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FDC Enterprises Makes Contribution to Local Conservation Districts

Lexington, KY- August 5, 2008- FDC Enterprises, a grassland installation company, donated \$8,000 to seven local Conservation Districts in the Green River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) area during the KY Association of Conservation District annual meeting in Lexington, KY on July 22, 2008. The donation was made to conservation districts in Warren, Edmonson, Hart, Green, Adair, Logan, and Taylor counties in an effort to support the great work the districts and their partner USDA agencies have done to make the Green River CREP such a successful program.

On Aug. 29, 2001, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the commonwealth of Kentucky agreed to implement a CREP, along the Green River to restore up to 100,000 acres. This is a \$110,000,000 program, making it the largest conservation program in the history of this state. With the expansion of the program to include 14 counties last year and some new practices, there was a surge in producers signing up for the program. This resulted in an increased need for grassland installation companies like FDC Enterprises.

Fred Circle, FDC Enterprises president, said "Over the many years and acres we have planted we have learned that conservation is most effective when locally led. We feel it is time for businesses like ours to give back to the folks that have helped put good conservation on the ground year in and year out". With that thought in mind FDC Enterprises made a pledge to donate to the local conservation districts \$8 for every acre they planted in the Green River CREP area. Fred Circle added "Although we were pleased with the donation we made this year, we hope to get more acres in the ground next year which will translate into a more sizeable contribution to the districts in future years but just as importantly we are eager to help put good conservation on the ground."

In response to FDC Enterprises effort to support local conservation districts, Stephen A Coleman, Director of Division of Conservation said "The conservation partnership has been strengthened with the recent addition of FDC Enterprises which provides service to landowners in implementing their CREP contract practices and support of local conservation district efforts." The program has also been very well received at the county level. Jeremy Atkinson, Conservation Technician, for Warren County remarked "I really believe this donation will be a great help for local conservation. With continual budget

constraints, it is great to see a vendor donating back to the place conservation is put on the ground, local Conservation Districts."

FDC Enterprises is a native warm season grass installation company dedicated to offering guaranteed grassland establishment results that are socially acceptable. FDC Enterprises has planted over 88,000 acres of native grasses in 15 states since 2003 and is the only QVM (Quality Vegetation Management) certified grassland installation company in the United States. To learn more about FDC Enterprises visit their website at www.fdcenterprises.com or call 866-270-4833.



Garnett Owens, Chairman of Warren County Conservation District accepts donation from Tom Schwartz, biologist for FDC Enterprises at the KY Association of Conservation Districts State meeting in Lexington.

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