

Roosevelt-Custer

Regional

Council



*Making
Southwestern
North Dakota
Be A Better Place
Today and Tomorrow*

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*Assisting Southwestern North Dakota
Improve The Area's Quality of Life*

R-CRC PURPOSE

We are a non-profit independent technical assistance agency working closely with county and municipal government officials and private community and rural business leaders within Region VIII, which is made up of the following eight Southwestern North Dakota counties:

- Adams
- Golden Valley
- Billings
- Hettinger
- Bowman
- Slope
- Dunn
- Stark

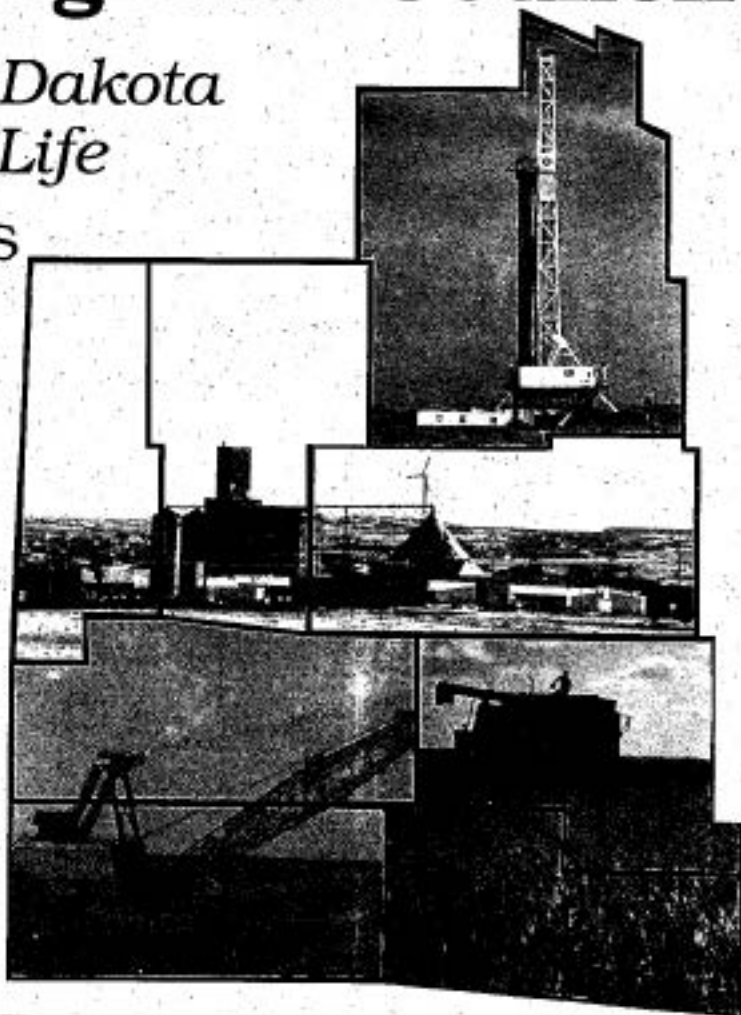
Council membership is voluntary, as is funding and implementation of Council recommendations. Members of the R-CRC Board of Directors are county commissioners, mayor representatives from each county, a soil conservation district supervisor from each of the counties and representatives of the business community.

We work to promote the common good of the residents of the area through positive, well-researched development procedures.

R-CRC GOALS

Our main goal has been to facilitate a sense of togetherness and community among Southwestern North Dakota residents to have local people resolve their needs. Since 1976, R-CRC has been the resource module to which many private, municipal and county leaders have looked.

We assist local residents and government leaders find solutions to problems in housing, human resources, transportation, public safety, health, community growth and recession management, energy impact mitigation, economic growth and environmental quality.



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•• **We are dedicated** to Southwestern North Dakota and the people who live here. Our professionally educated and trained staff works to enhance the quality of life by helping solve problems for individuals and government entities.

•• **We monitor** scientific, political, economic and social advancements and provide technical assistance to supply information to policy decision makers that will make it possible for all of us to enjoy a vibrant business and economic climate.

•• **We facilitate** and coordinate communication between all levels of private business and government agencies. Our efforts encourage grassroots communication to foster awareness of Southwestern North Dakota's needs and concerns.

•• **We assist** community leaders plan and carry out public and private projects that ultimately benefit municipal and county concerns.

•• **We communicate** trends in business and public sectors to area public and private leaders to insure maximum positive economic growth potential for Southwestern North Dakota. We work to provide a positive way of life for all area residents.

REGION VIII SYNOPSIS

The eight county area in Southwestern North Dakota is known as Region VIII and encompasses 9,980 square miles and 6,387,200 acres. Ninety-six per cent of the land is agricultural based. Major deposits of fossil fuels (lignite coal, petroleum, natural gas and uranium) exists within the area. North Dakota is one of the top ten oil producing states in the United States. It also contains a significant amount of lignite coal available in the country.

The economic base was essentially agricultural until the mid-1970s energy boom when Southwestern North Dakota leaders recognized the need for diversification. An independent, progressive attitude amongst residents positioned Southwestern North Dakota as an attractive location for business development.

Though sparsely populated, Southwestern North Dakota residents have an able and productive work ethic. The result has been an interest by manufacturers to expand to the area, a deep pride in community development and a helping hand to develop value-added businesses.

Federal ownership of land is significant, accounting for 10% of all surface rights and 40% of subsurface holdings. Major federal holdings include the Little Missouri National Grasslands and the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.