

"Fort Berthold Community College will Provide Quality Cultural, Academic and Vocational Education and services for the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation."



What is the status of NRE community projects and capacity building activities? What results have been realized for each?

Juneberries

During the spring of 2003, we planted 500 Juneberry trees in the New Town community at the FBCC Land Lab. These were maintained during the summer months. Spring 2004, we planted another 500 Juneberry trees in the Mandaree Community. Both plots were maintained during the summer months. There has been a high attrition rate. This may be related to irrigation. We have held three workshops on Juneberries. This winter I will be working with the Twin Buttes Community to locate land to plant a plot of Juneberries in the spring.

Honor the Elders

During 2003 we began surveying the communities' urban forests. We also began conducting tree workshops and outreach. During 2004, we continued the education portion of the project. We had 5 students complete biographies for elders to honor. Trees will be planted this spring.

Prairie Dogs

The population study was completed. The relationship with the tribal Game and Fish disintegrated. Educational materials will be compiled or developed.

Bison

Samples from all sites have been collected and analyzed. The educational component is being developed. I have presented in one communities fourth grade about bison.

Road Show

We have used the display board inhouse to announce and report on Science Department activities, announce opportunities like internships and share information about Natural Resources including our research projects.

We have also taken the display to a Career Fair at the Four Bears Events Center.

Sunday Academy

We have gone to each of the reservation schools to recruit students. We held our first Academy. We will have our next Academy on the 17th.

What partnership and/or program changes (additions, expansions, finishing up) do you anticipate for the coming year?

Continued partnerships with SBC, NDSU, UNL, and Sinte. Increased partnering with ISU and SDSU.

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