

**ANNUAL REPORT
COASTAL SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FY 2013**



THE COASTAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS A LEGAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. IT WAS CREATED ON FEBRUARY 14, 1945 AND IS COMPOSED OF BRYAN, LIBERTY, LONG, CHATHAM AND MCINTOSH COUNTIES.

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.

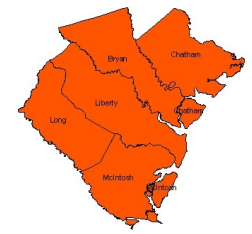
THE WORK OF EACH DISTRICT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF AN OVERALL STATE CONSERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATED BY THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

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

A Board of Supervisors governs the Coastal Soil and Water Conservation District. Each County in the District has two Supervisors - one who is appointed by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and one who is elected by the registered voters of the County in a special election. The Board of Supervisors usually meet the first Thursday of every month at Holton's Restaurant, Midway. All Board members voluntarily give of 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 Coastal Board of Supervisors provide leadership in making the most effective use of conservation funds and technical assistance to programs which are designed to meet the conservation needs of our land and water resources for the benefit of both rural and urban development.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

- Maintained Memoranda of Understanding with USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency County Committee.
- Entered into agreement with landowners or operators, furnished technical assistance in developing a sound conservation plan and applying needed conservation practices.
- Cooperated with other Districts to be informed of statewide activities.
- Held membership in Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors and National Association of Conservation Districts to support a united effort in working together toward state and national goals.
- Cooperated with Coastal RC&D Council in developing projects within the District.
- Sponsored Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities April 28th – May 4th.
- Sponsored youth to the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.
- Reviewed erosion and sediment control plans as required by the Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975, and contacted Local Issuing Authorities to ensure that the Erosion and Sediment Control ordinance was enforced and approved.
- Hosted an Organic Gardening and Farming Workshop to provide landowners with information on organic food production as well as assistance programs.
- Assessed use of no till drill, tractor, grass digger, sprigger and aerator.
- Sponsored a booth at the Strawberry Festival in Bloomingdale as well as the Earth Day Festival in Savannah to provide conservation educational materials to the public.
- Provided financial support for the GACDS Annual Meeting held in Atlanta, GA and encouraged supervisor participation.
- Encouraged participation in the Forest Stewardship Program.
- Provided technical assistance to Fort Stewart and Hunter Air Force base.
- Encouraged supervisors to attend Supervisor Training in Helen, GA.
- Hosted a Backyard Wildlife seminar at the Coastal Gardens in Savannah, GA.
- Received 319 Grant funds to hire personnel to assist LIA's with E&SC site inspections throughout the District.



COASTAL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Fred Warnell	Bryan
William C. Tillman	Bryan
Horace B. Waller	Chatham
Edward H. Zipperer	Chatham
M. L. Coffey	Liberty
Jerry Holcomb	Liberty
Roger Houston	Long
Cecil Stafford, Jr	Long
Daniel Hawthorne	McIntosh
James R. Monroe	McIntosh

- Co-Sponsored a Small Farm Opportunities Workshop to provide information on assistance programs to traditionally underserved producers.
- Held Arbor Day activities throughout the District to promote conservation education to youth within the District.
- Hosted Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Certification Courses to assist developers and Local Issuing Authorities in maintaining compliance with current environmental laws and rules.

IN APPRECIATION

The Coastal 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.



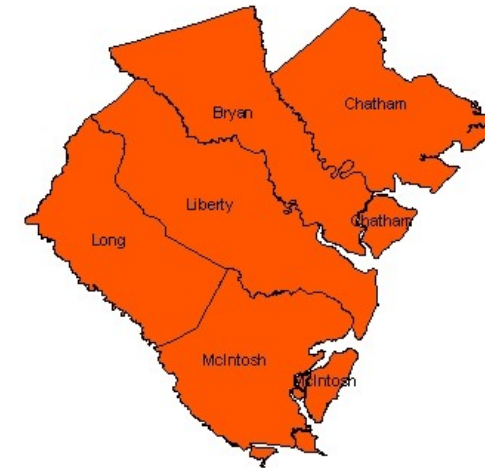
Chairman M.L. Coffey explains the importance of trees and proper planting procedures to youth in Liberty County on Arbor Day.



District Supervisors distribute educational materials to more than 8,000 adults and youth at CoastFest.

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GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Brent Dykes, Executive Director, Athens
 Rahn Milligan, Regional Representative, Statesboro
 Jason Mallard, Resource Specialist, Statesboro
 Ann Welch, Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist
 Dustin Rushing, Irrigation Technician, Statesboro

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NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

James Tillman, State Conservationist, Athens, Georgia
 Sidney Lanier, Area Conservationist, Waycross, Georgia
 Richmond Hill Office: Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Bryan, & Chatham Counties
 VACANT, District Conservationist
 Amy Bell, Soil Conservation Technician
 VACANT, Soil Conservationist

Coastal SWCD
 151 Langston Chapel Road
 Suite 700
 Statesboro, GA 30458



Fort Stewart:

Carlton McRay, Construction Inspector
 Jim Freeman, Civil Engineer

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Coastal Georgia RC&D Office, Richmond Hill, GA
 Sandra Porter, Administrative Assistant

Others assisting agencies
Georgia Forestry Commission
University of Georgia Extension Service