

economy of rural communities and to increase employment opportunities for the people of the area through the conservation, development, and full use of available natural resources.

2. Operation

The program operates on a Federal, State, and local cooperative basis. Project sponsors must be legal public bodies; they must make application for assistance through the Governor of the State or his designated State agency; they must prepare and submit a long-range project plan to the Department and accept responsibility for local direction and coordination of project activities. When these conditions are met, Department agencies are authorized to provide additional technical and financial help to project sponsors in carrying out their project plan.

Funds appropriated for the program are directly administered by the Department but used in conjunction with State and local funds for resource development.

3. History

Ten projects were authorized for assistance on a pilot basis in February 1964. These 10 projects have now completed their first full year of operation. No additional projects were authorized in fiscal year 1965. Ten additional projects were authorized for fiscal year 1966 and were activated in November 1965. Sponsors of the second 10 projects are in the process of preparing long-range project plans with Department help.

LOCATION OF PROJECTS AUTHORIZED	LOCATION OF PROJECTS AUTHORIZED
FEBRUARY 1964	NOVEMBER 1965

Georgia	Kentucky
Idaho-Washington	Tennessee
Indiana	West Virginia
Minnesota	Oklahoma
New Mexico	Maine
Oregon	Missouri
Pennsylvania	Arkansas
South Dakota	Montana
Vermont	Alabama
Wisconsin	Mississippi

4. Level of operations. (See table 1.)

5. Estimated magnitude of program in 1970. (See table 1.)

Program: Resource conservation and development.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Agriculture; Soil Conservation Service.