATION IN WATERSHED PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION			
4.4 DESIGN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT. Develop a proposal for technical and financial support for USACE to test Roller Compacted Concrete for NRCS Dam Rehabilitation.			
	USACE, ERDC to complete RCC testing proposal to NRCS. Funding for proposal development provided by USACE. Via National Partnership.	9/30	100%
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4.6 PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF USACE FLOOD DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL DAMAGES. Promote the incorporation of agricultural damages into the USACE Flood Damage Assessment Tool and provide funds to assist in the development of the crop damage component following USACE standard procedures, including a literature search, and the use of NRCS agricultural economics expertise.			
	Establish an Interagency Agreement to provide funds equally among NRCS and USACE HEC to cover cost for development of design proposal to incorporate Ag damages component into FDA. Estimated at \$5,000 each. NRCS to provide USACE funding (\$3,500) for technical support of FDA.	9/30	100% (6/20/08)

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4.9 USACE HEC RAS (River Assessment System): Re-establish NRCS technical support for HEC RAS at NRCS state level.	Establish an Interagency Agreement to provide funds to USACE HEC for technical support to NRCS Employees that use the HEC RAS tool at the estimated cost of \$15,000.	9/30	100% (6/20/08)
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4.10 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) P&G: USACE and NRCS should collaborate in revisions to the P&G to further the missions of both agencies.	NRCS to provide comments to USACE for consideration in the revisions of the P&G.	6/1	100%
V. IMPROVING FEDERAL COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN AGENCIES			
5.1 NRCS/USACE NATIONAL CONTACT LIST. Establish a NRCS/USACE National Subject Matter Contacts list that includes National Headquarters Contacts for both agencies, USACE Communities of Practices Points of Contacts, organizational charts and other information that would be beneficial to the improvement of communication and coordination at all levels of each organization.	Subject Matter Contact list with NRCS and USACE contact information posted on Partnership Website.	9/30	100% (5/13/08) USACE Provided Lead Districts by States contact information
5.2. SUCCESS STORIES. Share NRCS State, USACE District and Regional success stories of existing NRCS/USACE collaborative efforts currently in place.	Share USACE District and NRCS State Success Stories by posting them on Partnership website.	9/30	100% (8/2008) Information in posted on website
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5.3 PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE. Publicize the Partnership and document activities through electronic newsletters, websites, etc. including examples of NRCS/USACE collaboration resulting from District/State Communications. USACE/NRCS Partnership Website host site located at http://wmc.ar.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/COE/agreement.html	Update USACE/NRCS Partnership website quarterly.	9/30	100% (8/2008) Draft updates for website is completed.
5.4 NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION. Support the 2009 National Ecosystem Restoration Conference by sponsorship, program planning, and/or employee participation.	Secured NRCS funding to support 2009 NCER. USACE funding has not been secured.	9/30	100% (3-11-08- NRCS)