



# Catoosa County Conservation District

20 Maple Street, Ringgold, GA 30736

## What is the Catoosa County Conservation District?

The District was formed October 3, 1951 to provide a way for federal government technical assistance to be provided under local direction for Georgia's citizens. The goal of the District is to treat each acre of land in accordance with its needs and use each acre in accordance with its capabilities. A large part of the District's job involves educational programs which can help make the public aware of the need for soil and water conservation and is carried on throughout the entire year. Along with the educational programs, the District awards a yearly scholarship, holds a poster contest and sponsors students to attend the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College each year. The District is unique in that it's one of only a few Districts in the state that represents only one county. The elected supervisors are chosen by the population of Catoosa County on the General Ballot every other year.

With over 60 years of service to the community, the District Supervisors want to take this opportunity to thank the many, many individuals, businesses, churches and government agencies that have assisted the District program through the years. With the recent years of drought, the Catoosa County Soil and Water Conservation District has been faced with many challenges such as helping municipalities and farmers deal with water conservation and planning.

## Cooperating Agencies

**The Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC)** acts as the administrative arm of the overall District program. As an independent agency of the State of Georgia Executive Departments, it has broad-based responsibilities and authorities in Georgia's resource conservation work. GSWCC personnel assist the Catoosa County Soil and Water Conservation District; Regional Representative, John Loughridge, 700 East 2nd Avenue, Suite J, Rome GA 30161. Phone: (706)-295-6131.

**The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** provides technical assistance to the District under a basic memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This memorandum permits any agency of the Department to cooperate with the District. Farmers and landowners, under cooperative agreement with the District can get help from the NRCS technicians in planning and applying soil and water conservation practices on their land. For further information, contact the Catoosa County Soil and Water Conservation District at the NRCS LaFayette Field Office: (706)-638-2207.

The District is providing leadership in programs that are designed to meet needs of our land and water resources for the benefit of everyone. A number of agencies are assisting in carrying out the District's Plan Of Work. The cooperating agencies include:

- Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council
- UGA Cooperative Extension
- US Forest Service
- Georgia Forestry Commission
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- Georgia Department of Transportation
- Georgia Mountain Planning and Development Commission
- Farm Service Agency

The District hosted 2 GSWCC Level 1A Recertification Programs for individuals involved in land disturbing activities. They also hosted an Emergency Watershed Protection Partners Appreciation Breakfast. Invitees included local and state elected officials, NRCS, GSWCC, and GA Department of Corrections inmates which completed much of the labor involved with the clean up from the April 2011 tornado.

Stewardship Week April 28—May 5  
Theme - "Where does your water shed?"



2013 Poster Contest Winners were awarded at the Annual Awards Picnic



2013 Poster Contest Winners

Streambank Stabilization -  
Designed to prevent further erosion on streambanks using structural and vegetative methods.



Alternative Watering System with Heavy Use Area Protection -  
Designed to promote better water quality by limiting livestock's access to surface water.

Waste Storage Facility -  
Designed to facilitate proper timing of spreading animal waste, therefore, composting the waste and improving water quality in the county.

