

**BRIER CREEK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013**



THE BRIER CREEK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS A LEGAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. IT WAS CREATED ON OCTOBER 14, 1938 AND COMPOSED OF BURKE, GLASCOCK, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, AND RICHMOND COUNTIES. THE DISTRICT IS GOVERNED BY A TEN MEMBER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. EACH COUNTY IS REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD BY TWO SUPERVISORS, ONE APPOINTED AND ONE ELECTED BY THE LOCAL CITIZENS RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT.

GEORGIA'S RESOURCE CONSERVATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES. ITS FUNCTION IS TO DESCRIBE TO EACH CONSERVATION DISTRICT PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT BY WORKING WITH INDIVIDUAL LAND OWNERS, ASSOCIATED AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

THE WORK OF EACH DISTRICT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF AN OVERALL STATE CONSERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATED BY THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

THE DISTRICT EXISTS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AND TO ENSURE A HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

The Board of Supervisors usually meet the second Thursday of every month. The meeting locations are rotated within the counties of the District. All Board members voluntarily give up their time to promote and encourage soil and water conservation. Representatives from agricultural agencies, state and federal governments, farmers, and businessmen attend these monthly meetings to discuss the district's needs and problems. Any interested individuals are encouraged to attend. The goals of the Brier Creek District are to use each acre of land within its capabilities and to treat each acre according to its need. The District assists landowners and users in planning and applying needed conservation treatment in soil, water, woodland, wildlife and natural resources, so that present and future generations may continue to enjoy the blessings of the good earth.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

1. Maintained and reviewed all Memorandums of Understandings and Memorandum of Agreements with partnering agencies and enlisted their assistance in the District's program, activities, and events.
2. Cooperated with other Districts to be informed of statewide activities.
3. Reviewed erosion and sediment control plans as required by the Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975.
4. Sponsored five students from the District to attend the Natural Resource Conservation Workshop held June 9th through June 13th at ABAC College in Tifton, GA.
5. Entered into agreements with owners or land managers to furnish technical assistance in developing a sound conservation plan and assisted in applying needed conservation practices.
6. District provided financial support to assist in the cost of the GACDS Annual Meeting held in Atlanta, GA and encouraged supervisor participation.
7. Promoted and sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities April 28th through May 4th.
8. Utilized media outlets to inform the public of District activities, programs and events.
9. Maintained two no-till drill rental units for use by landowners through a cooperative effort with the Central Savannah River RC&D Council.
10. Developed budget for FY 14 using Committees for each category.
11. The District provided support and information to groups and organizations on the Georgia Comprehensive Water Plan and the Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Regional Water Council's regional plan.
12. Presented conservation programs to Civic Clubs.
13. Hosted a Conservation Easement Workshop in partnership with the Central Savannah River Land Trust.

NO-TILL DRILLS AVAILABLE

The Brier Creek Soil and Water Conservation District in conjunction with the Central Savannah River RC&D offer no-till drill rental units that can be used for overseeding pastures and planting other crops. Anyone interested in using the drill should contact Grace Walker at (706) 547-4045.

14. The District held a Local Work Group meeting to determine resource concerns and set priorities for obligating the District's EQIP funding allocation.
15. The District supported and encourage participation in Supervisor Training August 17-28 at the Unicoi State Park in Helen, GA.
16. The District supported and provided leadership to the Central Savannah River Resource Conservation and Development Council.
17. The District encouraged supervisors to attend the Group V Meeting held at the Bulloch County Center for Agriculture in Statesboro, GA.
18. The District entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Augusta-Richmond County Consolidated Commission authorizing Augusta, Georgia to perform Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control plan reviews.
19. Supervisors distributed conservation related materials at the Jefferson County Ag Safety Day Festival.
20. The District hosted a NPDES and Plan Review Checklist Update workshop in Augusta, GA to provide updated information on the general permits and ES&PC plan development requirements.

IN APPRECIATION

The Brier Creek Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors would like to take the opportunity to thank the landowners and landusers of the District who are doing outstanding work in applying soil and water conservation practices.



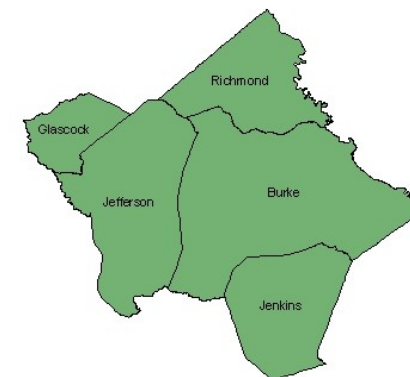
During the past year, the District has been assisted by many agencies and the Board would like to express their sincere appreciation to the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Farm Service Agency, Vocational Agriculture, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and other agencies who helped to promote the conservation of our soil, water and other natural resources.

We would also like to thank the many professional organizations, churches, schools, civic clubs, businesses, county and city governments, and the state and national legislators that have been most helpful in assisting us to carry out our program. The television, radio stations, and newspapers have also given excellent cooperation by providing information on soil and water conservation to everyone in the District.

The Brier Creek Soil and Water Conservation District encourages everyone to become more aware of the District and how it affects them. They solicit the support of individuals toward the protection of conservation of our natural resources for future generations.

BRIER CREEK DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Henry Wayne Syms	Burke
Arthur Rider	Burke
Robert Snider	Glascock
VACANT	Glascock
Larry M. Hodges	Jefferson
VACANT	Jefferson
W. Elbert Burke	Jenkins
Lamar Black	Jenkins
Johnny Stevens	Richmond
Tom Mims	Richmond



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AGENCIES ASSISTING THE DISTRICT

GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Brent Dykes, Executive Director, Athens
Rahn Milligan, Regional Representative, Statesboro
Jason Mallard Resource Specialist, Statesboro
Dustin Rushing, Irrigation Technician, Statesboro

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

James Tillman, State Conservationist, Athens
Jack Lewis, Area Conservationist, Athens
Cread Brown, District Conservationist, Beth Walker, Soil
Conservation Technician, Augusta-Richmond County Field Office
Lee Reeves, Soil Conservation Technician
Becky Mogel, County Employee, Burke County
Theron H. Cates, Soil Conservation Technician

RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Grace Walker, Central Savannah River RC&D Administrative Assistant

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