

COLUMBIA COUNTY
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DISTRICT'S IDENTITY AND ROLE:

The Columbia County Soil and Water Conservation District is an agency of the State of Georgia established on October 31, 1979, by authority and under provision of the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District Law of 1937, as amended, and according to the District Certificate of Organization.

The District seeks, utilizes and coordinates assistance from all available appropriate sources, private and public, local, state and federal. Columbia County Conservation District is committed and dedicated to the conservation, development and protection of the land, water, forest, wildlife and related resources for the benefit of mankind, now and for generations to come.

The district develops and carries out its program of work designed for the protection and conservation of our natural resources by a Board of Supervisors as the governing body with the cooperation and assistance of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Local Committees.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Rick Crawford - Chairman

Jeanie Hill - Vice-Chairman

Gene Hair - Treasurer

John Shearouse - Chaplain

Mike Rorick - Member

Generally:

Regular Meetings:

Held on the 1st Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Security Federal Bank in Evans, Georgia.

District Supervisor's Responsibility:

- (1) Each district supervisor is assigned a specific responsibility and will serve on one of the committees to develop the annual plan of work. In addition, each supervisor will report on the status and progress of his assigned committee action at each business meeting.
- (2) District Supervisors will continue to review and keep current district cooperators conservation plans.
- (3) Sponsor and conduct demonstrations, tours, and field days to acquaint farmers and land-users with methods for protecting soil and water resources and promote greater participation.
- (4) District Supervisors are expected to attend every monthly meeting as well as the Group II Summer Meeting, usually held in August and the GACDS Annual Meeting, held in January.
- (5) Supervisors will review current erosion and sedimentation plans at each regular meeting.
- (6) A Supervisor will be named to represent the district in the CSR-RC&D.

Education - Schools:

1. Sponsor and defray transportation expenses of recruited high school students to the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College during the month of June to introduce them at an early age to the concepts of soil and water conservation and promote greater participation. Tuition will be paid from district funds or from outside sources.

2. Manage and expend funds made available through private, local, state and federal sources in such a way as to promote soil and water conservation and conservation education.
3. To promote outdoors classrooms/nature trails.
4. To have a district award for teacher environment education.
5. To promote conservation in schools by sponsoring team competition.
6. Promote the Envirothon Program. Sponsor Columbia County teams with funding of expenses.
7. Promote and fund Columbia County 4-H functions that pertain to Conservation Programs.

Community:

1. Provide news articles to local news affiliates.
2. Sponsor community seminars. Increase awareness of drainage problems for homeowners.
3. Provide information on correcting drainage problems through the use of the news media including TV. Enlist the assistance of NRCS, Extension Service and others in the effort to inform the people of Columbia County of the solution to the storm water and drainage problems.
4. Participate and promote availability of RC&D programs.
5. Host Wildgame Supper/Annual Meeting and recognize citizen contribution to conservation matters.
6. To provide an educational newsletter informing the community about conservation activities and programs.
7. Develop informational program and provide speaker for community groups.
8. Develop and promote county wide program to support bee-keeping efforts.

9. Develop working relationship and increase communication with the local county government and other agencies.
10. Survey status of district boundary signs and replace or repair as needed.

Developers and Contractors:

1. Conduct seminars for local developers on controlling erosion and sedimentation to include certification and recertification.

Land Users:

1. Provide technical assistance to land users through NRCS.
2. Provide technical assistance to agribusiness', timber growers, poultry and livestock operations, row crop farmers and other farm-related activities.
3. Complete all applicable Farm Bill programs as well as all other Federal, State and local grants.

Finance:

1. Develop a budget. Manage district financial and material resources to meet district goals in an efficient and productive manner and as prescribed by state guidelines.
2. Plan and develop an affiliate members program.
3. Maintain membership in GACDS and NACD.
4. Submit a financial report to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission by the second week in August.
5. Submit an Annual Plan of Work to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission that includes expected expenditures.

Supervisor Education:

1. Invite County Erosion and Sedimentation Inspector/Engineer to District Meeting to explain procedures for erosion and sedimentation plans.
2. Conduct a tour of construction sites to look at erosion and sedimentation problems and measures installed.
3. Review available materials to enhance supervisors' training.
4. Encourage at least one supervisor to attend the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission sponsored Supervisors Training Session at scheduled time.