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## GOLDEN SANDS RC&D TURNS 40

Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012 with a variety of events and projects designed to support its goal of making central Wisconsin a better place to live and work.

“We believe people deserve a healthy environment and a healthy economy,” said Amy Thorstenson, executive director for Golden Sands RC&D. “By applying sound conservation practices, working effectively with others in both the public sector and private enterprise, we develop solutions that promote sustainable growth and environmental stewardship.”

Golden Sands RC&D is involved in a variety of projects that encourage good forest management, abundant wildlife, protection of lakes, streams and groundwater, and sustainable agriculture. The group may be best known, however, for its coordination of the annual Prairie Chicken Festival held annually each April.

“With the wide range of projects we support, there are lots of volunteer opportunities and other ways that people can get involved and make a real difference in central Wisconsin,” Thorstenson said. For more information, visit Golden Sands RC&D’s website at [www.goldensandsrcd.org](http://www.goldensandsrcd.org).