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V(A). Planned Program (Summary)

1. Name of the Planned Program

Sustainable Communities

V(B). Program Knowledge Area(s)

1. Program Knowledge Areas and Percentage

KA Code	Knowledge Area	%1862 Extension	%1890 Extension	%1862 Research	%1890 Research
601	Economics of Agricultural Production and Farm Management	25%		25%	
602	Business Management, Finance, and Taxation	25%		25%	
605	Natural Resource and Environmental Economics	25%		25%	
608	Community Resource Planning and Development	25%		25%	
	Total	100%		100%	

V(C). Planned Program (Inputs)

1. Actual amount of professional FTE/SYs expended this Program

Year: 2008	Extension		Research	
	1862	1890	1862	1890
Plan	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Actual	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0

2. Actual dollars expended in this Program (includes Carryover Funds from previous years)

Extension		Research	
Smith-Lever 3b & 3c 75550	1890 Extension	Hatch	Evans-Allen
	0	0	0
1862 Matching	1890 Matching	1862 Matching	1890 Matching
0	0	0	0
1862 All Other	1890 All Other	1862 All Other	1890 All Other
0	0	0	0

V(D). Planned Program (Activity)

1. Brief description of the Activity

•Study and promote commercial farm viability •Promote responsible stewardship of agricultural lands •Work with municipalities and community members to manage natural and economic resources wisely •Teach and promote sustainable development techniques and management to communities •Promote, enhance and expand sustainable tourism in the state of Rhode Island

2. Brief description of the target audience

Farmers/ Farm Organizations

RI Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM), Division of Agriculture

RI Center for Agricultural Promotion & Education

Other Agricultural Service Providers

Tourism Councils and Tourism Businesses

Land Trusts

Policy Makers and Municipal Leaders

Grassroots and Community Organizations

V(E). Planned Program (Outputs)**1. Standard output measures****Target for the number of persons (contacts) reached through direct and indirect contact methods**

	Direct Contacts Adults	Indirect Contacts Adults	Direct Contacts Youth	Indirect Contacts Youth
Year	Target	Target	Target	Target
Plan	500	10000	0	500
2008	1000	10000	50	500

2. Number of Patent Applications Submitted (Standard Research Output)**Patent Applications Submitted****Year Target****Plan:** 0

2008: 0

Patents listed**3. Publications (Standard General Output Measure)****Number of Peer Reviewed Publications**

	Extension	Research	Total
Plan	0	0	
2008	0	0	0

V(F). State Defined Outputs**Output Target****Output #1****Output Measure**

Identify new municipal partners

Year	Target	Actual
2008	1	2

Output #2**Output Measure**

Conduct Community based workshops

Year	Target	Actual
2008	8	9

Output #3**Output Measure**

Professional training

Year	Target	Actual
2008	6	10

Output #4**Output Measure**

Public presentations

Year	Target	Actual
2008	5	7

Output #5**Output Measure**

Website development and refinement

Year	Target	Actual
2008	1	1

Output #6**Output Measure**

Student Training

Year	Target	Actual
2008	1	10

V(G). State Defined Outcomes

O No.	Outcome Name
1	Provide information and training to municipal leaders and organizations on management of natural resources and community assets.
2	Provide information and training to farmers and rural landowners on estate planning strategies and economic development opportunities.
3	Improve viability of agriculture in the state of Rhode Island through farmer education/information and consulting concerning sustainable agricultural practices, value added products and agri-tourism.
4	Consult with grassroots and municipal bodies to identify planning processes and strategies that preserve viable farmland, promote sustainability and economic development

Outcome #1

1. Outcome Measures

Not reporting on this Outcome for this Annual Report

2. Associated Institution Types

3a. Outcome Type:

3b. Quantitative Outcome

Year	Quantitative Target	Actual
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3c. Qualitative Outcome or Impact Statement

Issue (Who cares and Why)

What has been done

Results

4. Associated Knowledge Areas

KA Code	Knowledge Area
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V(H). Planned Program (External Factors)

External factors which affected outcomes

Natural Disasters (drought, weather extremes, etc.)

Economy

Appropriations changes

Public Policy changes

Government Regulations

Competing Public priorities

Populations changes (immigration, new cultural groupings, etc.)

Other (Staffing changes)

Brief Explanation

In a time of generally adverse economic conditions, the current interest in local foods and sustainable communities has led to a generally successful program. Our trainings have been well-received and well-attended, and our participation in local and regional collaborations has led to greater visibility for our program and our mission. Our university has seen some significant staffing changes, however, which is leading to a shift in focus from community planning in general to community planning with an emphasis on the concurrent role of agriculture. Our objectives for next year will focus primarily on agricultural-centered activities and outcomes.

V(I). Planned Program (Evaluation Studies and Data Collection)

1. Evaluation Studies Planned

Retrospective (post program)

Before-After (before and after program)

During (during program)

Time series (multiple points before and after program)

Comparisons between program participants (individuals,group,organizations) and non-participants

Comparisons between different groups of individuals or program participants experiencing different levels of program intensity.

Comparison between locales where the program operates and sites without program intervention

Evaluation Results

Our key items of evaluation include post-training evaluation forms. Overwhelmingly, our evaluations have shown great interest in the topics presented and a desire for more programs with similar emphases.

Key Items of Evaluation