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The Beginning Years

A Fable

Once upon a time a bunch of wise crows were unhappy with the amount of grain they were getting because they had to fly across the road to eat while another group lived on the same side of the road as the grain.

So they decided to get together and convince the farmer to dump grain on both sides of the road according to Area and number of crows.

So they started a program called:
"Grain Based On Area"

While they were developing this plan a few wiser crows said "If we get the crows on the other side of the road to join us we can get the Farmer to add grain to both sides and since we can still fly across the road we will have a bigger food supply"

So they included these other crows into the new larger program called:

"Creative Efforts to Develop Agricultural Rewards"

Now you may ask why the Farmer would go along with this plan.

It turned out that the Farmer belonged to an organization called:

"Nurture Selected Farmers"

and could use this program to increase his subsidy for the preservation of Crows.

So the Farmer was overjoyed with the program, the Crows were happy and all the crows multiplied.

However, after a while a few of the very old wise Crows looked around and asked:

"What happens to the amount of grain if the Farmer's subsidy is reduced because we are no longer an endangered specie?"

Who feeds all these crows?

The wise crows asked questions of others and were told that this would never happen.

They still worried.

Finally one younger wise crow suggested that their program was no longer new and all they needed to do was start another or maybe even more than one.

They thought and came up with:

"Multi-specie Agricultural Seed Initiative"
(or Reseed)

this would bring Jays and Starlings into the program. Thus they could not only retain their existing grain supply but increase it further.

Other young Crows came up with:

"Plenty of Creative Ideas"

which established a new kind of grain supply and others developed:

"Highly Advanced Agricultural Restoration Project"

to improve the worn out grain fields.

The farmer was overjoyed at these ideas. Specially under new national interest in "Grandiose Concepts" and "Engineered Issues" so he started to lobby for these new programs.

All of the wise old crows
felt happy and went off
to enjoy their meal satisfied
that they had passed on to
other wise crows the secret
to a happy future for them
and all the other crows
Jays and Starlings.

The end.